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MARCH 2018

Dear Families,

We are amazed by the commitment of our students, staff and parents/guardians. We are moving full steam ahead with our academics and supporting extracurricular activities. The many programs in which our students are involved in and the support that the parents/guardians provide greatly enhances student learning. Everyone is working very hard and they are extremely busy with all that is happening at the school. We reinforce with students the need to balance their academic program with their extracurricular involvement. When there is a balance, students experience success in each of these areas.

There is a strong focus on success for each child at Kleinburg. We see students continually working hard, dedicated to their studies throughout the school from FDK to grade 8. The success that our students have is reflective of their hard work and we want to congratulate each and every student for their dedication to their success. We also want to say thank you to our parents and guardians who support our students behind the scenes at home and at the school. Together we all make a difference in our students' success.

A **BIG** thank you to our School Council and the many volunteers who helped with our Pancake Snack and hot chocolate. The students and staff enjoyed the day and the yummy pancakes and drinks.

Please mark your calendars as March Break runs from **Monday, March 12th through to Friday, March 16th!** School resumes Monday, March 20/18.

Have a wonderful month of March!

Sincerely,

Greg Morandi

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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)

MATHEMATICS



10 Ways to Help Your Kids Do Well in Math

Mastering mathematics is absolutely essential for future opportunities in school and careers. Your children will need to reach a certain level of competency in math to take many advanced high-school courses, to be admitted to college, and to have a wide variety of career choices. Here's how you can help them maximize their math-smarts.

by Peggy Gisler, Ed.S. and Marge Eberts, Ed.S.

Make Sure Your Children Understand Mathematical Concepts

Otherwise, math becomes a meaningless mental exercise of just memorizing rules and doing rote drills. Have your children manipulate objects to figure out basic concepts. For addition, they could add one, two, or more blocks to a pile of blocks and then tell you how many blocks are in the pile.

Help Them Master the Basic Facts

Mastery of a basic fact means that children can give an answer in less than three seconds. Considerable drill is required for children to give quick responses. Use flash cards to help your children learn the basic facts. When they don't know an answer, have them lay out objects to solve the problem.

Teach Them to Write Numbers Neatly

Twenty-five percent of all errors in solving math problems can be traced back to sloppy number writing. Improve your children's number-writing skills by having them trace over numbers that you have written. Suggest they use graph paper to keep the numbers in problems neatly aligned.

Provide Help Immediately When Your Children Need It

Math is one subject in which everything builds upon what has been previously learned. For example, a failure to understand the concept of percent leads to problems with decimals. If a teacher is unable to help your children, provide the help yourself or use a tutor or learning center.

Show Them How to Handle Their Math Homework

Doing [math homework](#) reinforces the skills your children are learning in class. Teach them to begin every assignment by studying examples. Then have them redo the examples before beginning the assignment to make sure they understand the lesson.

Encourage Them to Do More Than the Assigned Problems

Considerable practice is necessary for your children to hone their math skills. If the teacher only assigns the even problems, having them do some of the odd ones will strengthen their skills. The more time your children spend practicing their skills, the sooner they will develop confidence in their abilities.

Explain How to Solve Word Problems

Mathematicians have an expression: To learn to solve problems, you must solve problems. Teach your children to read a word problem several times. Also, have them draw a picture or diagram to describe it. Make it easier for them to understand the steps in a problem by teaching them to substitute smaller numbers for larger ones.

Help Your Children Learn the Vocabulary of Mathematics

They will never get a real feeling for math nor learn more advanced concepts without an understanding of its vocabulary. Check that your children can define new terms. If not, have them use models and simple problems to show you they understand how the term is used.

Teach Them How to Do Math "In Their Head"

One of the major ways to solve problems is by using mental math. Kids should use this method frequently instead of using pencil and paper or a calculator. When helping your children with a problem, help them determine when it would be appropriate to use mental math.

Make Math Part of Your Children's Daily Life

Mathematics will become more meaningful when your kids see how important it is in so many real-life situations. Encourage them to use math in practical ways. For example, ask them to space new plants a certain distance apart, double a recipe, and pay bills in stores.

Boosting Your Child's Language Skills

The following suggested activities take advantage of things you do every day. Do you speak another language? These activities can be done in any language and you are encouraged to use your strongest language. You play an important role when you spend time talking with your children. Teach your child new words.

When you are making dinner, ask your child to get you the *spatula* out of the *utensil* drawer.

Need to keep your child occupied? Have your child draw a picture of a room in the house. Have him/her draw in and label all of the things he/she can remember in that room.

Go beyond *happy*, *sad*, *big* or *little*. Teach your child words like *excited*, *frustrated*, *gigantic*, and *miniscule*. Use describing words and phrases to expand language skills.

