



# October 2019 Newsletter

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## Administrative Team Message

September was buzzing with activity and excitement in the halls at Kettle Creek Public School. We had our MEET THE FAMILY BBQ and teachers were delighted to meet their students' families as they discovered unique ways each family can contribute to our classroom communities. Our extra-curricular activities started with the Soccer teams, Writing Club, Peacemakers, Cross Country team, Student Council and Spirit events. Our Terry Fox run was also a big success and our Grade 7 students did a dynamite job demonstrating great leadership as they shared the story of Terry with the other students in the school. Our run raised \$554 toward Cancer Research and we appreciate the support of all our community members who contributed to this worthwhile cause.

Our Home and School and School Council parent volunteers had their first meeting and started the planning of many exciting ways to support student learning here at Kettle Creek including the upcoming golf tournament which will take place on Oct 19th at Kettle Creek Golf Course. The money raised will go toward the enhancement of our outdoor learning spaces. We would like to invite our entire community to join us for this exciting day.

Our renovations are moving along well and our Gym, Music room and 2 new classrooms are complete. The Library Learning commons is the last of the Phase 1 renovations to be completed and we hope this will be done by the end of October. Once that is done, we will be moving to Phase 2 which will include the Junior and Intermediate pods at the back of the school. In order to accommodate the next phase, those students will be moving out of their classrooms into new spaces so that our contractors can start the upgrades. Although this isn't perfect, we know that it will be worth it once it is done and we really appreciate your positive support.

This month we look forward to many fun and interesting learning opportunities such as Fire Prevention week when we will welcome Central Elgin Volunteer Firefighters to our school and the GREAT BIG CRUNCH event in which we will celebrate Healthy Eating options and our Snack programming. We are truly grateful to work with all the members of this school community and we hope that you too will find many things to be grateful for throughout this month.

Gratefully yours,

Ms.W-C, Mr. Ritter and Mrs. Sutherland

### Volunteers

We are always looking for volunteers who are willing to support student learning here at Kettle Creek. If you are willing to lend your time and talents to our students, please call our Learning Support Teacher, Mr. Jamieson at the school. Thanks for considering this request.

### Medical Information

If your child has a prevalent medical condition (allergies, asthma, etc.) please complete the appropriate forms through the parent portal: Individual Plan of Care; Authorization for Administration of Daily Prescription Medication; and/or Authorization for Administration of PRN Prescription Medication.

### Kettle Creek P.S. IS NUT SAFE

Due to students with allergies, Kettle Creek P.S. is nut safe. To look for safe lunch ideas that do not contain or indicate "may contain" these products, please check out this website: [www.snacksafely.com](http://www.snacksafely.com). Please do not send any nut products (or may contain) to school with your child. Please note that items from bulk food locations often come into contact with nuts. Please check their safety before sending them to school.



Per Thames Valley's Policy, please do not send **Wow butter** or any items made with Wow Butter to school. Thank you for helping us to ensure the safety of each of our students.

## Safe Arrival of Students

Thank you to all parents and guardians who always check in at the office in order to get a message to their children, or pick them up early. According to the Thames Valley District Board of Education, **all adults entering the school must check in at the office.** This policy ensures that strangers do not enter unnoticed and that halls are not congested in case of an emergency. The sign in/out list for volunteers/visitors/students is located in the main office. Volunteers are asked to wear a visitor badge.

## A+ Snack Program Fundraiser

A+ Fundraiser is a fantastic way for our school to fundraise while supporting our school's healthy living initiatives and Ontario's Foundations for a Healthy School. Students simply sell locally grown apples and produce and fresh baked Apple Crisp to friends and family with 50% of the funds coming back to the school to help subsidize our Snack Program:

### The 3 Options are:

Option #1 (\$10.00) consists of:

- Fresh Baked Apple Crisp

Option #2 (\$15.00) consists of:

- 10 lbs of apples

Option #3 (\$20.00) consists of:

- 7 lbs potatoes
- 2 lbs carrots
- 2 sweet potatoes
- 1 squash
- 1 english cucumber
- 1 spanish onion
- 3 shallots

Order forms will be going home this week. All orders must be returned with payment by October 16. Parents will need to pick up their orders on Monday, November 4 between 4-5:30 p.m. Please send in cash or cheques made out to Kettle Creek Home and School.

