



KALEIDOSCOPE

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

April 2018

"We Inspire"

April is always a time for celebration and recognition of the amazing work that our students, staff and parents have engaged in throughout the school year. As this year's Education Week theme suggests, **we inspire** others each and every day. Our goal throughout this month is to showcase and highlight how we inspire all those around us, and by doing so we help make Kenollie be the best it can be!

We look forward to opening our doors and welcoming everyone into our school over the next few weeks as we engage in a variety of activities. For example, from April 9-12, we are holding our annual Talent Showcase during first Nutrition Break from 10:40-11:20 a.m. and everyone is invited! Here are a few other school events that are coming up:

Education Weeks April 9-20

Education Weeks 2018

April 3-18 - Compass Food Drive: Our Easter food drive will run for two weeks in support of The Compass, located in Port Credit. Please check their website at <https://thecompass.ca/> for most needed items, listed under the Donations tab. Cash donations are also welcome.

April 9, 10, 11 and 12 - Talent Showcase during our first Nutrition Break (10:40-11:20 am) in the gym. Everyone is welcome to attend these special days where our students have a chance to shine and showcase their many unique talents.

April 18 - Spring Concert @ 9:30 am: This year's concert theme is 'Be The Change', where each class will be presenting. Everyone is welcome!!!

April 19 - Junior Speech Competition: Kenollie PS Junior students have been hard at work preparing speeches for the Peel District School Board's Excellence in Eloquence Speech Competition. Our top junior students will present their speeches to our judges.

April 19 - Movie Night @ 6:30 pm: This is always a fun evening for Kenollie families, this year we will be showing the movie 'Ferdinand'. Popcorn will be on sale for \$1.00/bag. Proceeds will go to The Children's Wish Foundation.

April 20 - Beauty and The Beast @ 9:20 am: This is a school-wide presentation generously sponsored by our School Council.



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Trustee / Chair
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As you can see, spring time is a busy time at Kenollie!

Sincerely,

Andrea Sekine
Principal

BE ALL YOU CAN BE



EDUCATION WEEKS

APRIL 9 - 20

- April 2 Easter Monday Holiday
- April 3 Compass Food Drive begins
Lunch Moms
Gr.4-6 French Club 11:00 am
Gr.4-6 French Presentation 12:00 pm
- April 4 Running Club 8:15 am
Pita Pit
- April 5 Running Club 8:15 am
Jr. Volleyball Tournament
Lunch Moms
Art for Kids 3:30 pm
- April 6 Running Club 8:15 am
Autism Awareness Day - wear BLUE
- April 9 Sub Day
Talent Showcase 10:40 am
Little Jammerz Guitar 1:20 pm
- April 10 Lunch Moms
Talent Showcase 10:40 am
- April 11 Running Club 8:15 am
Day of Pink
Pita Pit
Talent Showcase 10:40 am
- April 12 Running Club 8:15 am
Lunch Moms
Talent Showcase 10:40 am
Kindergarten Pizza Making Workshop
- April 13 Running Club 8:15 am
- April 16 Sub Day
Dress Rehearsal for Spring Concert 11:20 am
Little Jammerz Guitar 1:20 pm
- April 17 Lunch Moms
Dress Rehearsal for Spring Concert 11:20 am
- April 18 Running Club 8:15 am
Compass Food Drive ends
Pita Pit
Spring Concert 9:30 am
- April 19 Running Club 8:15 am
Jr. Speech Competition
Lunch Moms
Movie Night 6:30 pm
- April 20 Running Club 8:15 am
Beauty & The Beast presentation 9:20 am
- April 23 Sub Day
Little Jammerz Guitar 1:20 pm
- April 24 Running Club 8:15 am
Lunch Moms
Gr.4-6 French Café
- April 25 Running Club 8:15 am
Administrative Professionals' Day
Gr.5 Scientists in School 9:20 am
Pita Pit
- April 26 Running Club 8:15 am
Grad Photos (morning)
Lunch Moms (final on this menu)
- April 27 Running Club 8:15 am
Scorch Assembly 9:20 am
Pizza Day
- April 30 Sub Day
Little Jammerz Guitar 1:20 pm
School Council Meeting 7:00 pm

Autism Awareness Day

Wear BLUE on April 6, 2018

Our school will be participating in World Autism Month. In 2017, 170 countries from all 7 continents around the world participated in special activities that brought awareness to others about people living with autism.

