

# Kettleby Public School

## e-Bulletin

January 8, 2021



### From the Office

Welcome back and Happy New Year to all of our families. We certainly miss having everyone in the building, however, we are so impressed and proud of the efforts our students and staff are making to adapt to online learning. We have our fingers crossed that we will be able to return to school and face-to-face learning on Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>.

*Mrs. Anderson*

### School Model Change Request - Elementary

Some elementary families will be looking to request a change in their school program model from face-to-face learning to virtual school or from virtual school to face-to-face. Beginning January 15, 2021, YRDSB elementary families will have the opportunity to submit a school model change request.

On January 11-12, 2021, families will be sent an email from YRDSB explaining the process for submitting a request. Only families requesting a school model change will need to submit a request.

The deadline to submit a request will be January 19, 2021. Please note - this will be the last opportunity for elementary students to change learning models in the 2020-21 school year.

Transfers will be dependent upon space and program availability.

Staff will continue to work diligently to ensure successful transitions for students changing models. Regardless of the model chosen, YRDSB is committed to ensuring that the learning experiences for students will be both safe and engaging.

Thank you for your support, patience and cooperation.

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### Transportation

[www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com)

### 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

January 11 Virtual School Council Meeting (7pm)  
January 15 PA Day (no online learning)  
January 15 Kindergarten Registration for 2021-2022 begins

### Mental Health COVID-19 Page

COVID-19 has presented unprecedented issues and concerns for our community, our country and the world. As we focus on keeping ourselves healthy and containing the spread of COVID-19, we must also keep ourselves mentally well.

The [Mental Health COVID-19 page](#) is dedicated to supporting student mental health during this pandemic. Resources for students, parents/guardians as well as community resources are listed. In addition, there are various links to YRDSB mental health supports as well as community supports available.

Please consider taking some time to familiarize yourself with these supports. Continue to check out the [YRDSB website](#) for updated information as well as the Twitter account @YRDSB.

### Health and Safety Update

York Region District School Board continues to work closely with York Region Public Health (YRPH) to review our school operational procedures as our context continues to change and evolve. There are two new health and safety measures that YRPH has requested York Region schools implement.

#### Two-layer masks

YRPH has recommended that students now wear a two-layer mask, as opposed to the previous recommendation of any kind of face covering. Parents/guardians will be expected to provide their child with a two-layer personal face covering to wear at school to reduce the spread of their own respiratory droplets to protect others. A two-layer face mask is now recommended as per [Provincial direction](#).

## Grade 1 French Immersion Information Sessions and Registration

### Information Sessions

This year our Information session for Grade 1 entry into the French Immersion (FI) program will take place virtually on **January 14, 2021**. A link will be shared with families of children currently in Year 2 Kindergarten via email where they will be able to view a pre-recorded information session which includes commonly asked questions and answers.

### Registration

FI registration will begin on **January 15, 2021**. Parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2021, and wishing to enroll in the FI Program, can email or call their home school office and indicate their intention to enroll. The home school will notify the French Immersion school, and the French Immersion school will contact you by phone or email to collect any necessary information. You are asked to **register by February 5, 2021**. Registration during this period is not first come, first served.

More information is available on the Board's website: [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca).

## Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten **registration for September 2021 begins 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.yrdsb.ca/Kindergarten). We look forward to welcoming our new students and families to the school.