Cooking and baking together is a great way to learn names for ingredients as well as action words such as *blend*, *stir* and *mix*.

Play "I spy" to learn describing words. Ask your child to find something that *flies* or *crawls*, something that *has four legs but cannot walk* or something that *you can hear*.

During car rides have your child locate or make a list of different *noises*, *moving things* or *rectangular things* she/he sees along the way. Give each child in the car a different job.

Use information books and children's magazines. Learn all about airplanes, outer space, animals or opposites.

Get organized - give your child a job! Ask your child to fold laundry. This teaches matching and organizing skills.

Give your child a catalogue or flyer to cut out groups of objects. Have him/her find and cut out pictures of appliances, or clothes you wear outside. She/he can paste them onto paper to make a little book about groups.

Create a grocery list together. Decide what fruits and vegetables to buy. Talk about how the grocery store is organized. Let your child help unpack your groceries.

Adapted from: Parents Boost Learning

MENTAL HEALTH

CHARACTER MATTERS

In the month of March, we are focusing on Honesty.

HONESTY

Honesty is when you speak the truth and act truthfully.
We behave in a sincere, trustworthy and truthful manner.



MINDFULNESS

We at the school continue to focus on Mindfulness and the impact this can have on student achievement and well being. Please see the links below for an overview on Mindfulness.

https://www.ted.com/talks/andy_puddicombe_all_it_takes_is_10_mindful_minutes

<http://www.mindfulschools.org/about-mindfulness/mindfulness-in-education/>

Dear Parent/Guardian,

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 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 is **Tuesday March 27 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!

PARKING LOT REMINDER

A friendly reminder to all parents/ guardians to make every attempt to park close by the school and walk to pick up your child/children. Most recently parents/guardians have stopped in the third lane, blocking the drive through lane.

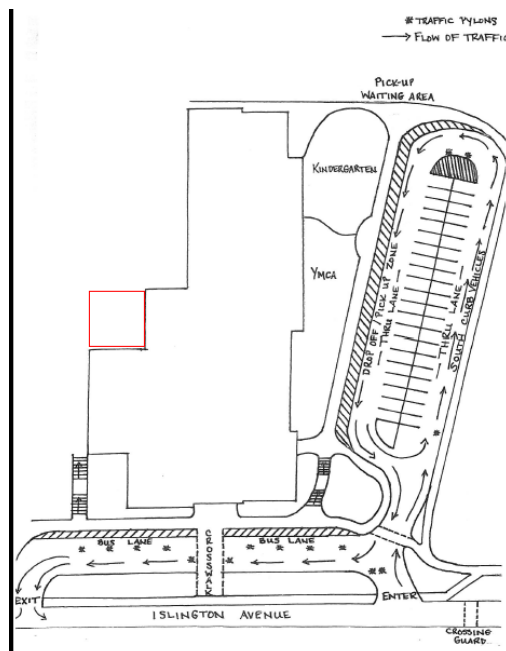
We respectfully ask that you **DO NOT BLOCK/PARK IN THE DRIVE THROUGH LANE.**

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 not to block the entrance or exit of the parking lot. Please do not stop your 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 on the proceeding page to help with any questions you may have or if needed, contact the school.



EARTH HOUR



[HTTP://WWW.EARTHHOUR.ORG/](http://www.earthhour.org/)

Hundreds of millions of people around the world unite each year to support the largest grassroots environmental event in history – Earth Hour.

What You Can Do During Earth Hour

The most important thing is simply to turn off the lights in your home, business, or wherever you are during Earth Hour. How much further you want to go is up to you. The simplest next step is to turn off all the non-essential appliances in your home and enjoy the unplugged time on your own or with family. Many choose to head outside during Earth Hour, socializing at official and unofficial outdoor Earth Hour gatherings. At KPS we will be honoring Earth Hour on Friday March 23 by powering down between 1:15 and 2:15.



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

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

Please continue to access these links for school information.

MARCH SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER

NEXT MEETING:

TUESDAY

APRIL 17, 2018

7:00 pm

SCHOOL LIBRARY

LET'S COME TOGETHER!



SPRING FLING FUNDRAISER

The 2nd annual Spring Fling School Fundraiser is quickly approaching. It is a great way to meet and mingle with the parents and teachers of Kleinburg P.S. Please join us on:

Thursday March 29, 2018 at 7 pm

XXI Chop (inside The Doctor's House)

Tickets are available through School Cash Online:

Before March 9: \$60

After March 9: \$65

Pancake Day and Hot Chocolate

A huge thank-you to everyone who came to help out with Pancake Day and serving Hot Chocolate at the Carnavale.

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