## Environmental Corner

Kettle Creek P.S. staff and students have committed to making our school more environmentally conscious. We will be working on many initiatives this year. We are asking parents/students to use re-usable containers in their lunches as much as possible. Students are encouraged to bring a refillable water bottle. Kettle Creek P.S. has a refill station for students to use. We thank you for your support.



### **Environmental Tip of the Month:**

Composting is a great way to reduce your carbon footprint.

### **STAY CONNECTED to KETTLE CREEK P.S on your PHONE**

1. Download the SCHOOL MESSENGER app to your phone. Follow the instructions from this link: <https://www.tvdsb.ca/en/parents/school-messenger-step-by-step-guide.aspx>
2. Log in using the email that you have provided to the school.
3. Follow the prompts on the app.
4. CHECK THE APP FREQUENTLY for school updates such as bus delays, pizza days, newsletters and everything else previously communicated through our school REMIND.

We will also communicate regularly through our school website and our school Facebook page.

### **Garden Club Harvest**

The Garden Club is to be commended for their amazing work planting and harvesting the carrots and pumpkins from the garden in the back. The carrots will be served as part of our Healthy Snack program. Many thanks to Ms. Derks and Ms. Basson for their ongoing work with this valuable program.

## Mark your Calendars

Tuesday, October 1

- A+ Snack Fundraiser begins.

Friday, October 11

- Bus Safety Presentations

Monday, October 14

- Holiday – no school

Wednesday, October 16

- A+ Snack Fundraiser orders due

Saturday, October 19

- Playground Fundraiser Golf Tournament at Kettle Creek Golf Course – more info to follow

Monday, October 21

- Picture Day

Friday, October 25

- PA Day – no school

Thursday, October 31

- Gr. 7 Immunization
- Costume Day

## Home & School Fundraiser

We really hope you can join us for this wonderful fundraiser! Thanks to our volunteers for organizing this. Ms. Ruddock, Ms. Derks and Ms. West. We appreciate all your time doing this important work!

### **Student Benefit Charity Golf Tournament**

Saturday, October 19, 2019  
Kettle Creek Golf & Country Club

Registration & Silent Auction 9:00 a.m.  
Shotgun start 10:30 a.m.  
Dinner & Live Auction following golf at 6:00 p.m.

Contact Details:  
Meagan Ruddock  
519-670-4998  
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## **Kettle Creek P.S. School Council And Home and School Corner**

Our Home and School and School Council members continue to work tirelessly to support our efforts at Kettle Creek. Along with the Meet the Family Night, they organize the hot lunch and milk program.

### **Home & School**

Chair	Meagan Ruddock
Vice–Chair	Jocelyne Asselin
Treasurer	Kelly Ward
Secretary	Sue Coloquin

### **School Council**

Co-chairs	Jocelyn Asselin
Co-chairs	Heather Derks
Secretary	Kelly Ward

### Chocolate Bar Fundraiser

Our chocolate bar fundraiser was a HUGE success and we would like to thank Ms Koolen and her team of volunteers for all the work organizing this fundraiser for our school. All proceeds will go to support students at Kettle Creek and we really appreciate the work of the organizers and the community who sold and purchased these treats. If you still have chocolate bars and money at home, please return to the school by Wednesday, October 4. Thank you

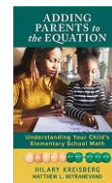
### Meeting

Our School Council and Home and School work extremely hard to provide fun and exciting events to make our school community a better place. If you would consider helping this amazing group of volunteers, we would love to have you join us. Our meeting will take place on Mon. Nov 4th at 6:30 p.m. THANKS!

