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APRIL 2018

Dear Families;

The weather is starting to improve and we look forward to the upcoming flowers of spring. Along with the end of winter though, comes the muddy season. We will be reminding students to stay away from the muddy areas and the standing water. However, parents of young children may wish to send along dry socks in their backpacks. Also, light rain or wind pants may prevent you from having to make a trip to school with dry clothing.

As the weather improves we ask your family to consider walking to and from school. Walking allows families to get early morning and late afternoon exercise, spend time together, help the environment, enjoy fresh air and save money on gas for the car. To get in the habit of walking to (and from school), try the following:

- Set the alarm clock earlier for the same amount of time it takes to walk to school
- Organize jackets, shoes/boots, umbrellas, backpacks, books, gym gear, etc. the night before
- Plan to leave for school earlier than usual to have time for the walk
- Walk with neighbors and friends for some extra social time.

Also with the warm weather some students begin to use their skateboards, bicycles, scooters, and roller blades as a means of transportation to and from school. We are accustomed to the eagerness of our students to share their skill and expertise on these pieces of equipment as they use them on their way to school. For safety reasons, we ask that students are careful and obey the rules of the road when riding these to school and that they pick up these pieces of equipment or take them off when on school property. We also ask that all students wear the appropriate safety equipment (helmet, wrist guards, etc.) We would ask that all parents review this with their child/children.

Sincerely,

Greg Morandi
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Donna Donalds
Vice Principal

SUMMER INSTITUTE

Looking for summer learning and fun activities for students entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8? [Summer Institute](#) offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum.

The program runs for six weeks during July and August. It is offered at 11 school sites around York Region.

For more information on dates, programs and locations, please visit the [Summer Institute](#) page on www.yrdsb.ca.

Registration opens March 7. Families can now register online, as well as in person or by mail.

Base Registration Weekly Fees:

York Region District School Board students: \$105 (4 day weeks) \$120 (5 day weeks)

Non- York Region District School Board students: \$130 (4 day weeks) \$155 (5 day weeks)

EQAO 2018

From May 22/18 to May 26/18, the Grade 3 and Grade 6 students will be participating in the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics. In six one-hour sessions, students will complete a variety of assessment activities designed to allow them to demonstrate their skills and knowledge relating to reading, writing and mathematics as described in The Ontario Curriculum. The assessment is administered province-wide and is developed by Ontario teachers and assessment experts to reflect curriculum expectations. The provincial assessments are part of Ontario's education program. All students who attend publicly funded schools and who follow The Ontario Curriculum are required to write them. Students with special education needs are permitted some accommodations that are consistent with their regular classroom practices. Special provisions may also be permitted for English language learners. If a student does not have the ability to participate in part or all of the assessment – even with accommodations – the principal may exempt the student in consultation with school staff and the parents or guardians. Please strive to schedule appointments and any holidays around these dates.

Please click on the link below to access information and resources to help parents:

Grade 3 - <http://www.eqao.com/en/assessments/primary-division/parents/Pages/parents.aspx>

Grade 6 - <http://www.eqao.com/en/assessments/junior-division/parents/Pages/parents.aspx>

LOOKING AHEAD – PLANNING FOR 2018-2019

In the upcoming months current homeroom teachers, appropriate support staff and the school administration will be working to develop balanced classes for 2018-2019 that strive to best meet the needs of all our students. All class placement decisions are made after extensive planning, preparation, and discussion on the part of many people. Our primary goal is to develop balanced classes that reflect the diversity of our learners, and allow the variety of interests and talents of our students to emerge.

After working with your child over the course of this year, your child's teachers have a very good understanding of your child's abilities and needs, both academic and social. Each new year brings opportunities for all students to meet new friends and expand their circle of acquaintances.

The writing of letters requesting a specific teacher and /or placement with certain friends often results in the school receiving many letters. As you can imagine, honoring each request is impossible and makes it extremely difficult for us to create "balanced" classes. **Please be aware that we do not accept requests for specific**

teachers and/or for particular groups of students to remain together but will accept letters describing a classroom environment or classroom dynamic which you feel best meets the learning style of your child.

How Can Parents Help?

The teachers and administration at Kleinburg P.S. strive to provide the best possible learning environment for all students. Open dialogue between parents and teachers helps us to accomplish this and has a direct and positive influence on your child's learning. If you have information about your child that may have an impact on his/her ability to learn effectively, you are encouraged to share that information with his/her teachers at the beginning and throughout the school year.

