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Principal's Message

The staff and students of Kettleby Public School would like to invite families to attend our Winter Concert on Wednesday, December 11th. Every class will be participating in the concert and we are excited to share our talents with you. The concert will take place during the school day and start at 9:15am and should run no later than 10:30am. Tickets will be allocated to each family in order that we can anticipate how many audience members we will have. Tickets will be sent home by Friday, December 6. Guests are also welcome to attend the concert dress rehearsal on Tuesday, December 10th at 2pm.

Thank you very much to the many families who have contributed to our various school fundraising initiatives since the start of the school year. We are in the process of determining how much has been raised through the hot lunch program, donation drive and *Mom's Pantry – My Table*. These funds will go directly to supporting students through the purchase of technology, classroom resources and supporting various programs within the school.

I hope that as 2019 draws to a close it has been a positive, productive year for you and your family and that you are looking ahead to 2020 with optimism and joy! Many thanks to our families for your support and a special thanks to our School Council members and many volunteers who support us each and every day!

On behalf of all the staff at Kettleby, I would like to wish you and your family joy and peace this holiday season. As a new year starts to peek over the edge of the calendar, we all send our very best wishes for a happy and healthy 2020.

Mrs. Anderson

Winter Break:

Monday, December 23rd, 2019

To Friday, January 3rd, 2020

Kettleby's Gift Shop Returns this Holiday Season!!

We will be once again be opening "Kettleby's Holiday Gift Shop!!" on

December 17 and 18, 2019.



Kettleby students will have the opportunity to purchase gifts for loved ones.

Students will be purchasing gently used items (mugs, candles, baskets, trinkets, ornaments, books, toys, costume jewelry, DVDs, holiday decorations...the list is endless!!) But we need YOUR help! Please clear out your closets, cupboards and storage areas and feel free to encourage your neighbours and friends to contribute as well.

Most **items will be sold for only \$1.00.** Students will have fun buying gifts for family members, friends and pets!

Intermediate students will be wrapping the gifts, so **we would also appreciate donations of paper, gift bags, tape, tags and ribbon.**

Any remaining items will be donated to charity. Proceeds will support the Intermediate trips and Grade 8 Graduation.

Thank you for your support! *Mr Jones*

Kettleby Food Drive

Kettleby will be running a Food Drive this year. It will run from December 2-13, 2019 with all donations going to the King Township Food Bank.

We are accepting all non perishable food donations as well as encouraging donations of shampoo, diapers, and baby needs.

Suggested items:

Granola bars, peanut butter, beans, tuna, soup, mac & cheese, juice packs, tea, stew, fruit cups, pasta sauce (tins only), instant ground coffee, noodle packs.

We thank you in advance for your donations. Every donation will earn a color house point and a ballot to win a Gingerbread House made by one of our staff members.



Volleyball

Congratulations to our Boys and Girls Intermediate Volleyball teams for a terrific season! The players should be very proud of their hard work and commitment to improving their game. The Intermediate Girls team finished fourth overall at the Area Tournament making it to the semi-finals. Well done Cougars! Special thanks to Mr. Jones and Mr. Signer for their time coaching and supervising our teams.



Up next...Volleyball for boys and girls in grades 4-6. Tryouts are underway.



Let it Snow

With the winter season upon us, people of all ages are looking forward to the joys of snow. Most children rank throwing snow high on the list of fun winter activities. We have instructed all of our students that for SAFETY REASONS throwing snow IS FORBIDDEN. There may be times where a teacher may supervise a snow activity such as snow/ice sculpture building if conditions are appropriate; however, with the exception of these activities, and the making of snowmen or snow forts, SNOW MUST STAY OUT OF HANDS AND ON THE GROUND at all times. Students have been made aware of possible consequences; injury to a student could result in suspension even for a first incident. We appreciate your support in all matters relating to your child(ren)'s safety. Please take time with your child to review this policy.

Important Reminders

Please ensure your child comes to school dressed for winter weather. This includes a warm coat, snow pants, winter boots, hat, mitts/gloves and scarf/neck warmer. A second pair of socks and mitts/gloves are strongly recommended for those who like to play in the snow. Students are outside for 20 minutes during morning recess and 40 minutes during lunch recess and must be dressed appropriately.

If you need assistance accessing winter clothing for your child, please contact the office or Mrs. Anderson. We will do our best to help out. Students should have a pair of indoor shoes at school. For safety purposes, shoes must be worn inside at all times.



*In case of
Inclement
Weather*



What Happens to Lunch Programs on an Inclement Weather Day?

School Council run lunch programs (Pizza and Lunches Made Easy) will **not** run on inclement weather days when buses are cancelled. If you subscribe to these programs, please provide your children with a lunch on these days.

Milk & Pizza

Milk and Pizza for the next term of **January 6, 2020 to March 27, 2020** are now available to purchase on School Cash On-line through to December 11, 2019. Thank you for supporting our school.



