



KALEIDOSCOPE

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

November 2012

Student and School Success at Kenollie

School Success Planning

School success planning is well under way at Kenollie Public School. Guided by our Leadership for Learning team, staff work in smaller groups to create goals and plans for areas of focus such as: Literacy, Numeracy, Community, Culture and Caring, Pathways as well as Climate and Bullying Prevention and Intervention. Each year we set goals and plan check-in points in order to address identified needs within our school. Our major focus this year will be to continue with the positive gains we have made in literacy and move to a focus on Mathematics and Problem Solving. This coming Wednesday at our staff meeting, we will be working towards a more solid understanding of the Three Part Lesson for Mathematics and the follow-up consolidation activities that can support students both within the classroom and at home. We are also eager to get moving on our Character Education program and we continue to work with our Early Literacy Teacher and Resource Teacher to learn more about effective questioning and critical thinking. At our upcoming School Council AGM I am eager to share more about our School Success planning. I look forward to welcoming all parents and guardians wishing to hear more about these great initiatives.

Character Education

Once again we would like to extend our thanks to Mrs. Henderson and Bert's Sports for all of their work with respect to our T-Shirts, Hoodies and Zippies orders. Together, we have raised just under \$600.00 for our Kenollie Character Education Program. This money has been used to bring in a Character Assembly presentation with a focus on Positive Action and Anti-Bullying. We are pleased to welcome Dave and Blake from the Acoustic Opera who will be here with us on Thursday, November 15th, 2012 in the morning for a series of 3 presentations tailored to our different grade levels. This type of special presentation provides students with the opportunity to hear positive messages from others within the community and helps to reinforce our Peel Character Attributes and Character Education Program. Teachers will also have follow-up activities which will be used to consolidate the learning and support the discussion of "character" within the individual classrooms. We also wanted to let everyone know that we haven't forgotten about our Kenollie Character Posters. These will be finalized over the course of this month and will be unveiled during our November Scorch Assembly. November is going to be an amazing month!

Student-Led Conferences

Mr. Anthony Edwards
Superintendent
905-366-8800

Mrs. McDougald
Trustee / Chair
905-278-1402

I look forward to connecting with you during our upcoming student-led conferences and interviews on November 15th and 16th. As mentioned in the sign-up letter that came home on Friday, October 26th, this is a valuable time for parents to converse about how their child is doing and to ask questions about their learning. I am most excited to see the student-led conferences in action as children will be the leader of the conference conversation. I think leadership opportunities like this help our students to take ownership of their learning and teach us how we can better support them. Over the coming weeks, staff and students will be preparing to make these three-way conferences a success.

Sincerely,

J. El Refaie
Principal

Kenollie Website:
<http://schools.peelschools.org/1279>

BE ALL YOU CAN BE



Remembrance Day

At 10:40 am on November 9, Kenollie students will participate in a Remembrance Day service to commemorate the sacrifices and contributions made by the Canadian military during wartime.

Please join us for this special service to pay tribute to those that have served our great nation.

Reserve the Date!

'Songs of Joy & Peace'



Kenollie's Holiday Concert
Performance is on

Wednesday December 19
at 7:00 p.m.

Recognizing Student Birthdays



We would like to remind parents that in lieu of sending treats such as cake and doughnuts for student birthdays, that families donate a book to their child's classroom, which in turn will then be placed in our school library. We have created book plates that would go in the front of the book with the child's name and occasion for that donation. At the end of the school year, these "birthday books" would be donated to the library in a special birthday bin. If you would like to send in small things for the students in the class, fancy pencils or erasers are always fun to get.

We recognize all of our students with birthday wishes over the announcements, and special pencils. By asking that food not be sent in, we are helping to create a safe environment for all of our students, especially for those with food allergies.

Thank you for considering a book donation instead of treats for the class.



Book Fair

November 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

Just in time for the Holidays!
Kenollie will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair from November 12 – 16, hours as follows:

Mon., Nov 12	12:15am - 1:15 pm and 3:30 - 4:00 pm
Tues., Nov 13	12:15am - 1:15 pm and 3:30 - 4:00 pm
Wed., Nov 14	12:15am - 1:15 pm and 3:30 - 4:00 pm
Thurs., Nov 15	12:15am - 1:15 pm and 3:40 - 8:30 pm
Fri., Nov.16	9:00am - 11:00 am

Students will be invited down with their class to browse the book fair during the week, and may also purchase books any day during lunch and after school hours as listed above.

