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KLEINBURG P.S. NEWSLETTER

February 2016

Dear Families,

Term One report cards will be coming home on Friday, February 19, 2016. As Term Two begins, it is a good time to sit with your child to reflect on their achievement over Term One and co-create goals for Term Two. At school, we will continue to encourage students to do their very best both academically and as responsible citizens.

After reviewing our school attendance data, it is evident that arriving late for school is a significant issue for some students. Punctuality is an essential life skill. At 8:33 am our two minute warning bell sounds and will be followed by an announcement indicating to all students that they are to move to their respective first period class. At 8:35 am students are to be lined up and ready for their first period class and for O'Canada. Any student not in their classroom by 8:40 must report to the office and sign in. We ask that you do your very best to ensure your child is able to arrive to school on time.

The month of February sparks excitement at home as the Family Day long weekend approaches. We know many families are making plans for the weekend or just taking the time out to relax as a family. Whatever you choose to do to celebrate, we wish you a fun-filled long weekend with family and friends!

Please mark your calendars as **Family Day is February 15/16, report cards will be coming home on February 19/16, March Break is March 14/16 to March 18/16 and that Easter weekend is March 25/16 to March 28/16!**

Have a wonderful February!

Greg Morandi
Principal

MESSAGE FROM OUR TRUSTEE

Although winter still feels far from over some days, we are now halfway through the school year. With report cards coming home, this is a good time to review progress and celebrate what your children have learned both inside and outside of the classroom. This is also a good time to set goals for the months ahead.

One of our goals set out in the Board of Trustees' [Multi-Year Plan](#) is to "continuously increase student achievement and well-being through a culture of caring and learning." Developing this supportive culture includes engaging parents/guardians and other members of the school community in public education and working together to create safe and supportive school environments that enable students to thrive.

As parents/guardians, there are many ways you can get engaged in your child's education and support their learning, including talking with them about school, communicating with teachers, attending school events or school council meetings, and volunteering in the school. However you get involved, know that you are making a difference.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I wish you all the best an enjoyable and successful second term.

ARE YOU MOVING?



In order to plan for September 2016, it is important to have accurate enrolment projections. If your family is planning to move, and you have not done so, please inform the office. It would be helpful if you could give us your new address and the name of the new school. Currently Kleinburg P.S is closed to transfer requests. If you have any questions please contact the school.

RECYCLE THE RAINBOW UPDATE!

Come to the front entrance of the school and see the number of markers we have in our marker bin. We are excited to announce that a number of schools across York Region have started their own recycle project after they heard about our initiative. We hope to fill the bin to the very top by the end of the year. Please help by sending in your markers and help up Recycle the Rainbow.

Mrs. Mumford's Class



LE BONHOMME CARNAVAL

Fêtons Le Carnaval. Le bonhomme Carnaval va arriver à Kleinburg P.S le 11 et 12 février. Grades 1-5 will be participating in a variety of outdoor activities. Please check the weather channel and have the student dress appropriately. Nous espérons de nous amuser beaucoup!!!!

KLEINBURG PUBLIC SCHOOL'S OFFICIAL TWITTER

It is an exciting time at Kleinburg Public School as we have now launched our very own school Twitter. Our school twitter will be used to post news, school information upcoming events and announcements. This does not replace the online calendar, eblitz or ebulletins. It is a complement for those who might prefer this alternative.

Twitter is a completely free resource available to anyone with access online. Access to our KPS “tweets” can be gained without having or registering for a Twitter account. Simply type our twitter user name **@KPSCoyotes** into any search engine and our page will come up for you to explore. More information on YRDSB Twitter protocol can be found at: <http://www.yrdsb.ca/AboutUs/Departments/PACS/Pages/Twitter-Protocol.aspx>

Due to the fact that we are keeping our page open for public viewing, we will not be displaying names or faces of any students within our learning community. We will however be showing them in action as they participate in our learning activities from behind, or their hands showing their work.

For those who are new to Twitter and wish to learn more, below are some useful links for learning:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J0xbjIE8cPM>

<http://computer.howstuffworks.com/internet/tips/how-to-use-twitter.htm>



You can begin following us immediately **@KPSCoyotes**

Kind regards,

KPS' Twitter Team

FROM OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY – FEBRUARY 2016

Canadian Author visits KPS

On Wednesday, January 27, 2016 Canadian author, Eric Walters spent the day at KPS and met all students from JK/SK to Grade 8. He delivered an inspirational and informative multi-media presentation to each division and geared them according to student interests and needs. Both students and staff were fully engaged and enjoyed hearing about the whole process involved in researching and inquiring topics he chose to write about. Some of our students responded to the day with Eric Walters in the following way:

"I was very excited when Eric Walters came because he is such a *deep* writer and *experiences* his stories. He walks in the shoes of others."

"I've read several of his books and I love them!"

"I liked that Eric Walters visited several countries and met many children living there."

"Eric Walters shared interesting information about many different animals."

"Eric Walters does what he does because he cares about people and he talks about social justice and this causes people to think."

