



# September 2019 Newsletter

Kettle Creek Public School  
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Principal: Mrs. W-C

Vice Principal: Mr. Ritter

Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Sutherland

## Administrative Team Message

WELCOME to Kettle Creek P.S! We hope that everyone has had a wonderful and restful summer and are READY FOR LEARNING AND GROWING together in our fabulous school community.

We are very excited about the possibilities that lay ahead as we transition into our new and updated spaces. While we celebrate this transformation and optimistically move forward to create an amazing new school community, we also recognize that change can be challenging and unsettling for people. We want to be sensitive to this reality. We would like to assure you that our staff will be working diligently to create a school community where **everyone** feels heard, valued and included and that we are committed to working with all members of our school community to make that happen. We also promise to communicate diligently especially with regards to construction updates, what spaces will be addressed next and any other information needed to manage this transition.

We know that students who have engaged family support succeed academically and socially and to that end, we invite you to "stay in the game" when it comes to your child's learning this year. Our teachers are always willing to discuss concerns and keep families in the know. As a school, we will share information through Messenger, our website and our Facebook page. We will also be looking for opportunities to use the skills and talents of all our community members so if you are interested in sharing your time and talents with our school community, please don't hesitate to give us a call at the school.

Thank you for your patience while we work through the challenges that renovations can bring-there may be a few along the way. Please don't hesitate to give us a call if you have suggestions or feedback. We know that this will be a collective effort and we will need everyone to "lean in" and patiently lend their hands, voices and ideas.

Thanks again for all your positive support. We are truly excited about the possibilities that lie ahead and look forward to working together to create an amazing learning community and a great year of learning for everyone!

Cheers to new beginnings!

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

### Student Information and Attendance

It is very important that all parents/guardians log into their Parent Portal to check the annual verification forms for the 2019-20 school year (photo permissions, etc.). Please complete these permissions as soon as possible. Thank you!

### School Planners

Planners were provided to all students in **Grades 1-6**. There is a \$5.00 cost this year for the planners. Please sign into School Cash and pay \$5.00 for the planners by September 20. We encourage all students to use the school planner as they are personalized to Kettle Creek P.S. Please review your child's planner regularly. The pages in the front contain the Code of Conduct and our Dress Code.

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

Due to students with allergies, Port Stanley Public School 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.

**PLEASE**



**NO PEANUTS  
OR  
NUT PRODUCTS**

### **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 School Board, **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.

### **Student Drop off and Pick up**

In order to keep students safe and avoid traffic congestion in the parking lot during busy times, please drop your child off with Mr. Ritter and Ms. W-C at the Kiss and Ride area on Carlow Road or park at the arena. At the end of the day, we will bring students out to the sidewalk area by the arena to meet you there. Please do not wait in the front foyer area at the end of the day for your child. THANKS!

### **2019/2020 Staffing**

We would like to welcome everyone to Kettle Creek! We are looking forward to meeting new people and getting to know everyone in our school community. For your information, our 2019/2020 staffing is as follows:

Kindergarten A- Mrs. Hayslip/Ms. Oegema  
Kindergarten B- Mrs. Mahovlich (mat leave)  
Ms.Kunder/Ms. MacPherson  
Kindergarten C– Mrs. Howie/Ms. Topping  
Gr 1 – Mrs. Moyes                      Gr 2- Ms. Johnson  
Gr 2/3- Mrs. Doupe                      Gr 2/3-Ms. Smith  
Gr 3 – Mrs. Ewaskiw  
Gr 4 - Mr. Bevan                      Gr 4/5 - Mrs. Robbins  
Gr 5/6 - Mrs. Steele (mat leave) – Mr. Bennett  
Gr 6 - Mrs. Ambrose  
Gr 6/7 - Mrs. Rooke (mat leave) – Mrs. Falk  
Gr. 7 – Mrs. Kelders (mat leave) – Mrs. Goncalves  
Gr 7/8 – Mrs. Basson  
Gr 8 - Mr. Anderson  
Music - Mr. Murray  
Learning Support Teachers - Mr. Jamieson  
Prep - Mr. Roy  
Prep – Ms. Brooks  
Library Learning Commons/Prep - Mr. Durston  
E.A's - Mrs. Williams (mat leave)/Ms. Jackson, Ms. Ryckwood (mat leave)/ Ms. Walters  
Administrative Assistant - Mrs. Sutherland  
Custodians - Mr. Allen, Mr. Lunn  
Vice Principal - Mr. Ritter  
Principal - Ms. W-C

