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Principal's Message

The spring season is upon us and although the temperatures have been topsy-turvy, you can still feel that shift in the air. Through winter we often stay indoors which is conducive to spending more time self-reflecting and drafting goals for the year ahead. The shift to the new season springs us into action, to recharge, reset, renew and see our goals come to life.

We have definitely sprung into action over the past month at Kettleby! During the last week of March, we heard public service announcements about Earth Hour and how each of us can take action for climate change. Students at Kettleby responded to the request to 'switch off' in a variety of ways on Friday, March 29th. Students and staff were encouraged to engage in learning activities that did not require electricity. Students participated in building activities, drama skits about climate change, discussions about ways to reduce the energy we use every day and various poetry and art activities. While we can't always work with lights out and computers off, we can remember to conserve energy whenever possible.

The Junior Boys and Junior Girls Basketball Teams have been practicing regularly to develop and build their skills in preparation for their Area Tournaments toward the end of April. Thank you to Mr. Jones for coaching and thank you to several Intermediate students for the assistance and leadership they have been providing.

The month of April is going to be a busy one! Milk and the Hot Lunch Program (pasta, pizza and Swiss Chalet) begin for the final session of the school year the week of April 1st. Throughout April and May, students will have the opportunity to participate in various wellness workshops (stress busters, exploring the outdoors, etc.), prepare for the track and field season, practice and rehearse for the school wide music concert (May 8), while continuing to work hard on curriculum opportunities in their classes.

Have a wonderful start to the spring season! Thank you for your continued support!

Mrs. Anderson



Eco Theme for April: Reusable Containers

The spotlight this month is on **Reducing** waste by promoting the use of Reusable containers. Make the choice to create positive changes for our planet by packing food and beverages in reusable containers.

Annual School BBQ & Fun Fair – Save the Date!

The annual Kettleby BBQ & Fun Fair is scheduled for Wednesday, June 12, 2019.

It promises to be another fun filled event featuring lots of food, activities and fun for the whole family! We hope you will join us it is a great way to celebrate a terrific school year.



Bus Safety and Reminders

Here at Kettleby Public School our safety expectations are simple: find a seat on the bus with your own age group and stay seated at all times. In terms of behaviour, we have reviewed with students that busses are an extension of the school and the classroom and that they must be respectful of each other at all times in their actions and words. As part of our spring tune-up, we ask that you review these safety and behaviour expectations with your child (ren). Should your child have a problem on the bus, please inform the school office. Thank you in advance.

Spring Weather



Please send a set of dry clothes to school with your child. It is particularly important at this time of year that each student has an extra pair of dry socks. With the winter thaw impending and the spring rains approaching, the playing field will be wet and muddy. It is also very important that students have a pair of indoor shoes to change into after recess to avoid tracking in mud so we may all work to keep our hallways clean.

Kettleby P.S. Chess Club

The Kettleby P.S. chess club will be starting soon. It will be offered to students in grades 4-8, who already know how to play chess. The club will meet during lunch hour on Fridays from 1:05pm to 1:45pm in the Library.



Moving for the 2018-19 School Year?

If you are planning a move and will not be attending Kettleby next year, please let the school know ASAP. This will assist us in making accurate student enrolment projections for the 2019-2020 school year.



Date Reminder!



Students in Grade 3 and Grade 6 will be involved in the Primary and Junior EQAO assessments during the time period of **May 21-31, 2019**. Please try to avoid scheduling appointments and/or vacations during this time frame.

Kindergarten Registration Continues

Kindergarten Registration for September 2019 continues. Registration forms are available on the Board's website: www.yrdsb.ca or in the school office. Children who turn four or five years old during 2019, live within the school boundary and whose parents/guardians are Public School Tax Supporters are eligible to register for kindergarten.



