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DECEMBER 2018

Dear Families,

As the December break approaches, we wish to thank our school community for your commitment to our students and their learning. Student achievement and well-being continues to be our focus at Kleinburg Public School. Teachers have been actively involved in assessment, planning and implementing varied learning opportunities for the students. The assessment data collected continues to inform instruction for our students and our parents/guardians have played an integral role in supporting our students in the learning process.

Winter is approaching and the cold, snowy weather will soon be here. Please know that the play structures are closed when the snow arrives. Winter boots, gloves and scarves create safety challenges on the play structures. Student safety is a priority and we thank you for your support and understanding.

Over the past three months, we have had many parent volunteers in the school and we thank them for their contributions. Parent volunteers are essential members of our school community and we can't do the work we do without them. Please know that all parent volunteers are required to have a Vulnerable Sector Screening (VSS) completed before they are able to volunteer at the school. Many teachers often ask for volunteers on school trips and you will be asked for a Vulnerable Sector Screening in order to participate as a volunteer. If you do not have a VSS please call or visit the office to get a letter from the school to take with you to the police station. This letter indicates the reason for asking for a VSS.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the **Winter Concert on, December 13, 2018**. Our students have been working really hard to practise their pieces for this event. ***Please note that the parking lot will be closed at 1:00 for the afternoon performance. Please plan accordingly.***

It is hard to believe that the holidays will soon be here. We would like to extend our best wishes for a happy and safe holiday season and best wishes for the New Year to all of our students, parents/guardians, staff and community members.

Happy December everyone!

Greg Morandi
Principal

Gayle Grossman-Bly
Vice Principal

PUNCTUALITY



Punctuality is key in teaching self-discipline. It is important that your child be on the school grounds for soft entry at **8:20** so that they may arrive in class on time and not miss the beginning of lessons or disturb those who were on time. The instructional day begins at **8:35** with a 2-minute warning sounding at **8:33**. This 15-minute window (**8:20 to 8:35**) allows for our students to be dropped off and in the school and on time for learning. Students arriving after **8:35** are late and will need to enter the front door to get a late slip. While most students may be dismissed at the end of the day, after school time is available for remedial help, class activities and for those students who may not have completed their assignments. Please know that you will be notified if your child is to stay past the dismissal time for some reason. Any late students may be required to make up the missed time at lunch or after school. Habitual lateness will result in the removal of privileges from extra-curricular activities, school trips and other school related activities. We ask parents to review this with their child (ren).

GRADE 1 STRUCTURES AND MATERIALS

As a part of our exploration of Structures and Materials, Grade 1 students have begun an investigation of what it takes to make a structure strong and stable. We conducted a test to determine which shape was the strongest: cylinder, rectangular prism or triangular prism. By counting how many duo-tangs each column would hold, we tested to see which was the strongest. Students were surprised to learn that the cylindrical column was the strongest. Students were then challenged to build a bridge out of paper and tape. We will continue to build and test various structures throughout our unit, and apply our understanding of structures when completing various challenges.



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

MENTAL HEALTH

Parents and teachers often have questions about the behaviour of children and adolescents. They may worry about whether a behaviour is appropriate for a particular age or developmental stage, or a sign that something might be wrong. They may wonder why it is occurring, and how best to respond.

The ABCs of Mental Health provides two free, web-based Resources - one for teachers and one for parents – to help answer these questions. The Resources include ideas for promoting the mental health of children and adolescents, information about how children change as they get older, descriptions of behaviours that might indicate a problem, and practical suggestions for steps to take.

<http://www.hincksdellcrest.org/ABC/Parent-Resource/Welcome>

CHARACTER MATTERS

In the month of **DECEMBER**, we are focusing on

Initiative

“Be the best you can be and do the right thing!”

Initiative is usually the first of a series of actions; a first move to a new development or a fresh approach to something.

How to demonstrate initiative:

“Begin new tasks before you are told”

“Look for work to fill your time”

“Volunteer your time”

“Demonstrate a commitment to life-long learning”

“Make suggestions”

LET’S BE KLEINBURG KIND

HOW CAN I TRY TO BE MORE KIND?

- Do something kind for yourself.

Do one kind thing for yourself each day which doesn’t involve buying something. Congratulate yourself on your achievements!

- Do one kind thing for someone else.

