

Kettleby Public School

e-Bulletin

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From the Office

Kickin' Off the School Year with KPS Colour Houses

Blue, Green, Red and Silver!!! Colour House activities, events and spirit days will continue during the 2020-21 school year. The kick-off assembly will take place virtually in our classrooms on Friday, September 25th. Who will our 2020-21 House Captains be? Who will raise the Kettleby Cup this year? Big congratulations to **RED** House for their successful efforts during the 2019-20 school year. Colour Houses are one of the many ways we work to build a sense of school spirit, community, leadership, inclusion and a sense of belonging at our school. Every student and staff member belongs to a Colour House and remains in that house for their duration at Kettleby. Students new to Kettleby this year will be assigned a Colour House in the coming days.

Reminders

- Please do not send any products with nut or nut by-products to school. We have students and staff members with life threatening allergies. If you are sending a nut alternative product such as pea butter, please ensure it is clearly marked as such.
- Bus passes for friends will not be issued this year. There are increased health and safety protocols for school buses that we must adhere to.
- Technology at school: Our students are provided with many opportunities to use technology throughout their day. Individual teachers will determine whether students should bring devices from home (BYOD) for instructional use only. Students should not be using these devices at recess time, in the hallways or before and after school without the supervision and permission of staff members. Recording functions such as camera and use of video are not to be used at any time during the school day. Phones are not permitted in restrooms or change rooms. **If you need to get an urgent message to your child, please do not call or text their phones. Contact the office and we will get the message to them or ask them to contact you.**

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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

School Council

Kettleby Public School has an active and vibrant School Council. Last year the council accomplished many wonderful things, and were able to successfully fundraise to purchase materials for all students and to purchase new furniture for the Learning Commons!

There are many ways you can get involved at Kettleby, and being a member of council is just one of those ways. New members are always welcome! It would be wonderful to have representation across all grade levels. You do not need to be an active or elected member to attend – all parents/guardians of students at Kettleby (whether the student is currently attending face to face or virtually) are always welcome and encouraged to attend and participate in council meetings and activities.

Until further notice, all school council meetings in YRDSB will be held **virtually**. As such, parents/guardians wishing to attend will need to inform the Office and a link for the meeting will then be shared through email.

Our first meeting this year will take place on **Monday, October 5, 2020 at 7pm**. If you are interested in running for a position on council please fill in the electronic [School Council Nomination Form](#) (attached and also within the School Start-Up Forms) and return it to Mrs. Anderson at jennifer.anderson@yrdsb.ca no later than Friday, October 2, 2020. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Anderson.

School Start-Up Forms

Online start-up forms are being emailed to elementary school families this week.

Families will receive an email from their home school. This includes students participating in virtual schools. Families may contact their home schools for assistance if needed.

Families will receive a unique email and link for each child to complete the four forms:

- **The Start-Up Permission Form** (mandatory) DUE: **September 28**
- **Student Information Consent Form** (mandatory) DUE: **September 28**
- **Request for Faith Accommodations Form** (optional)
- **School Council Nomination Form** (due by October 2 if interested)

2019-2020 Yearbooks

Our 2019-2020 Yearbooks have arrived and will be distributed at the beginning of next week to students who purchased one in the spring. For health and safety purposes, students are unable to sign other yearbooks at this time.

Thank you to Mrs. Rowhani and Ms. Small for their leadership and commitment on this project. We have a phenomenal yearbook! Thank you to the Grade 8 Class of 2020 for their help on the yearbook while we were all learning and working from home.

Mrs. Rowhani and Ms. Small are already at work on our 2020-2021 yearbook! We can't wait to see what they come up with!

Terry Fox

This year marks not only the 40th Anniversary of the Terry Fox Marathon of Hope, but the 20th school run here at Kettleby. In 19 years Kettleby students have raised \$28647.03 for the Terry Fox Foundation.

This year's goal is to hit the \$30000 mark by raising at least \$1352.97! Can we do it? Absolutely! Donations can be made online.

Our Terry Fox school run will take place during the day on Wednesday, September 30. To ensure physical distancing and keeping our class cohorts together, each class will have 50 minutes allocated to them on the soccer field to walk or run.

Elementary School Model Change Request Form

On September 16 all families of students in elementary school would have received an email from YRDSB Communications. The Board recognizes that some families are requesting a change in their school program model from face to face learning to virtual school or from virtual school to face to face. On Monday, September 21, YRDSB will share a **School Model Change request form** for families requesting a change.

Only families requesting a school model change will need to complete this form. The form must be completed by Tuesday, September 22 at 7 p.m. to be considered.

YRDSB had previously communicated an elementary transition time at the end of October. This has been adjusted to provide the opportunity now and the best continuity of learning for our students throughout the remainder of the term. **There will not be another opportunity to change program models before the end of January 2021.**

Looking Ahead

September 22-23	Caring & Safe Schools Presentations (KGN-Grade 8)
September 25	Virtual Colour House Assembly
September 28-October 2	YRDSB Safety Week
September 30	Terry Fox Run (Alternate Date October 2)
September 30	Orange Shirt Day
October 2	Deadline to submit School Council Nomination Form (if interested)
October 5	Virtual School Council Meeting & Elections (7pm)
October 12	Thanksgiving – School Closed

Return to School Elementary Daily Checklist

Please be sure you are referring to and using this checklist every day.

We continue to encourage families to visit www.yrdsb.ca/school-reopening for videos, frequently asked questions, important health and safety information and more about the school reopening. There is a translation tool on the website that will translate the content into over 100 languages.

The graphic is a red-bordered checklist titled "Return to School Elementary Daily Checklist". It features the YRDSB logo in the top right corner. Below the title, it states: "This year, we have new health and safety measures in place to help keep students and staff safe from the spread of COVID-19. Everyone, including families, plays a critical role in supporting health and safety in our school communities." The main section is titled "Every day, please" and contains a list of 12 items, each with a red circle icon and a brief description of the action required.

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Every day, please

- Screen your child for symptoms of COVID-19 and keep them home if they:
 - Feel sick or have symptoms of COVID-19
 - Have been in close contact with someone who is sick or has confirmed COVID-19 in the past 14 days
 - Have returned from travel outside of Canada in the past 14 days
- Provide multiple soap and conformable masks (at least 3) for your child so they have back-ups ready. We suggest separate bags to store clean and dirty masks and a pouch or bag to pack soiled items. Wash both masks daily.
- Review and practice proper hand washing techniques at home, especially before and after eating, answering, coughing, and adjusting a mask or cloth face covering.
- Pack a full water bottle and granola providing a liter/min./kannengang bottle and snacks daily. Sharing of foods is not allowed and garbage will be sent home to help keep our schools clean. Please remember that lunches cannot be dropped off at school.
- If you send school supplies, such as erasers and markers, please store them in a labelled plastic case and inform your child to avoid sharing.
- Dress your child in weather appropriate clothing they may be spending more time outdoors.
- Make sure your information is current at school including emergency contacts and individuals authorized to pick up your child from school. When they are sick, pick up your child promptly.
- Follow your school's social protocols, including drop off and pick up protocols and using the designated entry doors.
- Remind your child of physical distancing and following the flow of traffic and other measures in place at school.
- List personal belongings being brought to school - students/parents to assess their backpacks for excessive items daily.
- Please be patient and flexible as we adjust to these new measures to help keep everyone safe.