



May 2024 NEWSLETTER

Administrative Team Message

We have entered into the very fast paced, event filled, final two months of school. There are lots of exciting things happening here, with much to look forward to. From field trips to play days, from Kindergarten orientation to High School orientation, there is something for everyone! See the important dates for more information.

We are all enjoying the much anticipated warm, sunny days. As students change their end of day plans to walk or bike, we ask that you please send a note to the office so that we are aware of these changes.

With the arrival of this warmer weather, we have noted 'ticks' attaching themselves to students. We do our best to ensure that students avoid areas that may be 'tick friendly', but we ask that you keep an eye out at home as well. For more information about ticks, please visit the Southwestern Public Health Unit website.

Please make sure that your child has a pair of indoor shoes here at school. These are required for gym class for safety reasons, and also to help ensure the dirt and mud from the yard do not get tracked through the school.

Looking forward to a wonderful month!

Ms. Holborn & Ms. Johnson

IMPORTANT DATES!

Wednesday May 1 – EESS (Gr 8)
Friday May 3 – PCI, CECI, and AVSS (Gr 8s)
Friday May 3 - Home & School –
Family Dance & Social 6:00 - 8:00 PM
May 6 – 10 – Book Fair in LLC
Wednesday May 8 - Track & Field @ KCPS
(rain date Thursday May 9th)
Thursday May 9 – Book Fair Family night
(open for sales until 6:00 PM)
Friday May 10 – Water Festival (Gr. 2 – 5)
Friday May 10 – Bear Witness Day
Friday May 10 - Pizza Hot Lunch
Friday May 17 – Colour House Assembly
Monday May 20 – Victoria Day (no school)
Wednesday May 22 – Regional Track and
Field @ PCI (rain date May 27th)
Friday May 24 – Pizza Hot Lunch and Same
Day!
Thursday May 30 – Home & School Meeting
@ 6:30 PM
Friday May 31 – PA Day (no school)

Student Information & Attendance

Do you have the School Messenger App for reporting absences? Available for iPhone and Android to make your life easier and reporting much more efficient. Look for this icon and download for free!



SchoolMessenger

Contact the school office for assistance with any of our programs at kettlecreek@tvdsb.ca

Gratitude

A HUGE thank you to our Home & School Council. All of our classes have benefitted from their generosity. They purchased many 'wish list' items, from new outdoor equipment and materials, to classroom supplies and even a fish!!

A big THANK YOU to the entire Kettle Creek Public School community! The Grade 8 ECO class asked for your help in supporting the 200Trees for 200 Years project, and you heard! You helped spread the word, sent in toonies on Tuesdays and made countless online donations. We were able to raise over \$1500 as a school, not to mention the thousands of dollars in generous donations from commercial community partners with a connection to our school through our students. Thank you to the whole Captains Family for being a part of the legacy this forest will become!

The spirit of kindness and giving is alive and well in the Kettle Creek PS community!

POPCORN FRIDAYS CONTINUE!

Popcorn will be sold during second nutrition break every Friday

(or Thursday if Friday is a holiday).

A Toonie (\$2) will get you a bag!

Butter & Salt, Dill Pickle, White Cheddar, Salt & Vinegar and Sweet & Salty are the flavours available.

Proceeds go directly to support our Athletics Department

EQAO

Between May 13th and May 28th, Grade 3 and Grade 6 children will be taking part in the provincial Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, Primary Division (Grades 1–3) or Junior Division (Grades 4–6). These assessments, developed by Ontario teachers and assessment experts, are administered to all Grade 3 and Grade 6 students in Ontario's publicly funded school system by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO).

To help us with this process, we ask families to avoid scheduling appointments on these days and to ensure that your child(ren) are well rested and nourished when they come to school.

In terms of support for your child(ren), please remind them that they just need to try their best. The less anxiety students have around this process, the smoother things go and the easier it will be for them to demonstrate their learning. Thank you for all you do to support our efforts here.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher.

ATHLETICS

Badminton – Mr. Keays took a team all the way to the TVDSB Finals. A great season was had by everyone.

Wrestling – Mr. Anderson and the team went to the final tournament and ended up with 2 Golds and 4 Silvers. Well done wrestlers!!

Jr Boys' Basketball – Mr. Keays and Mr. Christian are heading to the playoffs with the boys! Good Luck to you all!

Jr Girls' Basketball – Mr. Roy and Mr. Christian coached the girls through a great season with lots of progress to show for it! Nice job Captains!

Track & Field – Mr. Roy has arranged for our school Track and Field to occur here on May 8th (rain date May 9th)

Baseball – softball sign ups have started. Mr. Keays will be providing more information soon.

Kettle Creek Home & School

Our wonderful Home and School have been busy. They have published a Kettle Creek PS Cookbook, they have organized an AMAZING Family Dance & Social event and are planning for the year end talent show. We can't wait to see all of our talent!

Track & Field Expectations for Regionals From PCI:

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope this message finds you well. We are excited to announce the upcoming track meet, at Parkside C.I., on Wednesday, May 22, which promises to be a thrilling event showcasing the hard work and dedication of our student athletes. However, I wanted to take a moment to address an important logistical matter regarding parking for the event.

The safety of our students and accessibility for buses and emergency vehicles (if needed on site) are our top priorities. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. Additionally, we ask that you adhere to any posted signage indicating no parking zones. City officials will be monitoring the area and issuing parking tickets to vehicles parked in prohibited areas.

There is absolutely no parking available at Parkside C.I. or John Wise P.S.

We understand that parking arrangements may cause inconvenience, but please know that we are doing everything possible to facilitate a smooth and enjoyable experience for everyone attending the track meet.

To ensure smooth parking for all attendees, alternative arrangements are:

1. Parkside Drive and St. Thomas Curling Club: Parking will be available at these locations. Please follow the designated parking areas upon arrival.

2. St. Thomas Memorial Arena: Additional parking spaces will be provided at the St. Thomas Memorial Arena. (80 Wilson Ave, St Thomas, ON N5R 3R2) To facilitate transportation from this location to the event venue, a free shuttle bus service will be operational every hour, starting at 9:00 am and concluding at 4:00 pm.

3. Carpooling: We encourage attendees to carpool wherever possible to reduce traffic congestion and optimize parking space availability.

4. Drop-Off Point: If you are dropping off an athlete or spectators who are unable to walk long distances, you may do so at the north end of the school by the track. However, please be informed that parking on-site will not be available. Vehicles dropping off attendees must proceed to one of the designated parking locations listed above.

Thank you for your continued support in making the Southwest Elgin Regional Track and Field Meet a resounding success. Should you have any further questions or require assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.