

Kettleby PS School Council Principal Report – March 4, 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:

- February recognized and celebrated Black History Month – daily quotes, resources in the Library, learning and inquiry in classrooms
- Inclement Weather days
- Eco Initiatives – Eco Team checking for lights off, electronics off, blinds closed; National Sweater Day (February 7) – turned the temperature in the building down one degree to save energy; March 29 will be celebrating Earth Hour 2-3pm
- Grades 1-4 Primary Skating at the Trisan Centre (February 13 and March 6)
 - Thank you to Ms. Wallace and the Primary Staff
- Grades 5-8 Horseshoe Valley (February 22 and March 6)
 - Thank you to Mrs. Penny for organizing and Mrs. Wallace, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Dawe, Mr. Dadswell and Miss Calapa (Teacher Candidate for supervising) and Mr. Gunsinger for providing an alternate program at school
- Grade 2 and 4 BORC outdoor education trip February 11
- Grade 8s went to the Toronto Raptors game on February 11 – graduation activity
 - Thank you to Mr. Jones and Mrs. Sutton for supervising
- 100th Day of School February 12
- Term 1 Report Cards went home February 13
- Intermediate Girls and Boys Basketball Tournaments (February 21 and 28) at Oak Ridges PS – Congratulations to both teams and thank you to Mr. Jones for coaching and developing our players
- Game On! Program running for Grade 5 boys during lunch hour on Wednesdays – thank you to Ms. Pallarca and Mrs. Derr for coordinating this opportunity
- Book Club has continued
- Maker Space continuing to be very popular and well attended; Teachers also bringing Maker Space materials/equipment to their classrooms for learning
- French Club continuing for Grades 4 & 5 and Grades 6-8
- Carnival @ Kettleby March 1 – huge success, great weather, lots of teamwork and fun outside
 - Thank you to Madame Karametch for spearheading Carnival and providing the opportunity to learn about and celebrate this aspect of French Canadian culture

- Thank you to many staff members for their leadership and help during the day: Ms. Dockerty, Ms. Ryan, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Sutton, Mr. Gunsinger
- Thank you to Heidi Small for providing Bonhomme boxes for the bean bag toss, Bonhomme photo booth props and frame and a T-shirt for Madame
- Kettleby Connects Assembly March 1st at 9am
 - Monthly Focus: Wisdom (presentation from Ms. Wallace's Grade 2/3 class)
- HSSC preparing virtual tour of the Chill Zone – presentations to classes or whole school
- HSSC working with Nurse Lindsay to prepare stress lessons for all students and then will offer wellness workshops in the Chill Zone during month of April and wellness workshops outside during the month of May (workshops will be geared to different grade levels and will be on a sign-up basis)
- Final session of milk, pasta, pizza and Swiss Chalet available through School Cash Online until March 22 – few new options for Swiss Chalet; feedback for pasta seems to have been received positively

Looking Ahead at Kettleby:

- Spirit Day on March 8: It's Your Lucky Day – wear green and/or gold
- March Break right around the corner (March 11-15)
- Kettleby Connects Assembly March 28th at 9am
 - Monthly Focus: Honesty (presentation from Mrs. Penny's Grade 3/4 class)
- Grade 8 Graduation pictures April 2
- World Autism Day April 2 – Light it Up Blue
- Junior Boys & Girls Basketball Teams being selected
- Next School Council meeting is on April 29 at 7pm

Information Sharing:

- Popcorn sales January to April and will continue selling on Fridays (Thursdays if PA Day) \$2/bag (Thank you Grade 4 Popcorn Peeps)
 - 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
- Requesting \$1200 for Otter Box cases for iPads (4 bundles of 5 at \$300 each or \$60 per case) – purchased 20 iPads through Cost Sharing (approx. \$8000)