

Kettleby Public School

e-Bulletin

October 23, 2020



From the Office

KPS Move & Groove COVID Style Friday, October 30, 2020

YRDSB schools are taking direction from York Region Public Health and the Board when it comes to Halloween events in school. It is important for us to recognize that not all families celebrate and participate in Halloween. We are planning a day of fun Fall activities on Friday, October 30th that allow for and value multiple options for participation. We are planning several *outdoor* activities that allow for classes/cohorts to participate in fun, engaging and meaningful (connected to the curriculum) events while maintaining health and safety COVID protocols.

Staff and students are welcome to consider wearing a simple Halloween costume, autumn colours, House Colours, or regular school attire on Friday, October 30th.

In order to support our current COVID-19 guidelines from Public Health, please be aware of the following information regarding costumes and celebrations:

- All activities need to occur within the cohort/class (e.g., no school costume parades)
- Costumes should be of **simple design** (no additional personal items are to be brought to school, for example, props such as wings, broom, cane, wands, etc.)
- If students are choosing to wear a costume, they must come to school dressed in that costume and remain in it for the duration of the day (students will not be able to use washrooms to change into costumes)
- No Halloween masks or full face make-up are to be worn
- Students who are required to wear PPE face masks (Grades 4-12) must continue to do so, and students in younger grades (FDK-Grade 3) are encouraged to wear their PPE face masks
- Treats cannot be shared. Please do not send any items to school for distribution to the class.

Our KPS Move & Groove COVID Style event will offer classes the opportunity to participate in various outdoor activities throughout the day. It is therefore very important that should students choose to wear a costume of simple design that it is something that is weather appropriate and something that they can move easily in and it is ok if it gets dirty from being outdoors.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the Office. We are looking forward to a fantastic day of outdoor fall fun on Friday, October 30th!

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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 30	KPS Move & Groove COVID Style
November 2-9	Families able to book Parent Teacher Interview appointments in Edsby
November 2	Virtual School Council Meeting 7pm
November 12	Virtual Parent Teacher Interviews (K-8 after school/evening)
November 13	PA Day & Virtual Parent Teacher Interviews (morning)
November 17	Virtual Grade 8 Graduation for the Class of 2020
November 19	Progress Report Cards (K-8)

Dressing for Cold Weather

The colder weather has arrived! Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather each day. Daily outdoor activities and recesses are part of the regular school day, and we want to ensure that all students can participate comfortably.



Edsby and Parent Teacher Interviews

One-to-one Parent Teacher Interviews/Conferences (K-8) will take place on **November 12 & 13**. This year all interviews/conferences will be conducted through either Google Meet or Zoom. If the use of technology will be challenging for a family, please contact your child's teacher to arrange a call from the teacher.

A letter sent in a separate eflash (October 16) has been sent to all families with children attending Face-to-Face. This letter outlines the process used within Edsby for families to schedule an interview. Families must have an Edsby account. **The scheduler will open at 9:00 a.m. on November 2 and will close at 9:00 a.m. on November 9.**



Creating Safe and Healthy Schools for People with Allergies

School staff and parents are responsible for creating safe and healthy environments for students and staff. This is an additional challenge for schools attended by children with life threatening allergies. While it is impossible to create a risk-free environment, school, staff and parents can take important steps to minimize potentially fatal allergic reactions as there are implications for the whole school, not just individual classrooms.

Please communicate a child's life-threatening allergy to the school as soon as you are aware of it. Please notify the office and your child's teacher so that we have accurate records and establish the protocol to follow with your child.



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What can you do?

- Read the label on foods sent to school
- Remind your child not to share food
- Pack foods that are free from products which contain nuts or nut by-products. Even tiny amounts of peanut/nut residue on containers, utensils, jars, etc., can be harmful
- If there is a risk a food contains or has been in contact with nuts, it should not be sent to school
- Be aware that nuts are not the only allergen, others include: shellfish (shrimp, lobster), fish, eggs, milk, latex and insects (bees, yellow jackets, hornets, wasps)
 - In some products, the life-threatening allergen may be “hidden” (e.g., chocolate bars, granola bars, cookies, playdough, stuffed toys)
- Be aware of cross-contamination. This is when a safe food comes into contact with an allergen. This causes the safe food to be unsafe. Cross contamination is a frequent cause of anaphylactic reactions and can occur by means of hand-to-food or food-to-food
- Remind your child not to share any implement involving oral contact, such as a musical instrument mouthpiece, water bottle, cup or glass, fork, etc.

We appreciate your support in working towards providing a safe environment for all our students and staff.

Meet the Staff Virtual Presentations

A sincere thank you to our teaching staff and support staff for the work they put into creating videos and slides to share information about our classrooms and welcome families into our school virtually.

If you were not able to view the presentation from your child’s teacher on Thursday, October 22, please know that several teachers are posting a copy on their Google Classroom and for those who do not have a Google Classroom, they will be sending the information to you in an alternate format. It is important that all families have a chance to review the information from their child’s class.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as the staff learn new ways of communicating information. We are appreciative of your support.