If parents would like to shop independently for gifts, they are invited to come to the fair from 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. Monday to Wednesday or 3:40 - 8:00 p.m. on Thursday or 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. on Friday. Remember all adults entering the building must sign in and pick up a visitor pass in the office.

Interested in before and after school programs?



Thanks to everyone who responded to our survey following last Thursday's electronic envelope (Thursday, October 25, 2012). Your input has been most valuable and we will be sending home additional information regarding these exciting new after-school programs.

Kindergarten @ Kenollie



Are you wondering when Kenollie will be getting Full Day Kindergarten? Well, we are scheduled to welcome the Full Day Kindergarten program for the first time during the 2014-2015 school year. If you have any specific questions about this, please give us a call here at the school.

News From School Council

Our next meeting will be on
Monday, November 26 at 7:00 p.m.

An agenda will be posted on our school website prior to the meeting. Parents are most welcome at any meeting but we looking forward to seeing many people November 26th, 2012 at our **Annual General Meeting.**

Last Call for T-Shirts!

Seeing the sea of Blue and Yellow at our October Scorch Assembly was amazing! Due to a variety of reasons, some of you may not have had the opportunity to purchase a shirt, or maybe you are thinking you might need an extra (the students do seem to like to wear them), therefore we will be having one more t-shirt order for this school year. Please contact Ms El Refaie directly by emailing her following a Thursday Electronic Envelope in order to receive an order form. We will make sure that your order is not missed! Final orders will be collected no later than November 9th, 2012.

Thanks to everyone for their donations through our t-shirt, zippy and hoodie sales! Together we raised almost \$600.00!



QSP flyers were sent home today, November 1st. Consider giving magazine subscriptions as gifts this year! Let friends and family know about our fundraiser and ask them to save their orders for our program!

Visit the website at:
www.qsp.ca

Click on 'Shop' and enter the
Kenollie Group number.

**Kenollie
#8843**

BASIC FIRE PREVENTION TIPS

From Canada Safety Council



Fire is the third leading cause of accidental death in Canada. Approximately 85% of fire deaths occur in the home, and most deaths are due to smoke inhalation. Smoke alarms will warn you of a fire in time to let you escape.

Here are some basic fire prevention tips from Canada Safety Council:

- install a certified smoke alarm on each level of your home
- have and practice a fire escape plan with your family
- know your fire department's phone number
- have and know how to use your fire extinguisher
- keep matches and lighters out of children's reach
- don't overload electrical outlets
- always barbecue outside
- never leave grease cooking unattended
- clean grease from burner pans and stove top regularly
- install a smoke alarm outside each sleeping area
- install smoke alarms on each level of your home
- purchase smoke alarms that have the label of the underwriter's Laboratories of Canada
- test your smoke alarm at least twice a year
- test the battery once a month (by pushing the button on the unit)
- never remove the battery for any reason and replace the battery once a year replace smoke alarms every five years

For more information on fire safety, visit the Canada Safety Council website at www.safety-council.org.

iPads

Your children may have come home recently excited about completing a math activity, or taking photos with our new Kenollie iPads. This new technology was recently purchased to support our move to a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) program. Staff have been eagerly investigating and learning about numerous e-learning applications with a focus on using the iPads to support a collaborative inquiry based classroom learning environment. We will continue to use the iPads wherever possible and to learn more about them while we wait for our wireless connection which is set to arrive July 2013.

If you discover some unique e-learning applications while at home working with your children, please share them with your child's teacher. We are busily compiling an educational list to share with our Kenollie families.

Halloween



A special thanks to all parents who came out to support the annual Kenollie Halloween parade. While it was a bit of a disappointment having to hold our parade inside due to weather, I think everyone had a really great time. There were many opportunities for pictures, laughs and smiles! Many thanks to Mrs. Leon and Ms Zezza for organizing the refreshment table in the gym and to all of the parents who brought in items to share.

We would also like to thank Mrs. Giannone and the Grade Six students for their hard work preparing the new song for our morning fitness! The preview that you shared at the end of the parade got us all excited and I know that students and staff are going to love the change up!