Grade 1 French Immersion Information Sessions and Registrations

Information Sessions

Information sessions for Grade 1 entry into the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at French Immersion schools that have a Grade 1 program on January 16, 2020 at 7 p.m.

Please visit YRDSB's website in January 2020 <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/fi/Pages/Program-Locations.aspx> to find the FI program location for your elementary school location.

Registration

FI registration will begin on January 17, 2020. Parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2020, and wishing to enrol in the FI Program, can visit or call their home school office and request an *Office Index Card - short version*. This Office Index Card must be signed by the principal of the home school. Parents or guardians then take this form, along with one piece of identification showing their address to the designated FI program location to register, between January 17 and February 7, 2020. Registration during this period is not first come, first served.

Late Registrations

Late registrations are those submitted after February 7, 2020. Late registrations will be treated on a first-come, first-served basis and will be considered subsequent to registrations received during the registration period should overflow be necessary.

Accommodation Plan

YRDSB's FI Accommodation Plan provides long-term consistency and equity of access to all students in York Region and will enable YRDSB to continue to offer the FI program to all who wish to enrol. The FI program will be offered in Dual Track or Single Track settings, in a variety of configurations. In order to meet community needs and optimize available space in our schools, a community's Grade 1-8 FI program may be provided over more than one school during the course of a student's FI education. Space requirements at some schools may mean that siblings are in different schools for primary dual track French Immersion programs due to differing grade structures. Like any of our schools across the Board, changes to school boundaries, and/or the accommodation model for the French Immersion program may need to be considered when new schools open, a school experiences enrolment growth, and program changes occur. This will allow flexibility in addressing community needs and the opportunity to use existing space in schools.

More information is available on the Board's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Please note: Some of the FI accommodation plans will require facility modifications or the development of new schools and will require short-term transition plans that might include overflow while we work toward the long-term vision. Overflow refers to situations in which the Board directs students to attend a school other than their community school or optional program for a specific period of time, as defined in Policy #108.



Winter Weather

With winter weather already here, we want to share a few important reminders.

Dress for the weather

Students should come dressed appropriately for the weather and for outdoor play. Students can stay warm by wearing layers of loose-fitting clothing, a hat, scarf, jackets, snow pants and mittens or gloves. Students may also want to bring extra pants and socks in case they get wet.

Recess

If students are well enough to come to school, they are expected to go outside for recess. Our students benefit from spending time outside and being active. We monitor weather conditions throughout the day. If there are extreme weather conditions, we may consider a shortened or indoor recess.

Bus or School Cancellations

When an **extreme cold** or **inclement weather** day is declared, school transportation (including buses and taxis) is cancelled in the morning and afternoon. Schools will remain open. Please notify the school if your child will not be attending school on those days. Students will not be penalized for missing school on these days.

There may be rare instances when **emergency weather events** occur and we need to close all schools and Board locations. Please take the time to make plans in the event of an emergency school closure. Information about transportation cancellations and Board closures will be shared through local media, [Board](#) and school website and on [twitter @YRDSB](#).

Our process for extreme cold, inclement weather and emergency weather days are outlined in the Board's [Severe Weather policy](#), which has been recently updated and is available for public comment. Seeking feedback from staff and community members, including parents/guardians, is an important part of the review process. All [policies available for comment](#) are sent to school council chairs and are posted on the Board website, along with information about how to provide feedback.

Protecting Your Family from Respiratory Illnesses

Cold and flu season is here and York Region Public Health would like to provide you with information on protecting yourself and your family from common respiratory illnesses, such as influenza, enterovirus and rhinovirus.



Respiratory illnesses can spread quickly from person-to-person when someone who is ill coughs, sneezes or touches common surfaces such as taps, toys, light switches and doorknobs with unclean hands.

You can prevent you and your family from getting and spreading respiratory illness by:

1. Keeping healthy by eating healthy foods, being physically active and ensuring your immunizations are up to-date, including the seasonal flu shot
2. Avoiding close contact with people who are sick
3. Washing your hands often with soap and water or using alcohol-based hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available
4. Coughing and sneezing into your sleeve or a tissue, not your hand, and throwing away used tissues
5. Avoiding touching your face
6. Cleaning and disinfecting common surfaces
7. Staying home when you are sick

Symptoms of respiratory illness vary and can include: headache, chills, cough, fever (over 38 degrees Celsius or 100 degrees Fahrenheit), muscle aches and fatigue, running nose, sneezing, sore throat, watery eyes and loss of appetite. Children may have other symptoms such as ear aches, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

If you have a respiratory condition such as asthma, you can develop a more serious illness when you catch a cold. If you or your child are sick and do not improve, contact your health care provider.

For more information about respiratory illnesses, you can visit www.york.ca/health or call York Region

Health Connection at 1-800-361-5653 or TTY 1-866-252-9933.

Hand washing

Children share many items throughout the school day and at home including books, puzzles, computers, water bottles and sports equipment. Sharing can spread germs that can cause sickness, especially during cold and flu season. Correct hand washing is the best way to prevent the spread of infection.