## Home Connections in Mathematics

### October 2019

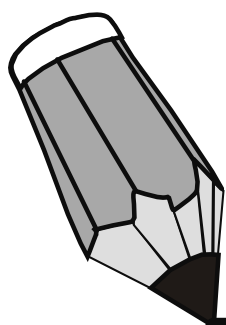
As you are probably well aware, mathematics is a big focus not only in Thames Valley District School Board but right across Ontario. A new book was released right before the end of the last school year and it is a fabulous resource for parents and guardians to help in understanding elementary school math and taking an active role in helping your child succeed in mathematics. For our first newsletter of the year, we thought this was the most opportune time to introduce this book to all of our parents and guardians as well as our educators. We also felt it was fitting to share a section from the book with you as it will help to provide a framework and some suggestions for you to help your child(ren).



The final chapter of the book offers a top 10 list of how best to support your child.

- 1. Have a Growth Mindset** - It is important for everyone in the family to showcase a positive and open mind with regard to math. There is no such thing as a “math person”, and your ability or perceived inability to do mathematics is not genetic. Watch your language around your kids and stop yourself before you say things like, “I wasn’t good at math”.
- 2. Help Build Understanding** - Resist the urge to immediately show your child the quick process for doing a computation. Take time to understand how the teacher and curriculum are approaching the skill and try to support that process. Always revert back to the Concrete-Representational-Abstract (CRA) approach to ensure your child is learning an idea conceptually.
- 3. Ask Questions Instead of Telling** - It is important for kids to struggle in a productive manner. Your ultimate goal is to enable them to be independent from you. Whenever they ask you a question, be like a teacher and ask a question back rather than tell them an answer.
- 4. Include Daily Math Talk At Home** - Math is joyful, and math is everywhere. Recreate this message in your daily lives by talking mathematically at home.
- 5. Notice Math Around You** - Make a concerted effort to point out things you see around you that are mathematical.
- 6. Have Your Child Do Math Before Bed** - Most parents encourage their children to read before bed, but rarely do they say, “Be sure to do some math before bed!” We highly encourage integrating a bedtime math routine much like a reading routine. Even if it’s just five minutes of playing Sudoku or some other math puzzle, your child will benefit.
- 7. Praise Effort** - Kids love to hear that they’ve done something well, and it’s important when we praise or compliment children that we focus on their efforts and behaviours, not on their intelligence. Resist the urge to call your child a “genius” or “smart”. This creates the belief that intelligence is innate. Instead, focus on the behaviours that produce the things you want to praise. For example, praise a child’s perseverance when a task is challenging instead of making a big deal about the right answer.
- 8. Use The Internet And Online Resources** - If your child comes home with homework and there is some math that is not familiar to you, be proactive and search the internet for it yourself.
- 9. Create A Math Toolbox At Home** - In order for your child to become more independent and rely less on you, a math toolbox or supply center in their workspace is advantageous.
- 10. Communicate With Your Child’s Teacher** - One of the most informative tools is your child’s teacher. Be sure you are in contact with them before an issue occurs. Start the school year off introducing yourself and letting them know that you are excited to learn more about how kids are learning math.

‘Adding Parents to the Equation. Understanding Your Child’s Elementary School Math.’ By Hilary



*“If parents want to give their children a gift, the best thing they can do is to teach their children to love challenges, be intrigued by mistakes, enjoy effort, and keep on learning.”*  
-Carol Dweck, professor of psychology, Stanford University

#### Some great Math Links:

- <https://www.mathies.ca>
- <https://www.mathplayground.com/thinkingblocks.htm>
- <https://tvomathify.com/register/student>

In support of our Eco-School program, newsletters are posted “on-line.” If you wish to have a paper copy sent home every month, please let the office know by returning the form below to the school. . Thank you!

Child(ren) Names: \_\_\_\_\_

- Please send home a paper copy of the monthly newsletter

Parent’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_