Parents play a critical role in helping their child make the adjustment to a new teacher and new classmates. Teachers will be working very hard to make sure they create inviting learning environments for all their students. Your active support in helping your child remain positive about the new challenges ahead is important for a smooth transition to the new class.

Team Teaching Approach

Our teachers work collaboratively in grade teams to deliver a consistent program to all students. This approach ensures that all students receive the same program regardless of class placement.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school, should you have any questions regarding class placement process.

MATHEMATICS

How can I support my child's learning? You are an important partner in your child's mathematics education. When you find ways to engage your child in thinking and talking about mathematics, you are providing an important key for unlocking his or her future success. Today, critical thinking, problem solving, reasoning ability and the ability to communicate mathematically are essential skills. These processes are the foundation of mathematics instruction in Ontario schools. They are brought into play as you engage your child in the activities suggested in this guide. Enjoy learning together! Helping students achieve excellence in mathematics is part of Achieving Excellence: A Renewed Vision for Education in Ontario. Learn more at ontario.ca/eduvision

Doing Mathematics with Your Child, Kindergarten to Grade 6: A Parent Guide 2

Top Tips for Parents

- Build strong, positive attitudes about math. When children feel positively engaged and successful, they are more likely to stick with an activity or a problem to find a solution.
- Begin with activities that meet your child's level of mathematical understanding. Early success in solving problems will build your child's confidence. Gradually move to activities that provide more challenge for your child.
- If you and your child are more comfortable in a language other than English, use it. Your child will understand concepts better in the language that he or she knows best.

(source - Doing Mathematics with Your Child, Kindergarten to Grade 6 is an update of the Ontario Ministry of Education's Helping Your Child Do Mathematics: A Guide for Parents.

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/literacynumeracy/parentGuideNumEn.pdf>

MENTAL HEALTH

In the month of April, we focus on **FAIRNESS** and **INCLUSIVENESS**

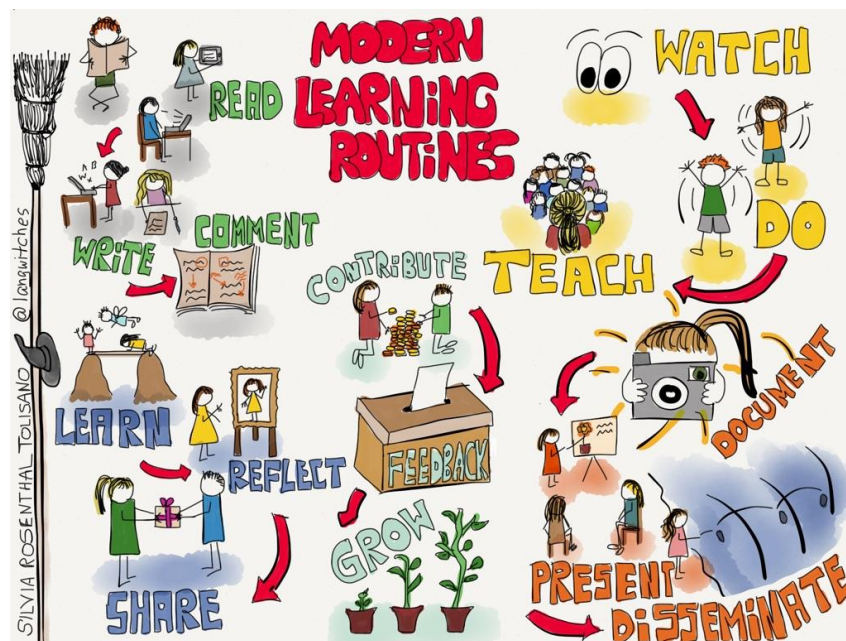
- ✓ We are sensitive to the needs of each individual.
- ✓ We treat each other as we wish to be treated ourselves.
- ✓ We interact with others without stereotyping, prejudice or discrimination.
- ✓ We stand up for human rights

 *Character*
Matters!

MODERN LEARNING

Routines exist in all classrooms; they are the patterns by which we operate and go about the job of learning and working together in a classroom environment. A routine can be thought of as any procedure, process, or pattern of action that is used repeatedly to manage and facilitate the accomplishment of specific goals or tasks.