To help keep the people in your home healthy, follow these simple steps:

Encourage children to sneeze into the bend of their arm rather than into their hands.

Make time for hand washing, especially before eating, after using the bathroom, blowing your nose, sneezing, handling garbage, playing outdoors or visiting someone who is sick.

Wash your hands whenever they look or feel dirty.

Together we can make the healthy choice the easy one!

This material is provided by York Region Public Health.



School Bus Cancellation Notice

To ensure the safety of students, school bus service may be cancelled due to inclement weather, extreme temperatures and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements.

Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with the Safety Officers of school bus companies servicing York Region and are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature, road conditions and weather forecast.

Please note the following;



- A decision to cancel school bus service will be **region-wide** meaning all school buses, vans and taxis will not operate. Both the YRDSB and YCDSB operate many regional educational programs. Students attending these programs are transported over large attendance areas encompassing several municipal boundaries which prevents the ability to cancel bus service using a municipality or zone methodology.
- When bus service is cancelled all school tests and/or examinations will be cancelled and rescheduled.
- Student trips involving the use of school buses will also be cancelled.

Unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open and parents can make arrangements to transport their children to and from school even if school bus service is cancelled. **If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore students transported to school by parents will require the same transportation home.**

A bus cancellation message will be available at www.schoolbuscity.com, by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following @YRDSB and @YCDSB on Twitter.

Parents, students and school staff may also access the following radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information:

RADIO

590 AM	640 AM	680 AM	860 AM	1010 AM	1050 AM
1540 AM	1580 AM	88.5 FM	89.9 FM	92.5 FM	93.1 FM
94.9 FM	95.9 FM	97.3 FM	98.1 FM	99.1 FM	99.9 FM
101.1 FM	102.1 FM	104.5 FM	100.7 FM	105.9	107.1 FM

TELEVISION

CITY TV CTV Barrie CTV Toronto CP24 GLOBAL NEWS

Message from Our Trustee

One of our top priorities as a school board is creating an environment that enables our students to focus on learning and be successful. That means creating environments where students are safe and feel safe, where all of our students know that they are welcome and supported, and where they see their identities reflected, valued and celebrated.

Championing Equity and Inclusivity

Championing Equity and Inclusivity is one of the priorities outlined in the [Board of Trustees' Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#). We are fortunate to live in one of the most diverse regions of Canada, and welcome students, staff and families with a broad range of identities and experiences. There has been much work underway at the Board in the past few months to ensure we are providing all of our students with a safe, equitable and inclusive learning environment, including:

Providing [Board-wide training](#) for over 12,000 school staff on anti-Black racism.
Bringing together over 250 students and staff at our annual [SpeakOut conference](#) for the 2SLGBTQ+ community.
Acknowledging [Treaties Recognition Week](#), and learning about the importance of treaties and treaty relationships in Canada from First Nations community members.

- Hosting a labour market information night for parents to learn about current and future career opportunities and employment trends.
Bringing together hundreds of members of the education community for three days of learning focused on Indigenous Education and Equity at our world-renowned [Quest conference](#).

This is in addition to the ongoing work taking place in our schools. It is also important that our families know and feel that they are a valued, respected and important part of our school community. We recently held regional school council forums that brought together school council members from across the region to learn and share together on important topics such as engaging families, vaping and more. It was wonderful to see so many family members there.

The Board of Trustees was also pleased to receive and commit to taking action on the recommendations in response to the Anti-Black Racism, Antisemitism, Classism and Islamophobia community consultations.

Winter Months

With the winter weather already upon us, I also want to remind families that school transportation may be cancelled on [extreme cold or inclement weather days](#), and there may be rare occasions when emergency weather conditions result in school closures. To ensure families are aware, last month, we tested a new system to send text messages to families in emergency situations only. Information about transportation cancellations and school closures will also be available on Board and school websites, Board social media channels and local media.

Many of our students and families will be celebrating days of significance and holidays in the coming weeks and months, and I wish you all the very best for the season. I hope everyone has a safe and happy winter break and we look forward to welcoming students back in January.

Bob McRoberts










Trustee, Aurora and King

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Day 1 Lunch Made Easy Food Drive Begins	3 Day 2	4 Day 3 Pizza Lunch 	5 Day 4	6 Day 5 Lunch Made Easy	7
8	9 Day 1 Lunch Made Easy	10 Day 2 Winter Concert Dress Rehearsal 2pm	11 Day 3 Pizza Lunch Winter Concert 9:15 am	12 Day 4	13 Day 5 Lunch Made Easy Food Drive Ends	14
15	16 Day 1 Lunch Made Easy	17 Day 2 Kettleby Gift Shop 	18 Day 3 Pizza Lunch Gr 6 VIP Kettleby Gift Shop 	19 Day 4	20 Day 5 Assembly 9am Wear House Colors Lunch Made Easy	21
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