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**Kleinburg P.S.****JUNE 2018**

Dear Families;

The month of June has arrived. It is incredible to think that we are nearing the end of another school year. This year the school has been fortunate to have had a number of wonderful opportunities for our students, staff and parents/guardians to participate in. A big thank you to all of the people who have been involved in these events.

We would like to extend a special thank you to the School Council for all their work this year. We would also like to thank the many parent volunteers and our dedicated staff who have been involved in the school. It is this partnering that makes Kleinburg P.S. so successful.

As we wrap up this school year, we are busy planning a successful start for September 2018. We are working with a tentative organization and tentative class placements. We will be notifying you by email the last week of August with your child's tentative homeroom assignment and teacher. If your email has changed, please notify the office immediately with your new email address.

To our Grade 8 graduates, may you cherish the time you have spent here at KPS. Each and every one of you has a bright future ahead and all of us here at KPS wish you much success. To the students and families leaving us for other educational experiences or moving out of the community, thank you for being a part of KPS; we wish you well in everything that you do.

Please remind your child/children to be careful and obey the rules of the road when riding skateboards, bicycles, scooters and rollerblades throughout Kleinburg. We would ask that all parents review the rules of the road with their child/children. Please follow the hyperlink below to other summer safety tips for our students from the Government of Canada.

<https://www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/rsrscs/sfttps/tp201407-en.aspx>

As June winds down and summer winds up, we would like to thank our parents/guardians, community members and the KPS staff for their continued support of the school. Happy Summer!

*Greg Morandi*

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*Donna Donalds*

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#### GRADE 4: BRING BACK THE SALMON

Mr. Wagenaar's Grade 4 class is trying to help bring back the Atlantic salmon to Lake Ontario. In January we were contacted by a biologist from the Bring Back the Salmon program. We set a date and the biologist visited our class with 100 eggs.

The biologist set up the tank by transferring the eggs to a 'fish condo' which is a plastic container with 200 compartments. Each egg gets one compartment but there are 100 extra compartments because we only got 100 eggs. Then we covered the tank in insulation to keep it cool and dark. We have to keep the tank between 3 and 6 degrees Celsius.

Every morning someone checked the temperature and counted how many eggs were hatched. We had 93 out of 100 salmon survive and sadly lost 5 (2 did not hatch at all).

In February we had another visit from a biologist. They came and gave a presentation for our class and Ms. Dewar's class. By watching the PowerPoint presentation about salmon, we know more about them.

Our class watched the salmon go through two of their lifecycle stages, sac fry and then a fry. Finally, we let the fish go in the Humber River west of Bolton on May 18. If you go to the Humber River you may see our little buddies.

If you want to learn more about the program go to [www.bringbackthesalmon.ca](http://www.bringbackthesalmon.ca)

We are counting on you to bring back the salmon with us!

By: Annalisa.Z, Jacqueline.C, Martina.B

#### JUNE 28, 2018 EARLY DISMISSAL IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

All schools in the York Region District School Board are committed to improving student achievement and well-being. On **Thursday, June 28, 2018** an early release day will take place to allow elementary teachers and support staff to take part in meetings during the afternoon of that day. These meetings will allow for school staff to engage in culminating activities regarding the review and revision of the School's Improvement Plan as well as year-end and transition activities that support student success.

As has been our practice in the past, students will attend school during the morning of **Thursday, June 28th, 2018** only. Students will be dismissed early that day at **11:25**. Arrangements will be made to ensure that students who are normally bused to and from school will receive transportation at this time. Parents/guardians whose children attend after school child care should make appropriate arrangements to address this change in schedule.