### **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.

### **Want to VOLUNTEER?**

It takes a village to raise a child and we need help from our village, so if you are interested in volunteering at our school, we would love to have you! Please call the school and speak with our Learning Support Teacher, Mr. Jamieson, to see how we can utilize your talents to support our students.

### **Insurance**

Your child has received information from “Insure My Kids” because they are the new student accident insurance provider for TVDSB. If this insurance is of interest to you and your family, please go to the website for more information. <https://insuremykids.com/> Please note that this is not a requirement for TVDSB families. It is simply an option provided through our school board.

### **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.

### **Walking to and from School**

Students who wish to walk to and from school must have signed permission from their parents on file. If you wish to allow your child to walk or ride their bike occasionally, please send in a letter on those days or a letter to indicate that they can walk home as they wish (this letter will be good for the year).

## Mark your Calendars

Monday, September 9

- Home & School and School Council Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 26

- Terry Fox Run – Toonie for Terry – 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 26

- Meet the Families Open House– 5:00–6:30 p.m.

Friday, September 27

- PD Day – no school

Saturday, October 19

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

## 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 re-fillable water bottle. Kettle Creek P.S. has TWO refill stations for students to use. We thank you for your support.



## **Meet the Families Open House**



**Thursday, September 26  
5-6:30 p.m.  
All Welcome!**

## Kettle Creek P.S. Council News

A new school year has begun and we are always looking for new members for the School Council. The Council plays a vital role in the school as it is the primary liaison between the school and the school community.

The Election Procedure is as follows:

- Nomination forms have been added to the back of this newsletter and must be returned to the school by Wednesday, September 11.
- Candidates will be advertised during the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of school to the school community and a reminder sent to participate in the election
- Elections will be held during the week of Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>. (4<sup>th</sup> week in September)
- Successful candidates will be advertised in our October newsletter

Membership to include: 5 parent/guardians of students enrolled in the school to a maximum of 10, elected to represent the vote. Executive positions will consist of 2-Co-chairs, secretary and treasurer.

## **Home & School Chocolate Bar Fundraiser**

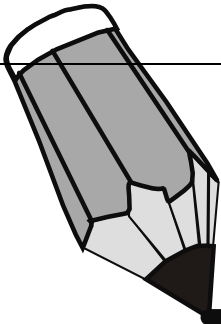
Our chocolate bars will be coming home mid Sept. If you would like to help out with this important fundraiser or prefer to make a donation to the Home and School in lieu of selling chocolate bars, please contact Kelly Ward. All help and donations are gratefully appreciated. More information coming soon.

## Next 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 first meeting will take place on **Monday, September 9th at 6:30 p.m.** THANKS!

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| <p><b>School Council Parent Self Nomination Form</b></p> <p>Complete and return to the school office by September 11, 2019.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Kettle Creek P.S.</u></b><br/><b><u>School Council Election Form</u></b></p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>Home Phone: _____</p> <p>Email: _____</p> <p>I am the parent/guardian of _____, who is currently registered at this school.</p> <p>I am an employee of the Board (circle):            Yes            No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the School Council.</p> <p>Candidate's Signature: _____ Date: _____</p> |
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| <p><b>School Council Candidate Nomination Form</b></p> <p>Complete and return to the school office by September 11, 2019.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Kettle Creek P.S.</u></b><br/><b><u>School Council Election Form</u></b></p> <p>I would like to nominate _____, parent/guardian of _____, who is currently registered at Kettle Creek P.S.</p> <p>The person I have nominated is an employee of the Board:    Yes    No</p> <p>Candidate's Signature: _____ Date: _____</p> |
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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)'s Names: \_\_\_\_\_

- Please send home a paper copy of the monthly newsletter

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_