Each day, try to do something kind for another person. Open the door for someone, give somebody a genuine compliment ... It doesn’t matter what it is, as long as it helps somebody else!

- Resist any urges to be unkind.

If you’re on the verge of being unkind to someone, stop and reflect: What are you hoping to achieve from this? And if someone is unkind to you, don’t take it personally. Remember – they’re probably hurting.

Sure, kindness takes courage. Especially when we’re not feeling 100%. But let’s fight back against unkindness and be the best versions of ourselves that we possibly can be. Be kind to everyone, always. It might not make the world go around, but it certainly makes it a lot more joyful and comfortable to live in. It sparks openness.

Catalysts creative flow. Incites union and cohesion. And, what’s more, your kindness will come back to you one way or another!

MATHEMATICS

WINTER MATH

Winter break is right around the corner! This is a great opportunity to take time with your child and connect math to the real world. Below are some ideas that will help get you started:

- Grocery shopping can involve money, budgeting, estimating, adding, subtracting, and measuring
- Cooking can involve weighing, measuring, ordering, estimating, adding, and multiplying
- Organizing for a party can mean matching numbers of people to plates, cutlery, area of tables, ordering food, and seating arrangements
- Going on a trip by car or plane involves time, distance, budgeting, speed, comparing various routes, and shape scavenger hunts
- Completing a half finished symmetrical design using playdough (e.g., half a butterfly, tree)
- Building a snowman can involve measuring, spatial reasoning, and estimating

These ideas will help your child see the importance of math in their everyday lives through fun and interactive ways.

http://www.edugains.ca/newsite/math/schoolleader/ideas_for_school_leaders.html

The Ontario Ministry of Education recently released information for families about ***Focusing on the Fundamentals of Math***. You can access this information at <https://math.thelearningexchange.ca/training/provincial-math-training-learning-modules/parents2/>

To find out what your child will learn in math this year or to find other fun activities that you can do together as a family, please visit <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/Math/Pages/default.aspx>. Be sure to also try our [Problem of the Month](#)

MODERN LEARNING

Imagine the ideal learning environment for today's learner. What would it look like? Think about how much the world has changed in the last three decades and how rapidly it will continue to change in the years to come. How do we ensure that the instruction we provide is responsive to the shifting demands of the 21st century?

The 4 key areas of Modern Learning are:

Building Knowledge and Capacity involves connecting research and practice to build capacity and develop an understanding of the interrelationships among deep learning, skills and mindsets to support all learners as engaged and caring citizens of the world.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment involves educators, students and community partners focusing on the co-creation of learning opportunities that are authentic, experiential, flexible and personalized.



Environmental Design attends to both technological infrastructure and physical spaces. Sustainable and flexible environmental design is intentional and responsive to student needs.

Collaborative Learning Communities build, support and value partnerships among students, educators, families and communities within dynamic and flexible learning environments. Learners in collaborative communities' embrace challenges, creativity and problem solving with a commitment and responsibility for contributing to the shared learning of all members of the learning community.

KPS WINTER CONCERT

AFTERNOON CONCERT: Thursday December 13th - 1:30-2:30pm

The audience will be parents/guardians only. The entry doors will be open at 1:10pm. The show will begin at **1:30pm. Please note that the parking lot will be closed at 1:00pm.**

EVENING CONCERT: Thursday December 13th - 6:30-7:30pm

The evening show will begin at **6:30 pm**. Parents and students will begin arriving at 6:00pm with the entry doors opening at 6:10pm.