The patterns of Modern Learning Routines to support contemporary literacies (network, information, media, global and digital citizenship) and skills (communicate, collaborate, create, critical thinking and connecting) are illustrated below.





ARE YOU MOVING/CHANGING SCHOOLS?

In order to plan for September 2018, it is important to have accurate enrolment projections. If your family is planning to move or planning to change schools, and you have not done so, please inform the office. It would be helpful if you could give us the name of the new school. **Currently Kleinburg P.S. is closed to transfer requests.** If you have any questions, please contact the school.

Please complete and return below if moving

In planning for next year's classes, it is most helpful to know if your child or children will be attending another school in September 2018. If your child currently attends Kleinburg Public School and you will be moving out of the school's attendance area, please complete the below information and return to the office as soon as possible.

Not Returning in September 2018

Student's Name: _____ Teacher: _____ Grade _____

Student's Name _____ Teacher: _____ Grade _____

Student's Name _____ Teacher: _____ Grade _____

Student's Name _____ Teacher: _____ Grade _____

Next School: _____ School Board: _____

CONTRIBUTE TO STRATEGIC PLANNING AT YRDSB - UPCOMING TOWN HALLS

York Region District School Board is revisioning its Multi-Year Plan (MYP) and Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well-being. The Board of Trustees is responsible for setting the strategic direction of public education in York Region public schools. The MYP incorporates the direction established by the Trustees with feedback received from all stakeholders, and will inform decision making at the Board in the years to come. Town halls will be taking place across the region and feedback collected from families and community members will inform the creation of a new MYP. Your voice is important and your input and feedback will help York Region District School Board support student achievement and well-being. There will also be other opportunities, including a survey available in April, to share your thoughts if you are unable to attend a town hall.

Save the Date!

TOWN HALL DATES AND TIMES	LOCATIONS
Monday, April 16, 2018 7 - 9 p.m.	Keswick High School 100 Biscayne Blvd., Keswick
Wednesday, April 18, 2018 6 - 9 p.m.	Markville Secondary School 1000 Carlton Rd., Markham
Sunday, April 22, 2018 2 - 4 p.m.	Sir William Mulock Secondary School 705 Columbus Way, Newmarket

Wednesday, April 25, 2018 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Maple High School 50 Springside Rd., Maple
Saturday, April 28, 2018 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Bayview Secondary School 10077 Bayview Ave., Richmond Hill

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Supporting kids' health for more than 30 years, Heart & Stroke Jump Rope for Heart encourages kids to get active by skipping rope and other physical activity, while they raise awareness and collect pledges for heart disease and stroke research. This program gives children the chance to jump and play alongside 750,000 other kids in more than 4,000 schools across Canada.

Jump Rope for Heart also features simple challenges and information that teach kids the benefits of being active and eating healthy. It's a fun way for the whole family to learn how to live long, healthy lives. Support your child in this exciting journey for a great cause!

Making a donation is an individual choice and not dependent on whether your child gets to participate in the event. Jump Rope for Heart is an all-inclusive, non-competitive event.

Please consider supporting your child's fundraising efforts by making a cash or cheque donation in the amount of your personal choosing in the attached envelope. All cheques should be written to "Heart and Stroke Foundation". All donations of \$20.00 or more are eligible for a tax receipt, so please fill in donor information on the pledge form!

Students can also fundraise online at www.jumpropeforheart.ca. Fundraising online is the best way to reach your child's fundraising goal and earn great Thank You prizes. Here's why:

- ✓ It's safe and secure. Your privacy and personal information is important to us.
- ✓ Easy to contact out-of-town family and friends. Use email, Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn to send links to your child's personal fundraising page.
- ✓ Instant tax receipts. Your donors get tax receipts via email. There's no need for you to keep track.
- ✓ Less hassle. Save time keeping track of donations.
- ✓ Save some trees. Online means less paper — and that's a more environmentally conscious way to raise funds.

Our Jump Rope for Heart KICK OFF ASSEMBLY was on **Tuesday March 27, 2018 at 9 am**

Our Jump Rope for Heart EVENT DAY is **End of April - Date to be determined**

Together, we can help protect hearts and keep all kids healthy!