"He does what he does to inspire, help people and make an impact on the human race. His message is very clear and it is linked to respect."

Please visit his website at www.ericwalters.ca for photographs and further information.

This event was supported by funding received from the BinderTwine 2015 Quilt Raffle proceeds. KPS staff and students are very appreciative!

Forest of Reading

Students from JK/SK to Grade 8 will be able to read many new and exciting book selections from the 2016 Forest of Reading. These books are all written by Canadian authors within the past two years. Students all across Ontario may be reading these books and if eligible, will be able to vote for their winning selection in each division. Students in the Primary Division will have the opportunity to read and evaluate the Blue Spruce collection, Junior Division students read and evaluate the Silver Birch selections and our Intermediate students work on the Red Maple selections. If our students meet the criteria for voting (reading a minimum of 5 books

per category), they will place their votes on-line during our school voting day in April 2016. After the vote, all of these titles will become part of our Library collection of Canadian authors for all to enjoy.

Black History Month

In celebration of Black History Month, classes will be reading and exploring various sources of information to further their understanding of Canadian Black history. Canada is one of the most diverse countries in the world. Many of our people come from different backgrounds – African, Chinese, Scottish, Ukrainian, and First Nations to name a few. We will be touching on the stories of many people and their place in Canadian history.

THE LITERACY LINK

Completing homework on time contributes to school success.

- Homework reinforces skills learned in the classroom and provides additional practice.
- It allows children to be responsible and work independently.
- It maintains a link between home and school by encouraging children to talk about what they are learning, while providing parents with an opportunity to see how their children are progressing.

Four Things You Can Do to Help Your Child with Homework

1. Show that you think education and homework are important.

- Set a regular time and quiet place for completing homework.
- Have homework supplies available.
- Encourage responsibility for completing and returning homework.
- Talk with your child about homework assignments.



2. Monitor your child's work.

- Identify teacher expectations for completing assignments.
- Read and initial your child's agenda nightly. Encourage your child to keep a calendar with due dates of upcoming assignments.
- Check returned assignments for teacher comments.

3. Provide guidance.

- Don't do the assignments yourself! If your child gets stuck, help him/her solve the problem without giving the answer.
- Encourage good study habits. Your child may work more efficiently by using a timer or completing harder assignments first.
- Consider breaking big assignments into more manageable parts. Set realistic time frames for completing each task.

4. Talk with someone at school if a problem comes up.

- Use e-mail, notes, phone calls, or a teacher's website to locate homework information or to contact the teacher.

- Request a conference or call your child's teacher if difficulties arise. Create a plan to solve homework problems.
- Follow up with the teacher to make sure the plan is working.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION TO COMMENCE JANUARY 15, 2016

Kindergarten registration will commence on January 15, 2016 for the 2016-17 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website. Children who turn four or five years old during 2016, live within the school boundary and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten. A kindergarten information session for parents is being planned for this spring. For more information on registration please visit the [YRDSB website](#) or contact the school.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- Birth Verification of student, which may include, but not limited to, birth certificate; statement of birth; birth registration; refugee claimant form; permanent resident card; confirmation of permanent residence (not application for); baptismal certificate; passport; citizenship card; First Nation, Métis, Inuit ancestry; record of landing; substitute registration of birth or adoption; or other Ontario government-sanctioned document approved by the superintendent of schools
- Custody/Adoption documentation if applicable
- Proof of Residency of the student - two documents, one from each of the categories below showing the home address;
 - Category A - notice of tax assessment, current rental/lease agreement, agreement to purchase including proof of purchase provided before the pupil attends the school, or property tax bill, and
 - Category B - utility bill, bank statement or other official document

Registration begins on Friday, January 15, 2016

CHARACTER MATTERS

In the month of February we focus on Empathy

What is empathy? To show empathy is to identify with another's feelings. It implies sharing the load, or "walking a mile in someone else's shoes" in order to appropriately understand that person's perspective. How you can demonstrate empathy:

- ◆ Take the time to listen to someone.
- ◆ Be respectful by accepting their feelings.
- ◆ Imagine how you would feel if you were in their situation.
- ◆ Make sure everyone feels included.

K.P.S. COLOUR YEARBOOK NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

Nothing captures the energy and excitement at your school like a yearbook filled with photographs and achievements, especially those of your child. And while you can appreciate how quickly the time will pass and those events will fade, your child likely isn't thinking that way. Help them to have truly lasting memories with the purchase of their yearbook each year during their school years so they'll have a complete story to share with their own children one day.

- \$30.00
- Books will be delivered June 2016.
- Contact: Gabriella Di Padre, OCT

HALF AND FULL PAGE COLOUR YEARBOOK AD SPACE

HALF AND FULL PAGE COLOUR YEARBOOK AD SPACE:

Our K.P.S. yearbook reserves limited space for businesses and other community members to advertise. Our students are now, or could be your customers, along with their families and friends. Reach them all as though your business card was sitting in front of them -- a reminder of your business and services. Take this opportunity to advertise your business to customers and future customers in an atmosphere of happiness and joy.

