

Kettleby Public School

e-Bulletin

September 25, 2020



From the Office

It is important to us that we provide a caring, safe and inclusive environment in our school that supports the academic achievement and well-being of all students. We held classroom visits this week to talk about some of the important elements of a caring and safe school. Topics covered include:

Positive Behaviour

Students are encouraged to demonstrate positive character attributes (such as empathy, courage and respect for human rights and inclusivity). We also discussed standing up for each other in bullying situations and the importance of reporting incidents of bullying, including:

- o Telling a caring adult
- o Using the YRDSB's "[Report It Button](#)" (located on our school website)
- o Contacting [Kids Help Phone](#) (1-800-668-6868)

Student Discipline

We use a progressive discipline approach when inappropriate behaviour occurs. This means we consider a range of options to determine the most appropriate response to each situation to help students learn from their choices. In some cases, suspension or expulsion may be necessary. The Ontario Education Act and our Board Caring and Safe Schools Policy outline the situations in which suspension and expulsion must be considered. These infractions are also outlined in the Guide to the School Year. When inappropriate behaviour occurs, information will be shared with the victim and parents/guardians of the victim to the extent that legislation allows.

Appropriate Use of Technology

Students were reminded about the Appropriate Use of Technology agreement, including the importance of using respectful language and making positive choices when using electronic communications and social media tools.

Students were reminded that threats made online are taken seriously and may have serious consequences, including potential criminal charges. Where there are concerns for the safety of students, staff, community members or Board property, the school board works closely with York Regional Police and appropriate actions are taken. The safety and well-being of students remains our top priority.

For More Information

For more details on each of these items, please read the Guide to the School Year or visit the [Caring and Safe Schools](#) section on the YRDSB website for details and resources for families to continue the conversation.

Thank you for helping us create a safe, respectful and inclusive school community.

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Transportation

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School Hours

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| 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 |

Late Arrivals: Will Your Child Be Late or Absent?

At Kettleby, one of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all of our students arrive safely to school each and every day. As a part of our safe arrival process, a daily attendance check is conducted. Please ensure that you call the school each day your child will be absent or late. If your child is arriving late, please use the buzzer at the front door to call into the office, and we will unlock the door for your child to enter.

Unfortunately, parents/guardians cannot come into the building at this time. If you require assistance please let the office staff know when you buzz in.

If you have activated your Edsby account, you can log in to Edsby account and report your child's absence online. You can access an [online video tutorial](#) to learn more (bit.ly/edsbyabsence) about how to do this. You can also use the Edsby App on your mobile device to report your child's absence. If you have any questions about Edsby, or need support activating your account, please contact our school office.

Orange Shirt Day

The [Orange Shirt Day](#) movement started in 2013 to highlight the pain and suffering of thousands of Indigenous children who were sent to residential school throughout the last century. The colour of the shirt is connected to the experience of Phyllis Webstad who was sent to Cariboo Residential School near Williams Lake, BC, in 1973.

Six years old at the time, Phyllis went to her first day of school wearing a new bright orange shirt. New clothes were a rare thing for the young girl. Upon arriving at the school, nuns stripped her of the shirt, forcing her to wear the school's institutional uniform.

The shirt has since gone on to become a symbol of a national movement that recognizes the suffering of Indigenous children at residential schools across the country and to show a renewed commitment to ensure that every child matters.

We encourage staff and students to wear an orange shirt on September 30, 2020, to recognize the resiliency and bravery of Residential School Survivors.

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

The Kettleby Public School Terry Fox run is taking place on Wednesday, September 30th. Things will be a little different this year, as classes will run individually throughout the day rather than as a school community, and sadly we cannot have families join us. However, we are still determined to mark this very important event and share Terry Fox's inspirational legacy with our students!

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Marathon of Hope, and Kettleby P.S.'s 20th run! Our goal this year is to raise \$1352 as a school, which would bring our total donations over the 20 runs we have done to an amazing \$30 000!!!

Please consider supporting our school, and the Terry Fox Foundation by donating at our [school website](#) here.



Looking Ahead

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| 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 |

Reminder: COVID-19 Screening

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

Please:

- Review and practice proper hand washing techniques at home, especially before and after eating, sneezing, coughing and adjusting a mask or cloth face covering
- Remind your child of physical distancing
- Limit personal belongings being brought to school - students/parents to assess their backpacks for extraneous items daily
- Please be patient and flexible as we adjust to these new measures to keep everyone safe.

Managing Covid Cases in Schools

We encourage you to visit the Ministry link here to get information on the plan for schools in managing Covid cases: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/operational-guidance-covid-19-management-schools#section-1>