



# KALEIDOSCOPE

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

January 2012

### Happy New Year

Happy New Year! We certainly hope that you and your family enjoyed a restful, fun and relaxing break! Hello to the Kenollie school community! My name is Ms El Refaie and I am the new Principal (Acting) at Kenollie. It has only been four days since my arrival and I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you already and I look forward to continuing to make connections with everyone. I am thrilled to have joined such an amazing community of learners here at Kenollie. I have been a Vice Principal for the past 4 years at a K-5 school just north-west of here, called Edenrose. I am loving the transition to Kenollie and the K-6 school environment here. Everyone has been so welcoming and positive, and I have especially enjoyed getting to know so many of the students and staff while visiting classrooms and walking around the school yard at recesses. My door is always open, please feel free to drop by and say hello. I am very excited to be here!

### Commitment to School Success

Mr. Sabourin has shared a great deal about the work and learning that has been going on at Kenollie throughout the 2011-2012 school year so far. As a school community we are focused on our commitment to our school success goals, both academically and with respect to our school climate. Staff and students recently completed a Collaborative Inquiry cycle (TLCP) that has focused on moving students forward in the area of literacy. Each of our divisions chose particular aspects of the language curriculum for their focus depending on the identified growth areas for their students: Kindergarten students learned about "re-telling", Grades 1 and 2 focused on "point of view", Grades 3 and 4 looked at extending their understanding and making meaning from the text, and our Grades 5 and 6 learned about making connections. They then worked collaboratively to identify specific high yield instructional strategies that would help to move the students forward. The data we have gathered continues to guide our decisions and our professional learning, and I am excited to engage with staff, our Resource Teacher and Early Literacy Teacher to plan our next steps.

### Professional Learning Community of Staff

It is my understanding that the focus of professional development at Kenollie for the past few years has been in the area of literacy. The Kenollie learning community can be very proud of our accomplishments as our students show steady growth in their literacy skills. Kenollie Public School students are well above the Provincial and Board targets of 75% of students achieving at or above the provincial standard as measured on the province wide assessment (EQAO).

**Mrs. Wendy Dowling**  
Superintendent  
905-366-8800

I would also like to thank you, parents and guardians, as we recognize the important role you play in supporting your child(ren)'s learning outside of the instructional time. By working together and creating positive partnerships we will continue to excel! Finally, I would also like to thank School Council for their support of our school success plan, you really do make a difference.

**Mrs. McDougald**  
Trustee / Chair  
905-278-1402

Again, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the staff, students and parent community for their warm welcome. On behalf of the staff at Kenollie, I wish you and your family all of the very best for a happy and healthy new year!

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

Sincerely,

Ms J. El Refaie

BE ALL YOU CAN BE

## Kindergarten Reports go home at the end of the month



## Skating

The Grade 1 to 6 classes will, once again, be participating in two Physical Education field trips to the Port Credit Arena. Permission letters have been sent home. Thank you, in advance, to the many parent volunteers who will come out to support the event.

### Skating Dates for 2012:

Friday, January 20 1:30-2:30 pm

Thursday, February 16 1:30-2:30 pm

## Kiss and Ride



Thanks again to our wonderful Kiss and Ride Team. We all lead busy lives but it is important to always slow down in a school zone and put the safety of our children first. Here are just a few friendly reminders about keeping Kiss and Ride safe:

- Please try and have students ready for a brief stop (e.g. backpacks in hand, etc.) so the team can keep the line-up moving. The drivers behind you will appreciate it.
- Should you need to park please indicate so to the team and they will let you in. If you have parked in the parking lot you will need to wait until Kiss and Ride has cleared before you will be permitted to leave.
- Remember not to park on Brackencrest as many students use this roadway to walk to and from school. If you are parking on Kenollie, please **only park on the North side.**
- Remind your child not to run as they get out.
- There is always a last minute rush at 8:55 a.m. The school provides supervision on the yard and at Kiss and Ride starting at 8:45 a.m. To avoid the rush please come a few minutes earlier.
- Once you have picked up your child, please turn right only on Glenwood when exiting Kiss & Ride.

## Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration will be held  
at Kenollie P.S. on

**Thursday, February 9, 2012**  
from 8:45 - 11:00 a.m.

Our Principal, Office Manager and Kindergarten teacher will welcome parents and be available to answer questions from 8:45 to 11:00 a.m. on February 9. If you are unable to attend Thursday morning, please register your child on February 6, 8 or 10 at the Kenollie office.

**If your child was born in 2008, he/she can start Kindergarten in September 2012.**

### What you will need to bring to registration:

- **Proof of child's age** - birth certificate or passport
- **Proof of address** - offer to purchase or a formal lease agreement or a bank statement or utility bill — if using a lease agreement, it must be accompanied by a second form of proof of address
- **Proof of custody** - children must live with their parent(s) unless provided documentation supports an alternate living arrangement
- **Proof of immunization** - proof that your child has been immunized, according to the recommended immunization schedule in Ontario, to protect against the following: diphtheria; mumps; polio; red measles; rubella (German measles); and tetanus

### Important information about immunization:

In order to attend school in Ontario, your child must have an up-to-date immunization record. When you register your child for school, you will provide a copy of your child's immunization record and the school will send it to Peel Health. After registration, keeping your child's records up-to-date is your responsibility. Peel Health reviews immunization records regularly. Students who are not completely immunized and do not have a valid exemption may not be allowed to attend school.

For information about immunization,  
or to get a copy of your child's record, call  
Health Line Peel at 905-799-7700.



## News From School Council

Our Annual General Meeting took place on November 28. Council reviewed the annual Needs List and recommended approval. Please come out and support our council.

The next meeting is scheduled for  
Monday, January 30 at 6:30 p.m.



## Mad Science

The next Mad Science session for Gr. 1-6 students is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, January 25. We still need more students to make up the class!

Please register online as soon as possible by visiting  
[www.madscience.org/toronto](http://www.madscience.org/toronto)

## Keeping Our Playground Safe

It is a priority at Kenollie to keep students safe with proper supervision. Thank you for your co-operation.



- Please be aware that supervision begins at 8:45 a.m. There are no staff members on duty prior to this time. We ask that students do not come to school prior to 8:45 a.m. unless supervised by an adult.
- Dismissal takes place at 3:30 p.m. Students are to leave school grounds immediately or head to the "Kiss and Ride" area. Students are not permitted to stay after school unless they are directly supervised by a parent or caregiver.
- No dogs should be on the school property during school hours (*with the exception of seeing eye dogs*).
- Parents should not be on the playground during the recess or lunch breaks. Should you need to speak to your child please check in with the office.

## Character Education and Kenollie Learning Themes

Kenollie P.S. continues with our Character Education initiatives in conjunction with the learning themes in our Premier Student Agendas.

Our monthly themes are:

January	Respect
February	Responsibility
March	Caring
April	Honesty
May	Empathy & Understanding
June	Commitment/Health

## Lice Squad

With the support of School Council, Kenollie will be having the Lice Squad in to screen for head lice on Thursday, January 13, 2012.

The **CHECK AHEAD®** program has been a great success in other schools and will help us maintain a lice free school at Kenollie. The team of professionals will screen every child for head lice on the date provided.

You can be assured that your child's confidentiality will be maintained if they are found to have head lice. You can also be assured that Lice Squad Canada Inc. team will accurately identify lice and there will be no questions regarding misdiagnosis. Any child that is found to have head lice will be given information sheets to take home. These will help you clear the infestation quickly and safely. They also offer a free information help line should you have any difficulty. The LiceSquad Inc. also offers in home head lice removal services and pesticide free treatment products and has been used in the past by Kenollie families.

Thank you for your support. Let's work together to **CHECK AHEAD®** and avoid the spread!

# 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](http://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.

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CALENDAR!

## Important Dates

Reminder!