Closing schools due to bad weather



During the winter months, inclement weather may disrupt bus transportation and school operations. The decision to cancel buses and/or close schools is usually made by 6:45 a.m. If you have reason to believe bussing may be cancelled, visit www.peelschools.org or call 905-890-1010 or 1-800-668-1146.

You will receive one of the following messages:

All Peel District School Board Buses are cancelled. This message means that schools remain open for students but transportation services provided by the Peel District School Board are cancelled. If buses are cancelled, they will remain cancelled for the duration of the day. All activities that require bussing will also be cancelled. Permits, night school classes, daycare and other activities in schools will operate as usual.

All Peel District School Board Schools are closed. This message means that, due to bad weather conditions, schools and board offices are closed to students and staff. All activities in schools and board offices are also cancelled, including daycare, night school and permits.

All evening programs and permits at the Peel District School Board are cancelled. This message means that, due to weather conditions, all activities in schools and board offices are cancelled, including continuing education courses and events. The buildings will be closed.

All weekend programs and permits at the Peel District School Board are cancelled. Due to weather conditions, all activities in schools and board offices are cancelled, including continuing education courses and events. The buildings will be closed.



The cold weather is coming shortly. Students are encouraged to dress warmly for the weather as they are outside for nearly 40 minutes over the lunch break. It is very helpful if all hats, gloves, scarves and jackets are labelled with your child's name. Every year we gather many unidentified articles of clothing in our lost and found. Labelling these pieces of outerwear can keep them from getting lost.

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

Important Dates

Reminder!

November 1	Photo Retake Day	November 15	Gr.4 CCAT Testing
November 6	Lunch Moms Progress Reports sent home		Acoustic Opera 9:05 (1-3), 10:20 (K), 11:15 (4-6) Book Fair 12:15-1:15 pm / 3:40-8:00 pm Student Led Conferences 3:40- 8:30 pm
November 7	Mad Science 3:35 pm	November 16	PD Day (no school for students) Student Led Conferences 9:00 - 11:00 am Book Fair 9:00-11:00 am
November 8	Gr 3/4 Trip 11:00-2:00	November 21	Special Invite 2:35 pm Mad Science 3:35 pm
November 9	Remembrance Day Assembly 10:40 am	November 23	Gr.4 Walking Trip 9:20-12:15
November 12	Gr.4 CCAT Testing Book Fair 12:15-1:15 pm / 3:30-4:00 pm	November 26	School Council (AGM) 7:00 p.m.
November 13	Gr.4 CCAT Testing Book Fair 12:15-1:15 pm / 3:30-4:00 pm	November 28	Mad Science 3:35pm
November 14	Gr.4 CCAT Testing Book Fair 12:15-1:15 pm / 3:30-4:00 pm Mad Science 3:35pm	November 29	Apple Day
		November 30	Scorch Assembly 9:15 am Gr. 3/4's presenting Pizza Day

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Explore program options at Peel board schools

www.peelschools.org/parents/programs

Information nights start soon for Regional Learning Choices Programs. Visit www.peelschools.org/parents/programs and click on "Regional Learning Choices Programs" for more detailed descriptions, information night dates and links to school websites.

Advanced Placement (grades 9 to 12)

The Advanced Placement (AP) program starts in grade 9 and allows students to pursue university-level studies while in secondary school. Students can earn a first-year university credit for each AP credit achieved.

Arts (grades 6 to 8, 7&8, 9 to 12)

Students who are accepted into the middle school program will experience a comprehensive education in the arts, while learning the Ontario curriculum. At the secondary level, students experience a comprehensive education in an arts discipline of their choice, while learning the Ontario curriculum. Students must audition to be accepted into the program. Students can audition for the arts program in grade 9 without having attended the program in middle school.

Flexography (grades 9 to 12)

Flexography is a package print technology and a growing segment of the printing industry. Students learn to design and manufacture industry-standard packaging products. The program prepares students for entry into post-secondary programs, or a career in the printing industry upon graduation. Students may apply to begin the program in grades 9, 10 or 11.

International Baccalaureate (grades 7 & 8, 9 to 12)

The International Baccalaureate program provides a stimulating academic environment that celebrates learning and connects it to the world outside the classroom. It emphasizes awareness and acceptance of all cultures and attitudes, and fosters an understanding of how and why we learn. Upon completion of the IB program, students earn a diploma that is recognized by universities internationally. Students can apply for the IB program in grade 9 without having attended the program in grade 7 and 8.