HALF PAGE - \$150.00 **FULL PAGE** \$300.00

- Contact: gabriella.dipadre@yrdsb.ca
- Deadline March 31, 2016

SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER

There are many committees that are meeting this month to start preparing for the upcoming events that school council organizes. If you would like to be involved with anything that council does, you don't need to be a council member to do so! Please contact any member of the school council executive if you have any questions about what we do and how you can help! Our next council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday February 23, 2016 at 7 p.m. and will be held in the library. All KPS parents/guardians are welcome to attend.

Pancake Breakfast: Our annual Pancake Breakfast takes place on Wednesday, February 17th and Thursday, February 18th in the morning. All students will be served 2 pancakes. This is meant to be a snack and not a replacement for breakfast in the morning. Anyone who would like to make a donation of disposable cutlery, plates and maple syrup are invited to contact our council chair, Michelle Qubti. Volunteers are needed for this very popular event! Please email Michelle, mqubti@rogers.com if you can help flip pancakes and serve!



Creative Builder's Club: Creative Builder's Club has started and runs on Tuesdays during the lunch time recess! The students are thoroughly enjoying the creative outlet and the opportunity to make new friends in other grades! If you would like to help out with this club and have your completed Vulnerable Sector Screening on file at the office, please contact Jane Hunter at jane@fittonhunter.com.



Spirit Wear: Back by popular demand! School Council is arranging to make KPS Coyote T-Shirts and Hoodies available for purchase soon! We have many new students at KPS and children have outgrown their spirit wear from years past so now is a great time to go shopping! Costs will be kept as low as possible and any net proceeds will go toward funding School Council initiatives. Details will be coming soon!

You're The Chef Program for Grade 7 Students: All Grade 7 students learn about nutrition, food preparation and presentation by participating in this hands-on, council sponsored, public health program. This event is incredibly fun, engaging and delicious! If you would like to volunteer to help with this event, please contact Mary Aceto, proto1228@gmail.com or Franca Chari, fchari@rogers.com. The event will take place on Friday May 20th, 2016.



Frozen Yogurt Sales: Parent volunteers continue to distribute frozen yogurt and frozen fruit juice cups on Fridays at lunch. Help is always appreciated! We meet in the kitchen by the gymnasium at 11:50 a.m. and are done by 12:20 p.m. Remember that you may still sign up to have your children receive this treat every week. Alternatively, students are able to buy a frozen treat by paying \$2.00 at the time of distribution.

Graduation Celebrations: It's true! We are starting to plan for the graduation ceremonies that take place in June! Grade 8 graduation will take place on **Thursday, June 23, 2016**. The Senior Kindergarten Celebration has yet to be finalized. Please contact the parent leads for these committees if you would like more information or if you are able to help!



Grade 7 Parents Decorating Committee is responsible for decorating the gymnasium and the preparations for the party that takes place after the ceremony for the Grade 8 Graduates. Please contact Lara Zanette, lara_zanette@rogers.com.

Grade 8 Parents Party Committee is responsible for organizing food and beverages and other treats for the Grade 8 students to enjoy at the party after the graduation ceremony. Please contact Yvonne Rydeen, yvonner66@yahoo.com and/or Katy Fortuna, Kt42na@hotmail.com.

Charity Drive Letters of Gratitude: The following are letters we received from the families that received the gifts our KPS school community brought in for our annual Charity Drive.

To Whom It May Concern:

We would like to thank you for your much appreciated gifts to our children. They love them so much and were very happy to wake up Christmas morning. The look on A & V's faces when they woke up was so joyous!

With much appreciation, The H. Family

Every parent wishes to see the smile on their child's face as Christmas time. You helped make that wish come true with your donations to Lakeside Public School. I am truly grateful for the help I received. Without the generosity of the many people that donated at a time of need, I truly would not know what I would have done. Thank you for opening your hearts to a family in need.

Sincerely, J.M.

Dear Parents That Donated:

We would like to thank you for helping us give our daughter a good Christmas we would not otherwise have been able to. She is happy and thankful.

Thank you, M Family

To all those that make donations to our school to help families out at Christmas time, I want to say THANK YOU! This Christmas is the first time I've had to accept help to provide from my 10 year old daughter. To see the look of her excitement, to hear her squeals of delight, I wish you

could see what your donations did for my daughter this Christmas morning. Her smile is because of the kindness and caring that come from you.

I'm so thankful to everyone! K.K.



Kleinburg Public School

**February
2016**

Important Information

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 NO SCHOOL P.A. Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Lunar New Year Career Cruising opens	9 Ash Wednesday	10 MADD Presentation (grade 7 and 8)	11 Carnaval K-5	12 Carnaval K-5 Pioneer Village – Grade 3's	13
14	15 NO SCHOOL Family Day	16 Gr. 5s - York Regional Police Community Safety Village	17	18	19 Report Cards go home	20
21	22	23 School Council @ 7:00	24 Poetry Slam Grade 1's - Aladdin	25	26	27
28	29					