



KALEIDOSCOPE

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

March 2012

Great Things Happening at Kenollie

A Message from the Principal:

The great gift of giving: Kenollie students, parents and staff once again rallied to raise funds to help others. Our SOAR (**S**tudents helping **O**rphans in **A**frica with **R**elief) campaign helped our small school of only 241 students raise a total of \$835.12. At the same time, our Grade Six students are being recognized by the Peel District School Board for their efforts for the United Way campaign last fall. After raising \$1000.00 they were recognized as the runners-up to the prestigious United Way Harold Braithwaite Award for their unique ideas and self-directed fundraising, at a meeting of the Board of Trustees on February 28th, 2012. What an honour!

The Spirit of Giving

At the same time our students are also learning that they can help others in a variety of ways, simply by raising awareness and volunteering. The Mr. Nobody project that is being run by Mr. Currie and Mrs. Giannone is an exciting new adventure for some of our Kenollie students as they are challenged to select a "cause" and help "Mr. Nobody" become a "Somebody". There will be further updates coming from Mr. Currie and Mrs. Giannone as they share with us the success stories from this great project. It is truly heart warming to see the excitement and passion our students have for helping and giving to others.

Building Character

So why is all of this so very important? Well, just like the education of our students with respect to academics we also hope to build strong character, citizenship and stewardship skills. As mentioned in the February newsletter, we are working very closely as a staff to build Kenollie Character and our program of events is kicking off at the beginning of March. Teachers have worked collaboratively to plan lessons and special events that will ultimately lead to the creation of Kenollie Character posters that will be hung in each of our classrooms. These posters will be based on the Six Peel Character attributes (Honest, Respectful, Responsible, Caring, Inclusive and Cooperative), with each Grade level (1-6) creating one poster. During our Education week evening Open House on April 18th (more information will follow soon) we will be inviting parents, students and staff to vote for their favourite Character symbols from those generated by classes and students. We look forward to working together to create a common "Kenollie Character" language throughout our school community.

Mrs. Wendy Dowling
Superintendent
905-366-8800

In addition to our focus on character, throughout the month of February staff collaborated to plan our upcoming focus on Mathematics and specifically the implementation of the three part lesson plan. Throughout the month of March, Mr. Spickett and Mrs. Holt will be working alongside classroom teachers to co-plan and deliver lessons that will help to determine student strengths and needs with respect to mathematics and communication. At the same time our Kindergarten teachers are working closely with our Early Literacy Teacher to plan collaborative inquiry based lessons for their students. These lessons are focused on student self-directed learning experiences and involve the teachers working as "learning partners" throughout the inquiry process.

Mrs. McDougald
Trustee / Chair
905-278-1402

We are definitely excited about our learning journey and I look forward to sharing updates and other important information with you as we go along.

Sincerely,

Jennifer El Refaie
Principal

BE ALL YOU CAN BE

Anti-Bullying Presentation

On Wednesday, March 28th at 10:50 a.m., our students and staff will be attending a school wide Anti-Bullying Presentation. "Stop Punching Judy" is an anti-bullying, interactive puppet presentation for elementary students, Kindergarten to Grade 6. The presentation has been created by the Second City and features two puppeteers portraying a variety of puppet characters, and a live-action performer who hosts the presentation and interacts with puppets and students. The program emphasises personal safety for witnesses and empathy towards the bullied and the bullies alike. This presentation aligns with our goals of creating a safe and happy climate and will support our updated Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plans. **Parents and students from our afternoon Kindergarten class are also invited to attend this special presentation.**

Following the presentation, students will work collaboratively with their peers and teachers to complete follow-up activities provided by the Second City!

Arrival and Dismissal



It is a priority at Kenollie to keep students safe with proper supervision. Please be aware that supervision begins at 8:45 a.m. There are no staff 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. For consistency purposes for the children it is important that parents and/or caregivers continue to support the Kenollie School ground rules. As partners in education this will ensure the safest environment after school for your children, and our students. Thank you for your co-operation to keep our students safe and supervised.

News From School Council

Please come out and support our council.

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



SOAR

The SOAR fundraising dance-a-thon was a huge success! The students raised **\$835.12**. Thanks to Mrs. Kapila and Ms Hamilton for organizing the dance-a-thon, staff for supporting this fundraising event, and thank you to all parents and students for your generous donations!

EQAO Assessment

The Primary (Grade 3) and Junior (Grade 6) EQAO provincial assessments will be completed between May 23 and June 6 (specific days will be identified soon). Attendance is very important. Please try to schedule appointments for another time.



A Great Skating Trip!

Kenollie had two great days for their Physical Education skating trips at the Port Credit Arena. The feedback received from the students demonstrates their love and passion for skating! Thank you to the many parent volunteers who accompanied us on the walk, transported equipment or met us at the rink. Your support of these events was tremendous!