International Business and Technology (grades 6 to 8 and 9 to 12)

The International Business Technology (IBT) program provides students with a challenging program in all academic areas. Students enrolled in the program will explore subjects from a global perspective. Students can apply for the program in grade 9 without having attended the program in middle school.

International Executive & Leadership Academy (grade 9 to 12)

**open to students living in the TL Kennedy boundary only*

Students in the International Executive and Leadership Academy participate in enhancements designed to further develop their independence, self-discipline, perseverance, confidence, leadership skills and creativity. In grade 11, students will have the option to transition into the Specialist High Skills Major program in business or information and communication technology.

SciTech (grades 6 to 8 and 9 to 12)

The SciTech program integrates a hands-on, minds-on philosophy and provides students with an interactive approach to learning. The program focuses on science and technology and includes excursions, guest speakers, competitions and clubs. Students can apply for the SciTech program in grade 9 without having attended the program in middle school.

Sports (grades 9 to 12)

**open to students living in the Applewood Heights boundary only*

The program exposes students to a range of physical activities and focuses on lifelong health, wellness and leadership. Students participate in physical education year round and take part in co-curricular athletics or community involvement to build leadership skills. Students have the opportunity to complete industry-recognized certifications in first aid, personal training, coaching and officiating, among others. In grade 11, students will have the option to transition into the Specialist High Skills Major program in sports.

Strings (grades 9 to 12)

Students enrolled in the Regional Strings program (for violin, viola, cello and bass) have the opportunity to explore the many facets of string playing through Chamber Strings (for advanced players), Intermediate Strings (for students with one or two years experience), and Beginning Strings (for students with no previous experience).

Truck and Coach (grades 9 to 12)

The Truck and Coach program offered at Bramalea Secondary School compliments the school's existing Specialist High Skills Major program in transportation. Students in the Truck and Coach program will complete all requirements of the Ontario secondary school diploma, while taking courses focused on various aspects of the transportation industry. Classes will take place in a new state-of-the-art facility. The program prepares students for entry into post-secondary programs, or a career in the transportation industry upon graduation.

Prevent the flu. It's in your hands

Hand washing is the most important way to prevent the spread of infection. Always wash your hands with soap and water when they are dirty.

Clean your hands before:

- touching your eyes, nose or mouth
- touching/preparing food or drinks
- eating or drinking
- caring for someone in your home who can easily get sick (baby, elderly or someone who has an unhealthy immune system)
- first aid



Clean your hands after:

- touching pets or other animals
- touching raw meat, particularly chicken
- touching surfaces such as a railing or grocery cart
- touching money
- touching objects sick people have touched
- touching blood or body fluids such as urine, vomit or feces
- contact with those who have a cold, the flu, diarrhea or virus of any kind
- changing diapers
- wiping your own or a child's nose
- sneezing or coughing
- using a facial tissue
- using the washroom
- removing gloves
- cleaning
- gardening

What to do when you cough or sneeze:

- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve
- put used tissues in the wastebasket
- clean your hands with soap and water or a hand sanitizer

For more information call Peel Health at 905-799-7700 or visit www.peelregion.ca/flu.

Help your child prepare for tests

Many students will become anxious at the thought of writing a test. Anxiety about an upcoming test can affect a child's behaviour, thoughts and actions. Here are some ways you can help minimize anxiety at test time:

Organize & Prepare

- Encourage your child not to leave assignments, studying and homework to the last minute.
- Schedule time for review and work on assignments each day.
- Establish a regular time of the day for homework, studying etc.
- Make the home a homework-friendly environment where learning is regular routine.
- Remove distractions like the television, stereo, telephone when studying.
- Tell your child to make sure tests and due dates are marked in their agenda.



Practice

- Encourage your child to think about what, when, where and how when preparing/completing assignments.
- Develop practice tests and help them anticipate questions.
- Review previous exercises.
- When appropriate, encourage your child to pair up with a friend to review information and brainstorm.
- Build learning into family activities— suggest keeping a journal, writing a report or a news article about family events, outings or trips.

Be in the know

- Check out the curriculum for your child's grade level (available as PDF files at www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum)
- Ask your child's teacher about major topics studied and how these topics are structured— homework, assignments, exercises
- Use your child's agenda to communicate with their teacher—ask questions, check for homework tips, etc.