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October 2018 – Midmonth Update

Dear Families;

It is starting to feel as though we have left summer behind as we are now enjoying some beautiful fall weather in Kleinburg. Students are excited about the new learning happening in their classrooms and have built strong relationships with staff and peers.

It was wonderful to meet so many families at the KPS corn roast. We saw so many learners glowing with pride as they shared their classrooms and their hard work. Special thanks to our School Council for adding a popcorn treat to the evening. We look forward to seeing many of you at our school council meeting this Thursday October 18th.

Students are continuing to enjoy a number of extracurricular experiences at KPS. We had a large number of students participate in our running club and cross country events. Congratulations to all participants!

In recent weeks, students demonstrated their commitment to personal and emergency safety during our recent Fire Drills and initiation of Lockdown procedures.

Part of being a caring and safe school at KPS is our commitment to "Kleinburg Kind". Each day we work to consider ways that we can show kindness to ourselves, our friends, our school, our environment, our family and the wider community.

We are looking forward to enjoying our **Fall Festival on October 31st**. We greatly appreciate the hard work of the School council will be putting in to provide décor for the dance which will take place in the gym on that day. For those who choose to wear costume on this day, please be aware of our board policy:

Students celebrating this occasion in costume at our school must comply with the Safe School's policy. Costume accessories including, but not limited to, toy guns, knives, axes, swords, etc. are not in compliance with York Region District School Board's Safe Schools Policy #668.0.

Yours in Partnership,

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STUDENT IDEAS ABOUT SAFE AND EFFECTIVE INTERNET USE

Digital Citizenship and Online Collaboration

By Giulia, Grade 8.

What is a Digital Citizen?

Digital citizenship is when you become a dedicated online citizen. You become a digital citizen when you work, learn or play online. Digital citizenship is important for students at KPS because they all have accounts on Google to complete assignments, projects and other things. It is also important because most kids in the older grades use all kinds of different social media. It is extremely important that everyone understands the rules of digital citizenship and that KPS has an amazing online reputation.

What is Online Collaboration?

One way you use digital citizenship is through online collaboration. Online collaboration is very important in the school and business community. It is a way to communicate to discuss ideas and topics online. When you work virtually with others you are using an online collaboration tool. Online collaboration tools are the apps or websites you use to collaborate on; some examples are Skype, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, Google Docs, imessage, and Google Slides. When you online collaborate you need to have a positive attitude and respect the people you are working with. When you are disrespectful you are not using this tool effectively. In some cases, such as bullying you can get in serious trouble with the school or police. In conclusion, online collaboration plays a big role in digital citizenship and we expect the kids at KPS to use it in order to be a good digital citizen.

HOW POSITIVE IS YOUR DIGITAL FOOTPRINT?

By: Sydney Grade 8



At Kleinburg Public School we have a technological school program. We have multiple computers (MacBooks, Chromebooks), iPads and other types of technology that students use each day to further enhance their learning. Students are able to use the technology whenever they have permission from their teachers. Each one of our KPS students are digital citizens, and I am sure you all are as well.

As a digital citizen, you are someone who uses the internet regularly and responsibly. There are several parts to being a digital citizen. One that should always be remembered is you and your child's digital footprint.

A digital footprint is information about a particular person that exists on the internet as a result of their online activity.

Any unknown person can search your name and find your previous internet history. Your digital footprint can be positive or negative.

(Tech terms)

To make sure that we have a positive footprint it is important to constantly be mindful of:

- What you are searching online
- As parents and guardians, always be aware of what your children are exploring on the internet.
- Reminding your children to be responsible and mature while online, no matter what they are doing.

If not, your children may be punished and have to face serious consequences

In order for our school to be a positive technology school, we always have to be aware of what we research, post, or comment online. Thank you!

PUNCTUALITY

A reminder to continue to support timely arrival of your children to optimize their success and well-being at school. It is important that your child be on the school grounds at 8:20 each day.

WHAT IS THE LEARNING COMMONS?



The Learning Commons is a whole school vision of students, staff and community members learning collaboratively. In a Learning Commons, learning is always happening - every day, with everyone, everywhere.

Understanding the Learning Commons is the focus of Together for Learning: School Libraries and the Emergence of the Learning Commons, a vision document for school libraries written by the Ontario School Library Association (OSLA).

HALLOWEEN NIGHT SAFETY TIPS

- Wear a properly fitted costume that is bright and non-flammable.
- Use reflective tape on your costume so you can be seen in the dark.
- Use face make-up or enlarge the eyes on your mask so you can see well.
- When wearing a mask, push it up on your head while walking.
- Visit the front door of well-lit homes and never go inside.
- Plan a route close to home and a time to be home.
- Have a trusted adult check your treats before eating them.
- Go with an adult or a group of friends.