January 9	Classes Resume	January 24	Lunch Moms
January 10	Lunch Moms	January 25	Dental Screening for Gr.2's - A.M. Mad Science (if enough students)
January 11	French Immersion Info Evening 7:00 pm at HJA Brown Education Centre	January 26	Gr. 3/4 & 4 Classes to Port Credit Library Kindergarten Summary Progress Reports home
January 12	Gr.7 Extended French Info Evening 7:00pm at HJA Brown Education Centre	January 27	SCORCH Assembly 9:15am Pizza Day French Immersion and Gr.7 Extended French Registration Deadline 4 pm
January 13	Lice Squad - Class-to-Class Check	January 30	School Council Meeting 6:30 pm
January 16	PA Day - No Classes	January 31	Lunch Moms
January 17	Lice Squad - Re-check Lunch Moms		
January 20	Gr. 1-6 Skating Trip 1:30-2:30 pm		

### Kenollie Public School

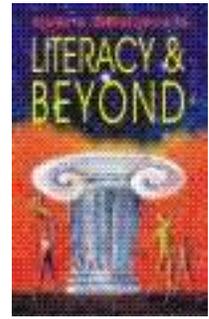
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Kenollie Website: <http://schools.peelschools.org/1279>

*Principal:* Ms. Jennifer El Refaie  
*Office Manager:* Mrs. Catherine Morrison

## Conference helps parents 'make a difference in literacy and beyond'



*Make a difference in literacy and beyond – practical ways parents can boost learning* is on Saturday, March 24, 2012 at Rick Hansen Secondary School in Mississauga. This **free** learning event is open to Peel parents of students at all grade levels.

- choose from more than 40 practical workshops designed to help you help your child succeed in school
- purchase educational materials from exhibitors
- receive a free lunch, giveaways and more

### Registration opens in February 2012

#### Stay up-to-date!

For more information, look out for the conference brochure at your child's school in **February**. Conference and registration information will also be available in **February** in the "Parents Boost Learning" section of **[www.peelschools.org](http://www.peelschools.org)**.

## Reporting Process for February Report Card (Grades 1 to 8)

*Peel board supports student success with ongoing communication throughout the year*

Continuing this year, there will be no school-wide parent/teacher interview day scheduled for the February reporting period—report cards will be sent home between February 6 and 10, 2012.

By this point in the school year, we have found that most parents are well aware of their child's progress based on the ongoing communication from the school. You will receive a letter with the February report card that indicates if your child is meeting expectations. Should your child's progress be of concern, the teacher will contact you to discuss ways to work together to further support his/her learning needs by March 1, 2012.

Our teachers are committed to providing parents with the information they need to support their child's success and will continue to communicate with parents throughout the school year. There is a progress report card and two report cards each year and they provide an overview of your child's progress over a period of time. The best way to see how your child is progressing in school is through the ongoing communication you receive. Some of the ways you may keep up-to-date about your child's progress include the following:

- talk to your child about school
- review your child's homework and agenda
- receive copies of marks your child has received on assignments and tests
- ongoing communication with your child's teacher

If you have questions, please contact your child's principal.

## **Register for French immersion, extended French by January 27**

Are you thinking of registering your child for French immersion? For the 2012-13 school year, parents must register children for entry into Grade 1 French immersion or Grade 7 extended French by 4:00 p.m. on **Friday, January 27, 2012**. Students who register after the deadline will be placed on a waiting list.

Register directly at the French immersion school your child will attend. Check the Peel board website, [www.peelschools.org](http://www.peelschools.org) and go to "French immersion" in the "Schools" section, to find out your local French immersion school. You can also call the Peel board, 905-890-1010/1-800-668-1146 ext. 2212.

### **Attend an information session to learn more about the program**

What is the French immersion program like? What are the advantages and features of the program? How can you tell if it is the right choice for your child?

If you were not able to attend the parent night in the fall about the program, you are invited to an information session:

#### **French immersion**

**7:00 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2012**

HJA Brown Education Centre – Board Room

5650 Hurontario St. (at Matheson Blvd.)

Mississauga

#### **Extended French**

**7:00 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 12, 2012**

HJA Brown Education Centre - Mississauga Room

5650 Hurontario St. (at Matheson Blvd.), Mississauga

#### **How to get more information**

Visit the Peel board website—[www.peelschools.org/schools/french\\_immersion.htm](http://www.peelschools.org/schools/french_immersion.htm)

Visit the Canadian Parents for French website—[www.cpfont.on.ca](http://www.cpfont.on.ca)