HAPPY THINGS LITERACY FROM MRS. GABRIELLA DI PADRE, OCT IN THE COYOTE DEN

www.kps000.wixsite.com/litinthedden  @LitInTheDen  @LitInTheDen

APRIL: HEAL THE WORLD

April brings forth great aspirations for increasing our Eco-Awareness with Earth Day. This month, Coyotes are invited to think of action plans for making our environment at K.P.S. and our world a better, cleaner place. Students are challenged to reduce waste, use the appropriate disposal bins, keep their learning spaces clean and increase their use of reusable containers.



Our April **"Coyote Call Assembly"** on **April 4th** will share this month's foci:

Character Matters: Fairness and Inclusivity

Grandfather Teaching: Wisdom

Social Justice: Local and Global Citizenship

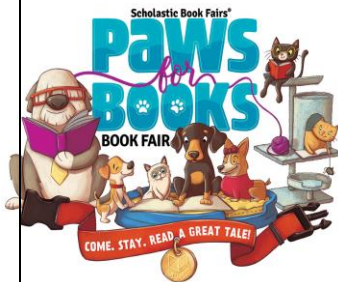
Eco-Theme: Reusable Containers

LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS (LLC):

Students, staff, and our parent community are all invited to visit our space and check out the latest additions to our Den. Additions to our collection are based on Coyote feedback, interest, the latest in literacy and replacements purchases of very well loved and/or lost books.

BOOK FAIR VOLUNTEERS

If you are able to volunteer at our Book Fair ANY time between **May 7th-14th**, please share your availability with Mrs. Di Padre. Please ensure Main Office has updated police check/Vulnerable Sector Screening.

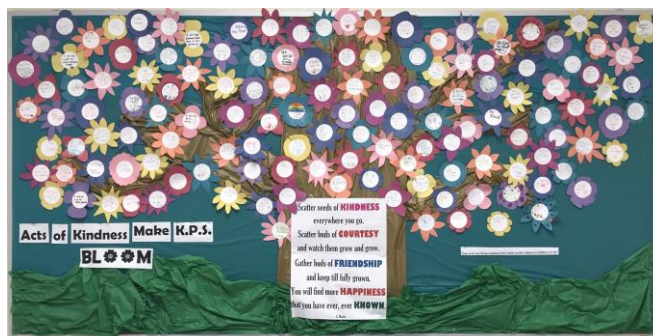


BOOK FAIR - PAWS FOR READING

During our **Wellness Week: May 7th - 14th** we will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair. The LLC will be open on the evening of **May 9th, 2018** for families to come together at our **Mental Health and Well-Being Engagement Event: Start the Conversation**. Door open at **6:45 p.m.** with presentation in our gym at **7:00 p.m.**

LLC: COLLABORATIVE DISPLAY

Spring Has Sprung in the Den. Thank you to all Coyotes for your responses on how we will be kind to others.



KEEPING YOU CONNECTED AT KPS

Please consult our school calendar at the following web address for upcoming school events:

- <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/kleinburg.ps/NewsEvents/Pages/School-Calendar.aspx>

As well please reference the following links for other information items:

- The KPS blog- <https://kleinburgps.wordpress.com/>
- The KPS twitter account - @KPS_Coyotes
- Our school website - <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/kleinburg.ps/Pages/default.aspx>
 - Our front signage
 - [Our monthly newsletter](#)
- <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/kleinburg.ps/NewsEvents/Pages/Newsletters.aspx>
 - Front Entrance Digital Signage
 - **"New"** - Mid month KPS Update
- KPS Principal Twitter account - @morandi_greg
- Parent/Guardian e mail

Please continue to access these links for school information.

APRIL SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER

NEXT MEETING:

TUESDAY

APRIL 17, 2018

7:00pm

SCHOOL LIBRARY

LET'S COME TOGETHER!



SPRING FLING FUNDRAISER



We would like to thank everyone who supported the KPS Spring Fling Fundraiser which was held last

Thursday March 29, 2018. Thank you to all those who generously donated items for the silent auction and raffle and a big thank you to all those who attended.

The evening was both fun and successful!

GRADUATION

This year's graduation will be on Wednesday June 20, 2018.

Parent volunteers are needed to be on the Graduation Committee:

Parents of Grade 7 students are needed to help organize and decorate for the graduation ceremony.

Parents of Grade 8 students are needed to plan the graduation dance.

Please email mqubti@rogers.com