At Kenollie, we are going to participate in our first 'Light It Up Blue' day. We are encouraging all staff and students to wear **BLUE** on April 6th, 2018. By wearing blue that day you show understanding and acceptance to people in our community living with autism.

Kenollie PS goes PINK on April 11th!

On Wednesday, April 11, 2018, Peel District School Board schools will recognize **Day of Pink**. Unlike Pink Shirt Day, which is meant to combat all forms of bullying, we celebrate Day of Pink in Peel to specifically combat homophobia and transphobia.

"Equity and inclusion is something that all Peel schools teach throughout the year and discuss with students daily — it is embedded in everything we do," says Peter Joshua, director of education. "Day of Pink is just one more way for us to ensure students and staff learn, work and develop in environments that are safe, equitable, inclusive, respectful and nurturing for all."

Day of Pink began when a high school student in Cambridge, Nova Scotia, was bullied with homophobic language because he wore a pink shirt to school. The next day, hundreds of students at his school stood up to bullying and wore pink to school to show their support for equity and inclusion.

On this day, students, staff and families from across Peel may wear pink and participate in a number of activities.

Celebrate Administrative Professionals' Day Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Peel schools will pay tribute to administrative professionals on Administrative Professionals' Day on April 25, 2018. The day will be celebrated with special activities and events that provide teachers, students and parents an opportunity to thank the administrative staff who help support student success each and every day.

The Peel board appreciates the important job administrative staff do each school day and April 25 provides an opportunity to give these individuals the recognition they deserve.

Important changes coming to our SafeArrival system in May 2018

Effective Date: Monday, May 14, 2018

Please continue to use our current Synervoice system until Friday, May 11, 2018.

The Peel District School Board is currently using the *SafeArrival* system by Synervoice Technologies. As Synervoice has been sold to West Communications, there will be slight changes to our *SafeArrival* system and how you will report your child's absence from school. The phone number to report your child's absence will stay the same, but there are a few other changes.

Beginning May 14, 2018, all elementary school parents/guardians need to report their child's full-day absences, late arrivals and/or early departures from school via our **new School Messenger SafeArrival system**.

**The phone number will stay the same:
1-855-209-6155**

**The Website has changed to:
go.schoolmessenger.ca**

**Download a new app:
School Messenger App**
(from Google or Apple)

*Please be sure to delete the old
Safe Arrival app after May 11*

Please continue to use our current Synervoice system until Friday, May 11, 2018.

The new School Messenger SafeArrival will be live on Monday, May 14, 2018.

Important to note:

The transition to a new company and system will require parents to set up a new account with **School Messenger SafeArrival** as data will not be transferred from the old system to the new. More information on how and when to set-up your new account will be coming in the next month.

EQAO Assessment

The Primary (Grade 3) and Junior (Grade 6) EQAO provincial assessments will be completed in the mornings on these dates:

May 23 - 31

Attendance is very important. Please try to schedule appointments and holidays for another time.

35th Annual

Dads' BBQ

Wednesday, June 6, 2018

4:30-7:30 pm

Mark Wednesday, June 6th on your calendar for the Dads' BBQ!

In 1983, the Kenollie Community set out to build a playground for students. The first fundraiser was known as the "Community BBQ". Over time and due to the fathers who co-ordinate the event it came to be known as the Dads' BBQ. Once again this year's event aims to raise funds to benefit our kids and our community.



Thank You! The support over the recent years has been tremendous in raising the funds for the new playground equipment and improving the learning environment at KPS, as well as solidifying the Dads' BBQ as a great community event.

We know that your children will be looking forward to this fun event and are excited to see your involvement.

Please contact the Dads' BBQ Committee at kenolliedadsbbq@gmail.com to let us know if you are interested in helping out. Also, if you have any interesting items to donate to the silent auction we'd love to hear from you.

The Dads' BBQ planning sessions will begin at the end of March, please come out and join us! Again, thanks to everyone for their time and support! We are proud and thankful of all the fathers who volunteer at the BBQ and all of the families that come out to support us!

