

## Kettleby PS School Council Principal Report – September 17, 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:**

- Thank you to Mrs. Prickaerts for her years of service and volunteering on School Council and welcome to Ms. Dockerty who is joining this year as the Teacher Representative
- Successful start to the school year – settled into routines
- No Reorganization for Primary Class Size Compliance
- Staffing Update – Welcome Miss Ryan, Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. Jenkins & Madame Karametch
- Back to School Kick-off Assembly during the first week (Caring & Safe Schools; reminders about expectations and routines)
- Colour House Kick-off Assembly – new house captains from Grades 7 & 8 (September 7)
- Terry Fox Kick-off Assembly (September 12)
- Bus Safety & Evacuation for all students September 13
- Safety Week (September 24-28) – Fire Drills, Hold & Secure Drill and Lockdown Drill
- PA Day (September 24) – Annual Health & Safety Compliance Training for staff
- Annual Health & Safety Inspection for the school September 19
- Cross Country Team running during morning recess 3 times per week (Mr. Jones)
  - Area Cross Country Meet October 10 at George Richardson Park in Newmarket
- Intermediate Boys and Girls Volleyball Teams practicing during lunch recess (Mr. Jones)
  - Each team will play a few games after school, perhaps an after school tournament and participate in the Area Tournaments in November
- Terry Fox Walk/Run Thursday, September 27 (2pm) – want to recognize leadership & organization of Mrs. Dawe & Madame Karametch and our Team Terry Leaders
  - Will be our first colour house event
  - Families welcome to join us
- Healthy School Student Club (group of students from Grades 5-8) up and running again – final touches on our ‘Chill Zone’
  - Order for furniture placed – thank you to Council for these funds at the end of last year
- Nutrition Snack Program – Ms. Dockerty
- Helping Hands initiative new for September 2018 – students in Grades 3-8 encouraged to participate in two volunteer activities throughout the school year (i.e., Eco, Moo Crew, Announcers, Bus Captains, etc.)
- Assembly Format for 2018-19 – focus on well-being, connecting with one another, creativity & innovation
  - Monthly themes – focus on Well-Being & Indigenous Education
  - School Assembly for September on Friday (October 5 @ 9am)

- September's focus: Welcome to Our Journey
- 2017-18 EQAO Results will be released September 19 (available on EQAO website or YRDSB website; published in October school newsletter)
  - Individual Student Reports for last year's Grade 3 and 6 students will be sent home to parents/guardians during the beginning of October; copy is also placed in student OSRs
- Meet the Staff Night Wednesday, September 26 (Classrooms Open 6:30-7:30pm)
- Parent Teacher Interviews November 22 and 23 – sign up will be done through Edsby going forward
- Busing
- Kettleby PS is on Twitter – follow us @kettlebyps for the last happenings at our school

### **Looking Ahead at Kettleby:**

- Picture Day Tuesday, October 2 (Lifetouch Photography) individual and class pictures
- Immunizations for Grade 7 students (Hep B & HPV) October 12
- Pizza and Pasta starting middle of October on Mondays & Wednesdays; looking at having Swiss Chalet once per month
- Milk Program to start up middle of October
- Dental Screening will be coming up – waiting to be informed of date for our school
- PA Day October 22 – purpose is to look at implementation and monitoring of School Improvement Plan based on areas of Board focus which include Mathematics, Modern Learning and Mental Health
- Fall/Halloween Parade afternoon of October 31<sup>st</sup> – details will be sent home

### **Information Sharing:**

- Construction over the Summer: updated fire and security systems, accessible washroom, two lifts at the stairs, new flooring to replace carpeted areas, new washroom fixtures (toilets), old oil tank removed
  - Summer 2019 – lighting to be replaced and become LED
- EQAO Results and School Climate Survey data (students, staff & parents/guardians) – Staff to analyze and discuss during staff meeting and PA Day in October
- Principal to share presentation about school's results and improvement plan at future School Council meeting (October or November)
- 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)
  - Principal to share School Fundraising Plan with School Council at October meeting

### **Considerations/Requests:**

- Technology - Fall Cost Sharing (information not out yet)
  - Purchase additional Chromebooks for student use and additional iPads and/or laptops for carts in classrooms

- Moving away from the desktops as they become out dated and in need of repair; opening space up in our Library as we establish our school Maker Space
- Request funds to support updating of Ms. Pallarca and Mrs. Derr's room – a break room; comfortable seating, storage and to complete furniture order for our Chill Zone (request \$1000)