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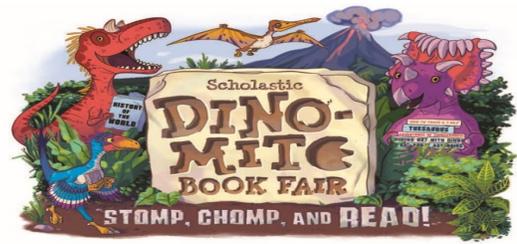
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Scholastic Book Fair is returning to Kettleby PS

Thank you very much to Mrs. Prickaerts for arranging for our school to have a DINO-MITE Scholastic Book Fair come to Kettleby this spring!

The book fair will run from **May 1-6** and will have a wide selection and variety of books for students and families to choose from. Classes will have time to browse and shop during the school day.

At this time, we are in need of volunteers who have a Vulnerable Sector Screen completed to assist with the set up and running of the book fair. If you are able to give anytime during the week of April 30-May 7, please contact Mrs. Prickaerts or the Office as soon as possible at (905-727-9852).



YRDSB's Summer Institute

The York Region District School Board **Summer Institute** is a program that offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum for children and youth entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8.

Programs are offered at in Richmond Hill, Markham, Stouffville, Newmarket, Woodbridge, Vaughan and Georgina from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

YMCA Before and Aftercare programs available at all locations for an additional cost.

Weekly Sessions July 2, 2019 to August 9, 2019

For registration information and to see what types of exciting programs are being offered this summer, please visit www.yrdsb.ca and select programs and services.



Financial Literacy

There are many opportunities to engage your children in conversations about money. From a very young age children are interested in learning about money and leveraging these conversations can have lifelong benefits. From learning the value of coins and dollars, to budgeting and finances, talking about money supports many different mathematical concepts (e.g., adding, subtracting, percentages and estimation).

Here is a parent guide with more information about supporting financial literacy at home - [A Parent's Guide: Financial Literacy in Ontario Schools, Grades 4 to 12](#)

April is Autism Awareness Month

On Tuesday April 2, for **World Autism Awareness Day**, we invite our students and staff to wear **BLUE** to 'Light it Up Blue' and show support for spreading Autism Awareness.



Safety Preparedness

As we move into spring we review our safety routines and have additional fire drills, lockdown and hold and secure drills. Our goal is to ensure that students and staff are prepared in the event of an emergency. After each practice drill we provide feedback to the students and staff. A hold and secure would be in place if there was some event in the surrounding area and we were advised by police to keep students inside of the building. All activities within the school go on as usual. During a lockdown drill, students remain in their homerooms, out of sight, with all doors locked.



April 24th marks Administrative Professionals Day

On behalf of our staff and community we would like to send a heartfelt THANK YOU to **Mrs. Sutton and Mrs. Di Febo** who do so much to support our students, staff and school! You keep us on top of everything and we think you are wonderful and we appreciate all that you do for us each and every day!



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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 Day 3 Pasta Lunch | 2 Day 4 Grad Photos Wear blue for Autism Awareness | 3 Day 5 Pizza Lunch | 4 Day 1 | 5 Day 2 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 Day 3 Pasta Lunch Gr 6 VIP 9:30am | 9 Day 4 Scientist in Classroom Gr 2-4 | 10 Day 5 Pizza Lunch  | 11 Day 1 | 12 Day 2 Spirit Day Silly Socks  | 13 |
| 14 | 15 Day 3 Pasta Lunch  | 16 Day 4 | 17 Day 5 Pizza Lunch | 18 Day 1 | 19 Good Friday | 20 |
| 21 | 22 Easter Monday | 23 Day 2 | 24 Day 3 Pizza Lunch Jr Girls Area B'Ball Tourn. | 25 Day 4 Assembly 2pm Wear House Colors | 26 Day 5 Swiss Chalet Lunch  | 27 |
| 28 | 29 Day 1 Pasta Lunch School Council Meeting 7 | 30 Day 2 Jr Boys Area B'Ball Tourn. | | | | |