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Principal's Message

Will March be coming in like a lion or lamb? Let's keep our fingers crossed for a spring like transition to March. Please remember that it is still winter and weather conditions can change from day to day. Students must come to school with appropriate outdoor winter clothing even if milder temperatures are occurring. Students need boots, a hat and mitts or gloves. Investing in a pair of rain or splash pants for younger children is a good waterproof suggestion. Younger students should also have an extra pair of socks and even a change of clothes on hand.

We want to remind families to pay close attention to the communication the Board and Public Health are sending out in light of the CORID-19 coronavirus. We know that washing hands is a critical prevention measure and will be taking proactive measures. Effective immediately, elementary schools will schedule additional time during the school day to provide time for handwashing at regular and appropriate intervals. We appreciate that some schools or classrooms will already have this practice in place. We are also enhancing cleaning for high touch areas and reviewing products used to meet the advice of public health.

Families are encouraged to continue reinforcing the important preventive measures during cold and influenza season, including:

- Staying home if you are ill.
- Washing your hands frequently and thoroughly.
- Not touching your face.
- Covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, elbow or sleeve.
- Visit your doctor or pharmacy for your annual flu shot, if you haven't already done so.

As we approach the March Break, I hope that you enjoy time with family and friends. Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Mrs. Anderson

School Council Lunch Programs & School Milk Program for April to June 2020

Topper's Pizza and Lunches Made Easy, along with our school Milk Program, are back for April to June! Pizza lunch and milk will be available to order on School Cash Online from **March 9-27**. *If you would prefer to pay by cash or cheque, please contact the Office for details*. Don't miss out on ordering pizza and milk for the final three months of school!

Lunches Made Easy will be available to order through their website at http://www.SOLOlunch.com from **March 11-25**.

Kindergarten registration for the 2020-21 school year is underway. We look forward to welcoming our new students and families to our school.

Children who turn four or five years old during 2020, live within the school boundary and whose parents/guardians are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten.

There are two ways you can register for Kindergarten:

Online: You can access the online registration information at bit.ly/ KindergartenYRDSB. A laptop or desktop computer is strongly recommended to complete the online registration, rather than a mobile device. Once you have completed the forms online, you will need to take some required documents to your school for verification only.

In person: Families are welcome to visit the school in person to register. Registration forms are available at the school or on the Board's website at bit.ly/KindergartenYRDSB.

Earth Hour

This year Earth Hour will take place on Saturday, March 28 from 8:30 pm – 9:30pm. Participating in the WWF's Earth Hour is a simple way to show that you want to be part of the solution and it sends a powerful message that together we can make a difference.

In support of Earth Hour, our school will be participating in the Board's Earth Hour/Power Hour (Annual Lights Off/ Monitors Off Hour) on *Friday, March 27th from 2:00 —3:00 p.m.*

Save the Dates

April 10 Good Friday

April 13 Easter Monday

June 1 PA Day

June 10 Fun Fair and Barbecue

June 16 Grade 8 Graduation 5:30pm

June 25 Last day of School early dismissal 11:50am

Lost & Found

Please check the lost and found tables and bin for items that have been collected over the past few months. All remaining items will be collected and donated to those in need prior to March Break.

April is **Autism Awareness Month**! To show our support for World Autism Awareness Day, we invite our students and staff to wear blue on Thursday April 2nd 2020.

YRDSB Summer Program Information

Summer Institute

The York Region District School Board's **Summer Institute** 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.

Summer Institute Registration Opens on March 10, 2020 at 4:00p.m.

YRDSB is pleased to offer online registration this year. Please visit the Summer Institute registration page on or after March 10 for the online registration link.

Families can continue to register in person or by mail on or after March 10.

2020 - 2021 School Year

Planning is underway for the 2020/2021 school year. If you know that your child(ren) will not be returning to Kettleby P.S. in September, please advise the office as soon as possible.

This will assist us with enrollment and staffing. Thank you.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP BY CAR

In order to ensure student safety parents/guardians are reminded to please be extra careful when driving into our parking lot at the end of the day.

This is a very busy time when all our children are walking to their buses and to the parking lot for pick up.

Importance of Consistent Attendance

Being at school on time and ready to learn is an important life skill that can be taught and reinforced early on. Most of our students take that responsibility seriously and make every effort to be at school well prepared for the day with their agenda and learning materials. From time to time we know students miss school due to illness or appointments which are unavoidable. Remember to notify the school **each** day that your child will be absent indicating the class that they are in and the reason for their absence. If it is going to be an extended absence longer than 15 days a form from the office must be completed.

Limiting Last Minute Requests

Phone calls requesting that messages be delivered to students before the end of the day can be problematic in a busy school. Calling into classrooms to relay messages disrupts learning time for others. We ask that you please make school plans or childcare arrangements prior to students coming to school.

You may record any alternative after school pick up or appointment arrangements in a note or in your child's agenda.

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Kettleby Public School

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Day 3 Lunch Made Easy	3 Day 4	4 Day 5 Gr 7/8 BORC Pizza Lunch Gr 6 VIP	5 Day 1 Gr 4/5 BORC	6 Day 2 Gr 1/2 & 2/3 BORC	7
8	9 Day 3 Lunch Made Easy	10 Day 4	11 Day 5 Pizza Lunch	12 Day 1	13 Day 2 Lucky Day Wear Green/Gold 	14
15	16 MARCH BREAK	17 MARCH BREAK	18 MARCH BREAK	19 MARCH BREAK	20 MARCH BREAK	21
22	23 Day 3 Lunch Made Easy	24 Day 4	25 Day 5 Pizza Lunch 	26 Day 1	27 Day 2 Lunch Made Easy Earth Hour 2-3pm Wear Dark Colors	28 WWF Earth Hour 8:30-9:30pm
29	30 Day 3 Lunch Made Easy	31 Day 4				