

Kettleby PS School Council Principal Report – January 28, 2019

Board Mission Statement:

To advance student achievement and well-being through public education, which motivates learners, fosters inclusion, inspires innovation and builds community.

Happening at Kettleby this month:

- Second round of milk, pasta, Topper's Pizza and Swiss Chalet under way (numbers consistent)
- Guidance Dept. visit from KCSS with Grade 8s for course selection (January 14)
- Math Network meeting for Mrs. Anderson, Ms. Wallace and Mrs. Dawe
- Professional Learning opportunities for several staff members – Comprehensive Literacy sessions for four teachers, Mrs. Derr and Ms. Pallarca have attended different workshops to support their roles, Mrs. Anderson math course for administrators
- Superintendent Becky Green brought our new trustee Bob McRoberts to visit Kettleby and learn about our school (January 22)
- Junior Co-ed Volleyball - couple of after school games and Area Tournament January 24th at MacLeod's Landing PS – thank you to Mr. Jones, Angela and Ariel
- Winter Concert huge success on January 23rd – thank you to Mrs. Jenkins and the entire staff
- Madame Karametch has French Club up and running (Grade 4 and 5 and a Grade 6-8 club)
- PA Day January 18 – Teachers working on assessment/report cards
- Kindergarten registration and registration for Grade 1 French Immersion began January 18
- Grade 6 VIP Session (January 23)
- Kettleby Connects Assembly January 25 at 11:15am
 - Monthly Focus: Humility

Looking Ahead at Kettleby:

- Robotics Qualifying Tournament at Nobelton PS on January 31 – Thank you to Mr. Gunsinger for working with several Grade 5 students; we have two teams entered
- Monthly Focus is Wisdom (Kettleby Connects Assembly March 1 at 2pm)
- PA Day February 1 – Board Directed
 - Staff will be having professional learning in the area of the Board's Indigenous Education & Equity Strategy
- Term 2 begins February 4 (will have a second lockdown drill)
- Game On! is Big Brothers Big Sisters of York's most popular group program. It is a free group mentoring program being offered to our grade 5 boys this year. This goal of Game

On! is to provide boys with information and support to make informed choices about active living, balanced eating and feeling good! Will be running on Wednesdays during lunch from February 6-April 3

- Thank you to Ms. Pallarca and Mrs. Derr for organizing this opportunity
- Spirit Days: February 12 (100th Day of School) and February 14 (Valentine's Day)
- Teacher Candidate from Niagara University (Miss Olivia Calapa) will be with Mr. Gunsinger in the Grade 5 class February 11-May 3
- Grade 8 students heading to a Toronto Raptors game on February 11 as part of their Graduation festivities
- February 22 and 27 Grades 5-8 Trips to Horseshoe Valley
 - Thank you to Mrs. Penny for her organization and to the staff and parents who have volunteered to supervise
- February 6 & 13 Primary Skating at Trisan Centre for Grades 1-4
 - Thank you to Ms. Wallace for her organization and to the staff and parents who have volunteered to supervise
- Term 1 Report Cards go home February 13
 - Reminder there are no formal interviews at this time, but parents always welcome to contact teacher to set up meeting or phone call to discuss student progress
- Family Day February 18 – No School

Information Sharing:

- Planning a Winter Carnival for an afternoon colour house activity with the whole school (similar to our Olympic afternoon last year)
 - Madame Karametch has been teaching about Carnaval in French classes
- Popcorn sales January to April and will continue selling on Fridays (Thursdays if PA Day) \$2/bag
 - Fundraising initiative for resources for our Chill Zone and additional technology
- Preparations for 2019-20 underway – students moving from Kettleby or moving into Kettleby catchment area to let Office know as soon as possible
- Parents Reaching Out Grant (PRO Grant) \$1000
 - KPS Well-Being Fair – date TBD
 - Outdoor Wellness and Indigenous Education
 - Backpacks for families to borrow and use outdoors
 - Will need Council volunteers for this evening event

Considerations/Requests:

- Requesting \$4200 for Cost Sharing order