

Kettleby Public School

e-Bulletin

April 9, 2021



From the Office

Recharge, refresh, and renew! Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable Spring Break!



Update from YRDSB

On April 7, 2021, the Ontario government [announced a stay-at-home order](#). However, the Ministry of Education has confirmed that schools would not be included in the provincial stay-at-home order. **Schools will remain open for in-person learning at this time.**

Given the evolving nature of the pandemic, we need to remain prepared for the possibility of region-wide or province-wide school closures should our local public health unit or the province of Ontario direct us to do so. As we approach the spring break, we would like to remind families that students should take home technology and learning materials at the end of this week.

It is essential that we all continue to follow the advice of public health and provincial orders to stay safe and healthy over the break.

At York Region District School Board, student and staff health and safety is our top priority. Decisions around the opening and closing of schools due to COVID-19 are made by public health authorities. York Region District School Board, like other Boards across the province, is following the best advice of our local public health unit. We are following the direction that has been provided by York Region Public Health as well as the Ministry of Education.

We appreciate that students, families and staff are anxious about the spread of COVID-19. York Region Public Health is aware of Variants of Concern (VOCs) in schools and are closely monitoring the situation. We will continue to work with York Region Public Health and will continue to follow their direction in implementing health and safety measures and recommendations.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

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School Hours

8:40 a.m.	Open Entry
8:55	Morning Bell
8:55-9:55	Period 1
9:55-10:35	Period 2
10:35-11:05	Recess
11:05-12:05	Period 3
12:05-12:45	Period 4
12:45-1:45	Lunch
1:45-2:45	Period 5
2:45-3:25	Period 6
3:25 p.m.	Dismissal

Looking Ahead

April 12-16	Spring Break
April 21	International Day of Pink (from April 14)
April 22	Earth Day (wear blue and/or green)
April 22	Outdoor Education B.O.R.C. Visits at KPS for Grade 1/2 and Grade 4/5

Supporting Students during the Month of Ramadan

York Region District School Board values the uniqueness and diversity of our students and communities and understands that people from diverse faith communities need to work and study in safe, inclusive, and respectful environments.

Working collaboratively with faith leaders, YRDSB has developed recommendations for schools to consider in anticipation of Ramadan (April 12-May 12).

Please contact your child's teacher or the Office to assist us in planning for any accommodations during Ramadan (i.e., recess, lunch, snacks, physical education, music, etc.).

As the holy month of Ramadan begins next week, we think of our Muslim students, staff, families, and community. We wish that you continue to remain safe and healthy during your time of fasting, prayer and reflection.

Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Strategy

The York Region District School Board is committed to championing equity and inclusivity. In response to continued evidence of anti-Black racism in Canadian institutions, including in education, the Board has co-developed an anti-Black racism strategy.

The Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Strategy: Creating anti-racist and Black-affirming learning and working environments was co-developed by York Region Black community leaders, YRDSB staff and in consultation with students. The launch of the strategy marks a coordinated effort to address anti-Black racism at the Board.

The systemic nature of anti-Black racism requires that school boards act proactively to support equitable access to quality education and opportunities for all students, and to challenge the marginalization of Black students, staff and families.

The Strategy and Reports

[Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Strategy – Summary](#)

[Part One: Background Report \(PDF\)](#)

[Part Two: The Strategy \(PDF\)](#)

Recipes in a Jar – School Council Fundraiser

Our School Council is continuing with the ***Recipes in a Jar fundraiser*** that took place in the fall which was a resounding success. For every jar that is sold the school receives 30% and one meal is provided to the King Food Bank. Jars are shipped directly to your home. The fundraiser will remain open throughout the spring to allow for gift buying, holidays, etc.

Jars can be ordered online at: [KettlebyPS2021.recipesinajar.ca/](https://kettlebyPS2021.recipesinajar.ca/)

Thank you for supporting our school!

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten **registration for September 2021 started on Friday, January 15 for the 2021-22 school year**. Children who turn four or five years old during 2021, live within the school boundary and whose parents/guardians are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for Kindergarten.

There are several ways you can register for Kindergarten:

- **Online** - Families can access the online Kindergarten registration information at www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten. It is recommended that families use a laptop or a desktop, rather than a mobile device to complete this registration.
- **By email** - Families can download the [Elementary School Registration Form](#) at www.yrdsb.ca/Kindergarten and email the completed form to their school email address. Email addresses can be found on the [school website](#).
- **By phone** - Families can request support from the school Principal/Vice-Principal to complete the registration form on their behalf by collecting the required information by phone. Families can request an interpreter, if needed, during this phone conversation. Call your local school.
- **By mail or appointment**. You can mail completed applications to the school, or request an appointment to drop-off your completed paper application form. Families are asked to follow all school COVID-19 protocols while on site. All permitted visitors must wear a mask.

Please note, at this time, under our [health and safety protocols](#), we cannot accept walk-in registrations.

Once you have completed your application, the school will contact you to make an appointment to review and verify the [required documents](#).

Our Kindergarten programs are caring and welcoming where children learn through exploration, play and inquiry. You can learn more at www.yrdsb.ca/Kindergarten. We look forward to welcoming our new students and families to the school.



Daily Screening Procedures for Students & Staff

All students and staff are required to complete a [York Region Public Health School and Child-Care Screening Tool](#).

- If a student or staff member has **ONE** symptom of COVID-19 they are required to stay home from school and get tested for COVID-19 at an [Assessment Centre](#)
- If anyone in a household has travelled outside of Canada, everyone must stay home from school until the 14-day quarantine period has finished
- **If anyone in your household is sick and has not tested negative for COVID-19, or does not have an alternative diagnosis from a health-care provider, all others in the household must stay home from school until the results are known or an alternative diagnosis is provided**
- If someone in the household is identified as a high-risk/close contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case, the whole household is required to stay home from school for the 14-day quarantine period