Looking forward to seeing you on

Wednesday June 6, 2018 from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

ParentConnect

Online parent portal to access important student information

The Peel District School Board is excited to announce the launch of ParentConnect, an online parent portal to access important student information. The pilot program was introduced at select schools and phased in to all Peel schools on Feb. 23, 2018.

What is ParentConnect?

ParentConnect is a safe and secure website, created by the Peel District School Board, that acts as a single point to stay informed and to access all electronic services provided to Peel board parents and legal guardians.

The parent-friendly website will allow you to:

- view school-based alerts and information
- access real time absence reporting
- view current and historic elementary report card info
- get up-to-date busing information
- review secondary school credit history and diploma status
- and more

To learn more about the benefits of ParentConnect, visit our school website or www.peelschools.org/parentconnect



Earth Month

Earth Month encompasses the international celebration of Earth Day on April 22, 2018. This is the most celebrated environmental event worldwide. Initiated in 1970, this event has been considered the birth of the environmental movement.

Each year, more than 6 million Canadians join 500 million people in over 180 countries in staging events and projects to address local environmental issues. In Canada, Earth Day has grown into Earth Week and even Earth Month to accommodate the profusion of events and projects. Here are some ways that you can celebrate earth week with your family:

- create a backyard or schoolyard habitat
- plant a garden or tree
- start a recycling program at home
- organize a carpooling campaign in your neighbourhood to reduce air pollution
- pick up trash in your neighbourhood
- read a book about an endangered species
- make a visit to your local zoo, aquarium or museum
- visit a local park, wildlife area or farm to provide a fun opportunity to learn about the environment and life



Raising Resilience

Resilience is an important part of well-being. It is being able to 'bounce back' from difficult times, setbacks, and other significant challenges. It includes being able to deal effectively with pressure, and get through tough times.

Raising Resilience Tip:

Accept children & youth for who they are

Children and youth are more likely to be resilient if they feel accepted for who they are. Acceptance means we must resist the temptation to judge and criticize. When people feel validated they feel worthy and valued, which means when they encounter setbacks they will have the confidence to try again.

Letting children know specifically what you love about them or why you are proud of them can bolster resilience.

"I am so proud of how you treat others with respect. The way you encouraged your classmates outside the school this afternoon made them feel so special!"

"You worked so hard at that activity today. I know you didn't come first, but all that matters is that you tried hard – and it looked to me like you gave it everything you had!"

When we let people know we accept and care for them, and offer them specifics, they feel like they can conquer anything!

Register Today for Adult ESL or LINC Classes

Do you know an adult that is interested in improving their English language skills for work, study or daily life?

Through the Continuing & Adult Education department, the Peel District School Board offers a wide variety of English language classes that help parents experience success in Canadian English in both listening/speaking and reading/writing. Courses are designed for a range of basic, intermediate and advanced English (Levels 1 to 8) as well as the more experienced learner needing to prepare for an IELTS exam.

Classes are ongoing—register anytime.

All learners that complete a session will earn a certificate of learning from the Peel District School Board.

Classes operate from six locations in Brampton and Mississauga with three specially designed adult centres at:

Bramalea

Adult Education Centre, 25 Kings Cross Rd., Unit 3

Brampton

Adult Education Centre, #300 - 700 Hurontario St.

Mississauga

Adult Education Centre, 100 Elm Drive W., Room 117

To learn more or to register, call **905-270-6000, then press 2**. Also visit www.peelschools.org/adulteducation or follow us on Twitter: @PDSBLearnESL

Help us to encourage and enhance parent involvement in Peel

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

The Peel board's 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

Parent application packages will be made available on April 11, 2018 at www.peelschools.org/PIC.

What is Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) is a legislated committee that makes recommendations to the board on matters affecting the education programs and services for students with special needs. SEAC meets monthly during the school year and consists of three trustees and representatives from organizations within Peel.

An important focus for SEAC members is to bring forward the views of their organizations and assist parents in navigating the school system. You can reach out to your trustees or the appropriate organization to discuss any matters regarding special education or join us at one of our monthly meetings. All meetings are open to the public and includes a set time for questions from the community.

For more information about SEAC and the meeting schedule visit, <http://peelschools.org/parents/specialed/specedac/Pages/default.aspx>