## **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2018**

The first day of school for the 2018/19 academic year will begin on **Tuesday, September 4, 2018**. Our start and end times remain the same. **School begins at 8:35 a.m. and dismissal is at 2:55 p.m.** Supervision begins at 8:20 a.m. An email will be sent out at the end of August to notify you of the class placement of your child (example, 1A, 5/6A, etc.). On the first day of school, each teacher will be outside by a chair indicating their Homeroom. Students will line up with that teacher and students will be taken to their classroom. Class lists will not be posted. If it rains, we will move to the gymnasium. Unfortunately, we are not able to share teacher names at this point as not all hiring has been completed. Kindly remember that all KPS teachers hold an Ontario College of Teachers certificate and are qualified to teach in the division and/or grade assigned. Requests to change student grade placements need to be made in writing to the Principal or Vice Principal detailing the reasons for your request. Consideration to these requests will happen at the end of September when we do a final reorganization of classes. Please understand there will be no changes made before then.

## **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.

## TENTATIVE KPS CLASSROOM ORGANIZATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2018-2019

|              |                           |
|--------------|---------------------------|
| FTJSA (FDKA) | GR4/5A                    |
| FTJSB (FDKB) | GR5A                      |
| FTJSC (FDKC) | GR5/6A                    |
|              | GR6A                      |
|              | GR6B                      |
| GR1A         | GR7/8A                    |
| GR1B         | GR7/8B                    |
| GR1/2A       | GR7/8C                    |
| GR2A         | GR7/8D                    |
| GR2B         |                           |
| GR2/3A       |                           |
| GR3A         |                           |
| GR3B         | SSCA - JUNIOR             |
|              | SSCB - INTERMEDIATE       |
| GR4A         | COMMUNITY CLASS           |
| GR4B         | CCA – Junior/Intermediate |

### MATHEMATICS

Summertime is here and school's almost out! For students, it's a time of rest, relaxation and spending time with family and friends. Not to mention probably watching loads of television, playing video and online games, having unlimited time for social media...parents soon start to worry about the resulting "brain drain" that can occur. How can we encourage children to practice and retain their math skills when all they really want to do is relax, play with friends and forget about studying? Summer learning loss is a real problem and can put students at a disadvantage when they head back to school in September. However, there are ways that parents can help their kids keep their brains sharp without making it boring and "academic" in nature. By incorporating real-life problem solving activities into daily conversations you can encourage the development of mathematical thinking and application skills. This type of learning can happen anytime, whether it be while shopping at the grocery store or the mall, taking a walk downtown, or preparing a recipe. Let's show our students and children that math IS everywhere! Have a look at the following resources for further reading and ideas.

[Growing a Summer Math Garden](#) (Education World)

[Everyday Math](#) Lessons (Family Education)

[Math Fun under the Sun](#) (National Council of Teachers of Mathematics)

[Summer Math Resource Bank](#) (New Canaan PS E-Math)

Source: Ontario Math Resources

## **MENTAL HEALTH**

### **CHARACTER MATTERS**

In the month of June, we focus on **PERSEVERANCE**.

#### **What is Perseverance?**

- refusing to stop - continuing to pursue your goal without being discouraged.

#### **How to demonstrate/achieve perseverance:**

1. Identify your goal.
2. Develop a plan to achieve your goal.
3. Prepare for any failures.
4. Take the first step.
5. If you fail, keep on trying!
6. If you fail again, re-assess your approach.
7. Believe in yourself - you can do it!

## **MODERN LEARNING**

### **STEM ACTIVITIES: ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Here are some fun hands-on activities for our students about STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) that they can access this summer.

<https://www.pinterest.ca/utwep/stem-activities-elementary-school/>

### **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION TEA**

Thank you to staff for organizing a beautiful morning celebration to honor the special helping hands of the family and friends who volunteer at KPS on a daily, weekly, and/or monthly basis. We thank you so much for the time and effort you dedicate to our students, staff, and school. We wish you a safe and restful summer holiday.

## **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)  
<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

## Happy Things Literacy from Mrs. Gabriella Di Padre, OCT in the Coyote Den

[www.kps000.wixsite.com/litintheden](http://www.kps000.wixsite.com/litintheden)



@LitInTheDen



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### June: It's a Small World!

This month is all about reflecting on this year's learning. We persevere through the heat and excitement of the approaching summer to complete final projects, units, and self-assessments. We clean up and organize to ensure that everything is in its place and ready for September and the academic year ahead.

