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Dear Families;

It is hard to believe that September is behind us and we are in October! We would like to thank the Kleinburg community for a wonderful start to the school year. It has been a very busy few weeks and we are happy to report that students are settling into routines. Our students are already busily engaged in many wonderful classroom learning experiences and extracurricular activities, and we have been consistently impressed by our students' enthusiasm and the good character that they bring to these learning experiences.

During the first few weeks of school, we spend a great amount of time ensuring students understand the expectations around safe arrival and appropriate conduct while at school. While we have made many gains with students arriving to school on time, we do still have a few students arriving late on a consistent basis. Arriving on time is a life-skill and we need everyone's help to make sure all students are arriving on time. Please take the time to reflect on your morning routines and make adjustments. Students who arrive late miss valuable instructional time and disrupt the class when they enter late. Please help your child start each school day by arriving on time and being ready to learn.

As a staff, we continue to focus on student achievement and well-being with specific focus in the areas of mathematics, modern learning and mental health. Working together as a team, at home and at school, will help us leverage positive outcomes in the areas of reading, writing and math.

Our first School Council meeting was a huge success. We would like to extend our thanks and congratulations to our elected members. To learn more about School Council at KPS, please see the School Council page in this newsletter.

We are excited to share in our newsletters and many other means of communication, events happening at the school and also to provide you with some information about our initiatives around making Kleinburg a positive learning environment for each and every one of our students.

We wish everyone a great October and a Happy Thanksgiving!

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CHARACTER MATTERS

This month, we focus on Responsibility. What is Responsibility?

Responsibility means being accountable for your actions, refusing to stop - continuing to pursue your goal without being discouraged.

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!

TERRY FOX RUN AT KPS

On Thursday, September 27th students, staff and parents participated in the annual Terry Fox National School Day Run. Teachers, students and parent volunteers enjoyed the beautiful morning outdoors celebrating a Canadian Hero! Thank you to the Terry Fox Team for coordinating the event! They did a fantastic job organizing volunteers and classes! Students from all grades ran around the school or around the neighborhood. A very special thank you to all of the parents/guardians who came out to volunteer to run, walk and cheer! Thanks!



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. 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 and intra curricular activities, school trips and other school related activities. We ask parents to review this with their child (ren).



KPS SPIRIT WEAR - INTERESTED? FOLLOW THE LINK BELOW

https://kleinburg.itemorder.com/sale?read_message=true

BINDERTWINE

Congratulations to KPS Grade 8 Students Ava, Nadia and Sarah. Their summer was filled with crafting vases to sell at this year's Bindertwine Festival. Large portion of their profits went to buying pet supplies for Vaughan Animal Shelter.

Congratulations girls - your kindness and generosity speaks volumes in our KPS community.



HEALTHY LUNCHES

What's a good approach to building a healthy lunch?

Step one: Think **food groups**. Aim to have at least three of the four food group represented in your child's lunch. Check out [Canada's Food Guide](#) to review the food groups.

Step two: Think outside the sandwich! Get creative when choosing items for your child's lunch. Sometimes changing something as simple as the type of grain. For example, using pita, flatbread, tortilla, or cereal instead of bread can make lunch more interesting. You may even want to write up a simple chart to brainstorm different options. Here are some ideas to get you started. Mix and match the options in the different columns to get a variety of lunch meals.

* Foods that need to be kept cold or hot can be packed into a thermos to keep the food at a safe temperature. Cold foods can also be stored with an ice pack or frozen juice box.

Sample lunch #1: Pepper strips with hummus dip, and cheese-filled pasta with tomato sauce.

Sample lunch #2: Marinated cooked tofu in a whole wheat tortilla wrap with shredded lettuce and grated carrot. Add a fruit yogurt on the side.

Sample lunch #3: Why not breakfast for lunch? Hot cereal in a thermos topped with frozen berries and sliced almonds with a cold milk or soy beverage.

What about snacks?

As you plan snacks, think of them as a "mini meal" that includes two of the four food groups. Try these simple nutritious snack ideas:

Whole grain crackers with a cheese stick.

Fresh cut fruit with a yogurt dip

Nut-free trail mix. Combine dried cranberries, raisins, dried apricots, and apple rings with sunflower and pumpkin seeds, along with your kid's favorite cold cereal.

Yogurt tube and small oatmeal muffin

For additional information please check out the Eat Right Ontario website at

<http://www.eatrightontario.ca/en/default.aspx>

BUSSING ELIGIBILITY

Students' bussing eligibility changes throughout their school career. The provisions for eligibility are available on the YRDSB Transportation Policy:

Grades JK to 3: Students who live within 1.2 km of their school are not eligible for transportation

Grades 4 to 8: Students who live within 1.6 km of their school are not eligible for transportation



To view the YRDSB Student transportation Policy please follow the hyperlink, [Board Policy 680 Student Transportation](#). For more information about bus transportation and to determine your child's eligibility, please visit www.schoolbuscity.com.

