

# Kettleby Public School

## e-Bulletin

October 2, 2020



### From the Office

#### Safety Week: September 28 – October 2

The York Region District School Board priority is to provide and maintain safe and healthy environments for all students and staff. Each year safety week provides an opportunity to practice proper safety protocols and draw attention to our roles in providing a safe learning and working environment. Today marks the end of Safety Week.

A mandatory lockdown drill typically occurs during Safety Week as well as fire and hold and secure drills. At this time schools have been asked to pause scheduling any lockdown or hold and secure drills as they are being reviewed to take into account COVID-19 considerations.

Today we were able to have our first fire drill. Fire drill practice is essential to ensuring our students and staff understand clearly how to safely evacuate using the designated exits and gather at the designated rally points. As such, fire drills must still be conducted with three drills to be held in the Fall and Spring. To mitigate the required COVID restrictions, drills will be conducted to adhere to the Public Health restrictions in place. Each classroom or space will be given direction when to start the drill. Physical distancing, mask wearing and hand washing or sanitizing will be followed.

Students and staff have engaged in various activities during Safety Week to help ensure a safe and successful year.

Activities have included:

- Follow up discussions to last week's Caring and Safe Schools Presentations
- Highlighting our revised Report It tool which can be found on each school's website or the board home page. Through our commitment to equity and inclusivity the tool has been enhanced to capture incidents of racism, discrimination and hate
- Review of COVID-19 protocols
- Bus safety
- Classroom review of bullying prevention and cyber bullying resources

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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

October 2	Deadline to submit School Council Nomination Form (if interested)
October 5	Virtual School Council Meeting & Elections (7pm)
October 12	Thanksgiving – School Closed

### When your child has a symptom of Covid-19 at School

It is challenging during this pandemic to ensure all children and staff are safe coming to school. We understand that it is challenging if your child is sent home with an upset stomach or a runny nose but with schools reopening in these circumstances it is especially important that we act with the better safe than sorry mantra. We are not acting alone on our policies. Public Health has directed schools to follow the protocols below if your child develops any of the Covid -19 symptoms:

- Students must be kept home until they have been assessed and tested by a health care provider to rule out Covid-19 or other infectious diseases
- Those who test negative for Covid -19 must remain home until 24 hours after symptoms are resolved
- If your child tests positive they must be excluded from school for 14 days after the onset of symptoms and is cleared by public health to return to school
- If you do not want your child to be tested for Covid-19 then your child must stay home for 14 days and until any symptoms resolve
- If your child develops symptoms at home, please keep them home and have them tested. Please inform the school if your child is being tested for Covid-19

### School Council

The first virtual meeting of our KPS School Council, including elections of the 2020-2021 School Council, will be held on Monday October 5th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

School Council Nomination forms have been sent home electronically in the book of forms. If you are interested in being part of our School Council please return the form by October 2nd, 2020. If you are a parent of a KPS Student in the Elementary Virtual School, we welcome your nomination.

### Terry Fox #tryliketerry

40 years for the Marathon of Hope  
20 years of school runs at Kettleby PS  
Over **\$30,000** raised in 20 years!!!

Thank you KPS staff, students and families for your support!

We are most appreciative of our school community's generosity for the Terry Fox Run. Together, this year, we have raised **\$1435.00**. Each class enjoyed their time outside on the field to honour a Canadian hero. Our students learned about perseverance, determination and never giving up. The Terry Fox Foundation will benefit from your donations. Thank you to Ms. Ryan for her leadership and organization with this event.

If you would still like to support our school's fundraising efforts to the Terry Fox Foundation you can by donating at our [school website](#) here.



## **Reminder! School Start-Up Forms**

Thank you to the many families who have completed the online School Start-Up forms. The online forms were sent by YRDSB directly to families for each child in mid-September. If you have not yet completed and submitted the forms, please do so immediately. Check back in your email for the link. If you did not receive the link for your child or children, please contact the Office and we can provide you with a general link.

There are **mandatory** forms and optional forms.

## **Save the Date!**

### **Virtual Curriculum Night/Meet the Staff is Thursday, October 22**

On Thursday, October 22, you are invited to join us for Meet the Staff Night. We will let you know the exact timing of the *evening* event sometime next week. Due to Health and Safety priorities, this year's event is being held virtually (online). Each family will be invited (via email) by their child's teacher(s) to a **Google Meet** where they will have an opportunity to meet the teacher, hear about the upcoming year, take a peek into the school/ classroom, and have an introduction to the new Ministry Math Curriculum.

The schedule for the evening is as follows:

You will receive an email from your child's teacher with information about how to join the virtual event. A stable internet connection is needed to join.

Once you join the meeting, please follow the meeting guidelines below:

- Please keep your audio on mute so all participants can hear
- Please turn your camera off

Please be aware that during the Meet the Staff Night you must refrain from:

- recording any aspect of a Google Meet (including pictures, voices or video) using internal or external recording devices;
- taking photos or screenshots of anything other than when given explicit permission or direction by the teacher to do so (e.g. a visual used for instructional purposes that won't be reposted later).
- distributing/posting any recorded, copied or distributed materials in any way, including to all social media platforms; and
- editing or manipulating materials in any way.

Here are step-by-step instructions for logging into the [Google Meet](#) from a computer or Chromebook. If you are using a mobile device, use the [Google Meet guide for mobile devices](#). You will be using your child's YRDSB GAPPs login.

We hope that you will be able to join us!