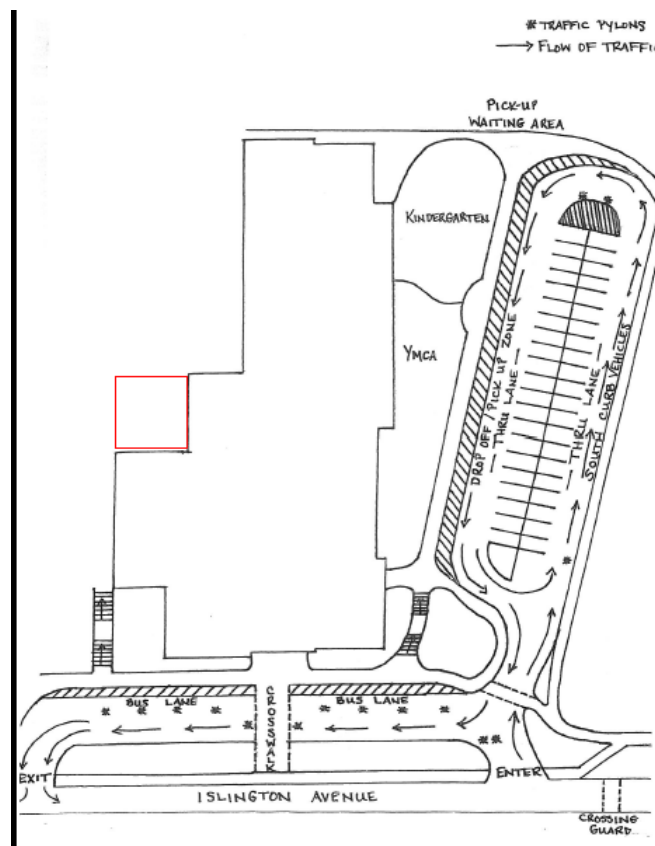
PARKING LOT

We continue to struggle with our parking lot particularly at dismissal time. We are asking all parents/

guardians to make every attempt to park close by and walk to school to pick up your child/children. We have many parents/guardians parked, blocking the drive through lane. We respectfully ask that you **DO NOT BLOCK/PARK IN THE DRIVE THROUGH LANE.** If you need to park your car to enter the school or wait for your child/children please use any available spaces along the curb, any empty parking spaces or utilize curb parking along Islington Avenue in front of the school. If not available, we ask that you follow these guidelines:

- *Park on the street or somewhere close and walk to our yard to meet your child/children at their respective door or designated spot (parking is now also available along Islington Avenue in front of the school)*
- *Continue moving through the drive through lane, not stopping and waiting and travel out of the parking lot and re - enter when a spot becomes available.*

Under no circumstances are drivers permitted to leave their vehicles if they are not parked along the curb. Drivers may park all along the perimeter of our parking lot taking careful note to not block the entrance or exit of the parking lot or permitted to stop their vehicle in the drive-through lane to let students exit the vehicle as this is extremely dangerous as drivers are not expecting students to run out from this lane. Please share this information with any guardian, grandparent or relative that drops off/picks up at the school. We as a community need to help this situation. For student safety if the situation does not improve during the busy pick up time, we will be controlling all vehicle entry to the parking lot between 2:30 and 3:05 by closing the parking lot and not allowing any cars to enter/exit (if already parked). Please help us by following the drop off and pick up guidelines. Please also see the map below to help with any questions you may have.



DECEMBER SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER

NEXT MEETING:
THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 21, 2019

7:00pm
SCHOOL LIBRARY



School Council Fundraising

Throughout the year, School Council works hard to raise money to support our children's school. This year, our first fundraiser was the Fall Festival. Together, the community of Kleinburg P.S. raised \$7124.00! Thank you to all the families who donated or volunteered their time to help the event run smoothly.

The money raised is used to support school initiatives. This year our budget will be used for:

- graduation
- technology
- healthy snacks
- School spirit events (e.g. corn roast, pancake breakfast, fun day, Drumfit)
- outdoor play and DPA class supplies and
- books for the Forest of Reading program

Join us at our next fundraiser on FEBRUARY 7 at VILLAGGIO:

LIGHTS, CAMERA, AUCTION

KPS: ONE GREAT SCHOOL, ONE GREAT PARTY, ONE GREAT NIGHT

Holiday Drive: DECEMBER 3 – 14, 2018

The annual holiday toy drive is under way. This year, each class has been assigned to one or more families to collect gifts for. Ask your child what is on their designated families wish list.

We will still accept ALL new toy and clothing gifts (even if they are not on the wish list).

Kindly contact Megan if you have any questions megangilbert@yahoo.com

"On behalf of me, my brother and my parents, just wanted to thank you for all your hard work and dedication you have done for us and for all the gifts and wishes you have granted."

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 - @KPScoyotes
- ✓ 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
 - ✓ Mid-month KPS Update
 - ✓ KPS Principal Twitter account - @morandi_greg
 - ✓ Parent/Guardian e mail

Please continue to access these links for school information.