HONOURS IN THE INTERMEDIATES

For our grade 7 and 8 students, there will be Term 1 and Term 2 Honours. At the end of each term, students who attained 80% or higher in all of their subjects will receive an Honours Certificate. If a student achieves Honours in both terms they will not only receive 2 certificates but they will also receive an Honours medallion at the end of the school year.

GRADE 8 LEADERSHIP CLUB

The grade 8 leadership club is underway. A dedicated group of grade 8's have taken initiative and will be creating and facilitating activities and clubs for students at KPS. Currently we have a primary choir and junior soccer intramurals. More activities are expected throughout the year. Thank you leaders!!

INTERMEDIATE VOLLEYBALL INTRAMURALS

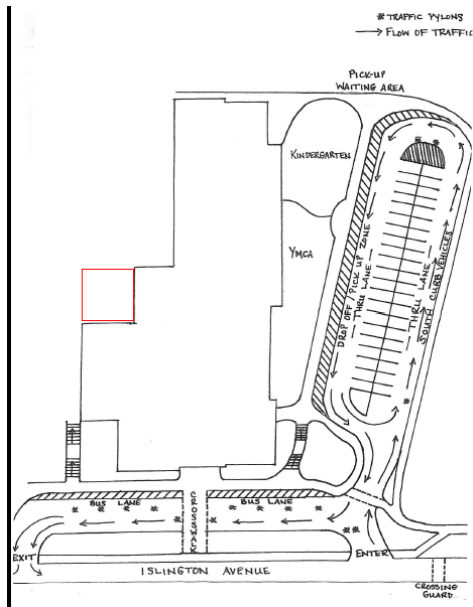
Grade 7 & 8's had a great time participating in volleyball intramurals this September. Students were cheering and encouraging one another as they played in the round robin matches. Thanks to all those intermediates who signed up to play and to those who came to help out or cheer on their friends.

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.



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.

SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER



NEXT MEETING:

THURSDAY OCTOBER 18, 2018

7:00pm

SCHOOL LIBRARY

COME VOLUNTEER THERE IS POWER IN NUMBERS!

- Everyone is welcome to volunteer at School Council Events (with the completion of a Vulnerable Sector Screening)
- Everyone is welcome to attend any School Council meeting (you do not need to be a member of council)
- Give as much or as little of your time as you can!

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SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER

Welcome to the Kleinburg School Council Corner! We are composed of parents/guardians from our school community. Please stay tuned for our monthly newsletter where we will be informing you about upcoming events run by School Council. Following is an overview of the major initiatives/events that School Council is a part of each year:

Terry Fox Run

The school relies on volunteers to monitor the routes during the Terry Fox run and help keep our students safe. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this year's Terry Fox Run a success.

Fall Festival

The Fall Festival Fundraiser is one of our major fundraisers for the school. It is a fun filled day that is held on Wednesday October 31. School Council provides a variety of activities including a dance, fall games, pumpkin decorating as well as quiet activities in the library. Volunteers are needed to help with our Fall Festival set up on Tuesday October 30th as well as running the activities on October 31st and helping with the clean-up. Come be a part of our Fall Festival! Donations for this event can be made on School Cash Online.

Frozen Yogurt

Parent council also runs the frozen yogurt as another fundraising initiative. Frozen yogurt is distributed to participating students on a weekly basis for the entire school year. This program will begin by the end October. Payment can be made on School Cash Online. We are looking for parent volunteers to help distribute the yogurt every Wednesday from 11:45-12:30.

Healthy Snacks

Parent Council helps to support our Healthy Schools Initiative by providing a healthy snack for every classroom in the school. Volunteers are needed every Tuesday morning at 8:35 to sort and distribute the healthy snack. Please join us in the kitchen for 30 minutes of your time after drop off on Tuesday mornings.

Holiday Drive

Parent Council comes together with our school community to collect items for children in need from our surrounding area. It is a very successful and heartwarming event that is becoming a tradition.

Skipping/Builder's Club

The skipping club runs outdoors in the fall/spring and the builder's club runs indoors through the winter. Parent volunteers are needed, once a week at lunch, to help support these clubs that promote inclusivity and belonging amongst our students.

Pancake Day/Hot Chocolate

In February, School Councils hosts Pancake Day for all KPS students. We also provide hot chocolate to students during the Winter Carnival.

Graduation

Parent Council supports the Kleinburg graduation ceremony. We are looking for Grade 7 and Grade 8 parents to join the grad committees and help make this day a special one for our students.

Fun Day

The end of the school year is celebrated at the Fun Day. Parent Council hosts the events for all Kleinburg students. The celebration includes inflatables, games, ice cream, watermelon and a BBQ.