

Kettleby PS School Council Principal Report – October 29, 2018

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:

- Construction update – almost complete; new accessible exterior doors and accessible interior doors for Office & Gym have been installed
- Picture Day Tuesday, October 2 (Lifetouch Photography) individual and class pictures (retakes November 5)
- Immunizations for Grade 7 students (Hep B & HPV) October 12
- Cross Country Team (Mr. Jones)
 - Area Cross Country Meet October 10 at George Richardson Park in Newmarket
 - 3 students participated in Regional Cross Country Meet October 16
- Intermediate Boys and Girls Volleyball Teams practicing during lunch recess (Mr. Jones)
 - Each team has played a couple of games and will participate in the Area Tournaments (November 8 and 15)
- Maker Space available in the Library; Mrs. Prickaerts attended YRDSB book vendor sale and purchased many Indigenous resources for our Library to support curriculum and school focus
- Fire drills completed for the Fall
- Monthly Assembly for October on Friday (November 2 @ 2pm) Focus: Respect (Grade 7/8 class)
 - Spirit Day: Wear House Colours
- Milk, Pasta, Pizza and Swiss Chalet up and running – positive feedback
- PA Day October 22 – professional learning about math (Comprehensive Math Program; resources for educators and families)
- Halloween/Fall ‘Move & Groove’ October 31st @ 2pm (led by House Captains)
 - Teachers to send home letters regarding plans for their class (i.e., costumes)
- Fresh from the Farm fundraiser (56 Bundle A and 37 Bundle B)
 - Almost \$600 for the school (40% of total sales)
- Nutrition Program – update from Ms. Dockerty
- School Well-Being Team composed of Ms. Dockerty, Ms. Ryan, Mrs. Derr, myself, two Grade 8 students, Community Member (Public Health Nurse) and a Parent Member (Catherine Hughes) – connects to our Monthly School Focus and the work we are doing collectively to support well-being, mental health and environment; Healthy Schools Action Plan accepted by Public Health and school will receive grant of about \$400 (will support our outdoor backpack program)
- Furniture almost all here for Chill Zone – students will be introduced to the space beginning of November; tours for families during Parent Teacher Interviews
- Kettleby PS is on Twitter – follow us @kettlebyps for the last happenings at our school

Looking Ahead at Kettleby:

- YRDSB's Every Student Counts Survey (K-12) November 12-30
 - Purpose to better understand our students and their experiences inside and outside of the school
 - Findings will be used to identify and eliminate barriers to student success; create more equitable and inclusive school environments; and improve student achievement and well-being
 - K-Grade 6 done by parent/guardian at home (about 20 minutes)
 - Grades 7-12 completed by the student at school (about 30 minutes)
 - Confidential (conducted by YRDSB through CCI Research) and voluntary
- 6 Grade 7 & 8 students from our HSSC attending Youth Voice Mental Health Conference at Maple High School November 1 with Mrs. Derr
- Treaties Recognition Week November 5-9 – resources in Library, Downie & Wenjak Legacy Schools program, Board web site
- VIP for Grade 6s starts early December (4 sessions total)
 - Grade 3, 7 and 8 have one VIP session in the 2018-19 school year
- Take Your Grade 8 to High School @ KCSS November 14 (9:15am to 1:45pm)
- KCSS Information Night for Grade 8s November 29 (7-9pm)
- Take your Grade 9 to Work November 14
- Remembrance Day Assembly (Friday, November 9th @ 11:05am)
 - Band, Music ensemble, Class Presentations
- Dental Screening December 6 (am) for FDK, Grade 2, Grade 8
- Grade 7s to BORC November 14 (Grade 2s and 4s go in February)
- Progress Reports sent home November 21 (SK to Grade 8)
 - JK Students – Observation Period for Parents/Guardians (November 26-December 14)
 - Parent Teacher Interviews November 22 (pm) & November 23 (am)
- School Monthly Focus for November: Courage
 - Monthly Assembly November 30 @9am (Grade 5 class)

Information Sharing:

- Fall School Council Forum Monday, November 19 (5:30-8:30pm) at Langstaff SS in Richmond Hill
- Principal Profile – review and update as needed
- Board Policy & Procedure #676 – School Fundraising and Administration of School Generated Funds
 - Developing a School Fundraising Plan (handout)
 - What can funds be raised for/not raised for? (handout)
 - School Fundraising Plan for 2018-19
- Donation Drive: timelines, incentives, letter to families

Considerations/Requests:

- Technology - Fall Cost Sharing (Due: December 7, 2018) (Opens November 8, 2018)
 - Cost Sharing allows a maximum of \$12,500 worth of equipment per school
 - School Max = \$4,166.67
 - Board Max = \$8,333.33
 - School \$ **MUST** be from School Generated Funds