Our June "Coyote Call Assembly" shared this month's foci:

**Character Matters:** Perseverance

**Grandfather Teaching:** Summer Solstice

**Social Justice:** Circles and Cycles

**Eco-Theme:** Everything in its Place



### LLC MATERIALS - Lost, Damaged, or Overdue

Students, staff, and our parent community are asked to ensure that all library materials are returned to our LLC by: **15 June 2018**. Materials will no longer circulate after this date. Please help your child(ren) locate **lost** materials. If you cannot locate them, please provide \$10 for soft cover books and \$20 for hardcover books.



### LLC VOLUNTEERS

A giant **COYOTE THANK YOU** to our student Teacher-Librarian Assistants, our LLC parent volunteers, and staff volunteers. 100s of new materials have joined our collection and been reached our Coyote families because of YOU! Together, you have maintained a space for us all to utilize. **THANK YOU!**



### BOOK FAIR VOLUNTEERS - Let's PAWS for an applause!!!

A giant **COYOTE THANK YOU** to all students, staff, and parent volunteers who helped make our Spring Book Fair a success. You helped organize, display, and sell over **\$8000** worth of materials (including taxes). All backordered purchases have been delivered to your child(ren). Over 100 books from this 2nd book fair will join our collections and classrooms this month. **THANK YOU!**



### YOU'RE THE BEES' KNEES!

A giant **COYOTE THANK YOU** to all staff for organizing a special Volunteer Appreciation celebration in our LLC on **Friday, June 1st**. Our volunteers work alongside our students and staff to help make our school so amazing. Your efforts - in front and behind the scenes - do not go unnoticed. **THANK YOU** for making K.P.S. 'sweeter.'





## **MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK and START THE CONVERSATION**

A giant **COYOTE THANK YOU** to the staff, students, and families that made our Mental Health Awareness Week and family engagement evening such a success! Please stay tuned for a survey coming to your email.



All Mental Health and Well-Being resources displayed at our Book Fair during START THE CONVERSATION are available for loan from our LLC. Please stop by if you are interested in checking one out!

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## JUNE SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER

NEXT MEETING:

SEPTEMBER  
2018



### THANK YOU

A big, heartfelt thank you to EVERYONE who contributed in whatever way they could this year. Many initiatives would not be possible without the commitment of our volunteer community. A special thank you to all the members of School Council and anyone who came to a meeting this year. We hope to see some new faces on School Council next September!

### TEACHER LUNCHEON

We will be hosting a teacher's appreciation luncheon on June 26. It is a pot-luck style luncheon prepared by the parents and community of KPS. Anyone who is able to prepare a dish can email Jane at [jane@fittonhunter.com](mailto:jane@fittonhunter.com). All dishes need to be dropped off at the school before 11:30 am that day.

### KINDERGARTEN CELEBRATION

#### *SAVE THE DATE*

The Kindergartens will be celebrating a fantastic year of learning on **June 21 at 1:30 pm**. Anybody interested in volunteering to plan and organize the kindergarten event can contact Megan at [megangilbert@yahoo.com](mailto:megangilbert@yahoo.com)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| June 6:      | FUN DAY   |
| June 12, 13: | Track and Field Area (Families are welcomed to come and cheer on our students!) |
| June 19:     | Track and Field Regionals   |
| June 20:     | Grade 8 Graduation  |
| June 21:     | Kindergarten Celebration  |
| June 26:     | Teacher Appreciation Luncheon   |



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# 52ND ANNUAL KLEINBURG AND AREA



**Saturday September 15, 2018**

Join us for a fun-filled day with family and friends.

Artisans, Exhibitors, and Crafts

Food Trucks and Entertainment

In order to make this year's festival a success,

We need **VOLUNTEERS** for:

Thursday and Friday evening Set /Children's Area /Gates / Parking/ Buses/ Sunday Morning  
Clean Up

Please help us by volunteering for a minimum 2-hour shift.

*Offering a few hours of your time will help make*

*OUR COMMUNITY festival a huge success!*



Please email [bindertwine.volunteers@gmail.com](mailto:bindertwine.volunteers@gmail.com)

Angela Aiello