Kiss and Ride



A special thank you to all our Kiss and Ride volunteers for their hard work during the busy and cold months of winter. Your dedication to student safety is very much appreciated by the community.

Help us to encourage and enhance parent involvement in Peel

Apply for a position on the board's Parent Involvement Committee

Under the Ministry of Education's Parent Involvement Policy, all boards must have a committee comprised of a majority of parents that is directly linked to the director of education and trustees. The Peel board Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) meets regularly throughout the school year to review the board's plans for parent involvement as they relate to parent, family and community engagement, and to make suggestions to schools, councils and the board regarding additional parent outreach.

As mandated by the ministry, the purpose of Peel board's PIC is to:

- support, encourage, and enhance meaningful parental involvement within schools and across the district, including, outreach to parents who find involvement more challenging
- work collaboratively with the school board to support student success
- seek out the advice and ideas of school councils, and other parents and partners as they plan and implement strategies to involve more parents at the regional level
- develop strategies for enhancing parental engagement and outreach

Membership is a majority of parents, reflecting the diversity of the parent community. Parent representatives will be required to serve two-year terms, beginning in September and ending in August.

We are now in the process of inviting parents to apply for **four positions** on the committee. In early May, a selection sub-committee consisting of current parent and trustee members will review all parent applications and select representatives using the following *Parent Member Selection Criteria* as a guide:

- reflects the diversity of the community
- understands the importance of parent, family and community engagement
- has experience working with newcomers to Canada, Ontario or Peel
- has volunteer experience – including experience on school council
- has previous experience in Peel board parent involvement activities
- demonstrates advocacy and community development skills
- has a present level of involvement in the education system
- demonstrates a keen interest in public education

For more information about the PIC and to download the application package, visit www.peelschools.org. Under the 'Parents Boost Learning' menu, select 'Get Involved' and 'Parent Involvement Committee'.

Forms must be **returned by April 13, 2012.**

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

Important Dates

Reminder!

March 1 Kenollie Choir Practice (Gr.1-4) 12:15 pm

March 2 Fit2Dance 'Groovin Kids' program

Jr. Art Club (Group 1 & 2) 12:15 pm

Ski Trip Payment Due (Gr.4-6)

March 6 Lunch Moms

Gr.4-6 Ski Trip (depart 7:30 am, est. return 4:15 pm)

March 7 Photo Club 8:00 am

Mad Science 3:35 pm

March 8 Basketball Tournament @ Edenrose PS (Gr.4-5)

'Kenollie Choir' Practice 12:15 pm

March 9 Principal's Council Meeting 11:55 am

Jr. Art Club (Group 3 & 4) 12:15 pm

March Break - March 12 - 16

March 20 Lunch Moms

'Jr. Singers' Choir Practice (Gr.5-6) 12:15 pm

March 21 Photo Club 8:00 am

Mad Science 3:35 pm

March 22 Kenollie Choir Practice (Gr.1-4) 12:15 pm

March 23 Jr. Art Club (Group 1 & 2) 12:15 pm

March 27 Lunch Moms

'Jr. Singers' Choir Practice (Gr.5-6) 12:15 pm

March 28 Photo Club 8:00 am

Basketball Tournament @ Port Credit SS (Gr.5-6)

'Stop Punching Judy' Anti-Bullying Presentation
(10:50 - 11:50) Parents and Afternoon

Kindergarten students are invited to attend.

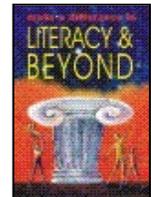
March 29 'Kenollie Choir' Practice (Gr.1-4) 12:15 pm

March 30 SCORCH Assembly 9:15 am

Pizza Day

Jr. Art Club (Group 3 & 4) 12:15 pm

Conference helps parents 'make a difference in literacy & beyond'



The Peel District School Board is hosting its 11th annual parent literacy conference on Saturday, March 24, 2012 at Rick Hansen Secondary School in Mississauga. The free conference, *Make a difference in literacy and beyond – practical ways parents can boost learning*, features sessions by leading experts who will provide helpful tips and ideas.

This free learning event includes lunch and is open to Peel board parents of students at all grade levels.. Parents, this is your chance to learn practical ways to boost learning.

Take one day to:

- experience a powerful keynote presentation by Monique Howat, a youth motivator
- learn from Peel educators recognized throughout Ontario as experts in literacy
- explore valuable exhibitors representing community organizations, regional services and educational products and browse publisher displays of children's' books and educational resources

Register online in the 'Parents Boost Learning' section of www.peelschools.org

Kenollie Public School

1376 Glenwood Drive

Mississauga, ON L5G 2X1

Phone #: 905-278-8991 Fax #: 905-278-1595

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

Principal: Ms Jennifer El Refaie

Office Manager: Mrs. Catherine Morrison