



Kenollie News

April 2019



'We Inspire'

Dear Kenollie Families,

April is here already, and with April comes Education Week. We are looking forward to our annual Talent Show, Movie Night and a performance from the Ballet Creole as highlights to our week. Here at Kenollie, our staff and students continue to go above and beyond by experiencing learning beyond the classroom walls. Our school will host our annual Spring Food Drive, to support The Compass right here in our community. And recently, the students in our Little Deeds Club helped to serve meals to seniors. The compassion and caring that they demonstrated made us all proud. I am happy to turn over the front page of the newsletter to one of our students. I think her words say so much about what we want all of our students to learn.....

My Experience at Malvern Meals

by Grace

Going to Malvern meals was a great way to learn about the community. Experiencing how others lived made you feel immensely fortunate for your life. What I learned from this field trip is poverty is something you cannot see. Many had phones, jewelry, nice clothing and are still struggling. Even though they didn't live in a mansion they still had such kind hearts. They were so grateful for what we gave them and were extremely polite.

Serving was really fun. It brought you out of your comfort zone and you felt helpful that you could make a change. We were taught that helping is mandatory. Without it in this world, we would really have nothing. I realized that we really need to step it up and help more people because there are way more people in poverty who need to be helped. They can't live like this anymore, I believe it's not fair to them.

Going on this trip was amazing because it felt like a real restaurant and seeing all the happy people made you feel needed. I loved that you got to try out being a waiter and serving all of the 'Customers'. I also find it so cool that a lot of the people helping out took their time to help out at the centre. Police officers cooked the food, citizens organized it. It showed that all people can come together to help their town. Most of the guests eating already knew the drill which made it way easier. You actually had to collaborate with classmates which gave you the experience when you work in a job. The cooks spent around 2 hours helping the community centre handing out food. One of my favourite parts was getting a serving of leftover food.

Going to Malvern meals was a great experience and I believe we should make it a trip to go to every year.

Looking forward to seeing lots of families this month!

Sincerely,

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Principal

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April 1	Food Drive Begins Sub Day Gr.3-6 Library Club Peel Skills
April 2	Lunch Moms Running Club
April 3	Peel Skills Competition Gr.3-6 Library Club Running Club
April 4	Lunch Moms Running Club Art For Kids
April 5	Gr.3-6 Library Club Jump Rope Team Little Jammerz Guitar
April 8	Sub Day Gr.3-6 Library Club
April 9	Gr.6 Walking Trip to Queen Elizabeth Sr P.S. Grad Retake Photos Lunch Moms Talent Showcase Running Club
April 10	Day of Pink Ballet Creole 'Heart of Cuba' Performance Talent Showcase Gr.3-6 Library Club Running Club Movie Night
April 11	Lunch Moms Gr.3-6 Library Club Running Club Art For Kids
April 12	Jump Rope Team Little Jammerz Guitar
April 15	Sub Day Gr.3-6 Library Club Author Visit - Elly MacKay
April 16	Lunch Moms Running Club
April 17	Gr.3-6 Library Club Running Club
April 18	Lunch Moms Jump Rope Team Gr.3-6 Library Club Running Club Art For Kids
April 19	GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY
April 22	EASTER MONDAY HOLIDAY
April 23	Lunch Moms Jump Rope Team
April 24	Gr.3-6 Library Club
April 25	Lunch Moms Running Club Art For Kids
April 26	Scorch Assembly Pizza Day Gr.3-6 Library Club Running Club Little Jammerz Guitar
April 29	Sub Day Running Club
April 30	Lunch Moms Jump Rope Team

Education Week April 8 - 12

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April 1 - 16 - 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 - Talent Showcase

Performances will take place during first and second Nutrition Break in the gym (10:40-11:20 am AND 1:20-2:00 pm). Everyone is welcome to attend these special days where our students have a chance to shine and showcase their many unique talents.

April 10 @ 9:30 am

Ballet Creole 'Heart of Cuba'

This is a school-wide presentation generously sponsored by our School Council. Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend!

April 10 @ 6:30 pm - Movie Night

This is always a fun evening for Kenollie families, this year we will be showing the movie 'Paddington'. Popcorn will be on sale for \$1.00/bag. Proceeds will go to The Children's Wish Foundation. Students must be accompanied by a parent during the movie.

April 15 - Author Visit

Award winning author/illustrator Elly MacKay will be visiting Kenollie on April 15th! All students in Grades 1 to 6 will participate in a workshop with our special visitor.

Kenollie PS goes PINK on April 10th!

On Wednesday, April 10, 2019, 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, transphobia and biphobia.

"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.

37th Annual

Dads' BBQ

Wednesday, June 12, 2019

4:30-7:30 pm

*Mark Wednesday, June 12th 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 12, 2019 from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Celebrate Administrative Professionals' Day Wednesday, April 24, 2019

Peel schools will pay tribute to administrative professionals on Administrative Professionals' Day on April 24, 2019. 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 24 provides an opportunity to give these individuals the recognition they deserve.

Food Drive



April 1 - 16

Our Spring Food Drive will run for two weeks in support of The Compass, located in Port Credit. Items needed most are: cereal/oatmeal; granola bars; crackers; canned meat/fish. Cash donations are also welcome.

Please check their website at <https://thecompass.ca/> for more information.

EQAO Assessment

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

May 22 - 29

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



**Earth
Month**

Earth Month encompasses the international celebration of Earth Day on April 22, 2019. 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

Keeping children safe in and around storm sewers & waterways

Rising and fast moving water in lakes, ponds and creeks is increasingly likely during spring. Children playing in and around storm sewers and watercourses, entering storm sewers through the outfalls, and entering storm sewers through access covers is dangerous. The following information will help keep children safe:

- Water flows in storm sewers and watercourses are unpredictable and may change quickly
- Toxic gases may be present in and around storm sewers and watercourses
- Access is restricted, making rescue attempts are difficult
- Tragic falls could take place

Please review this information with your children and let them know how dangerous storm sewers and waterways are.



ParentConnect

**Online parent portal to access
important student information**

Last year, the Peel District School Board launched ParentConnect, an online parent portal to access important student information.

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

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>

Using Social Media

With the growing number of social media sites, it is no surprise that social media is the most common form of communication for children and teenagers. Posts, status updates, comments, instant messages, video uploads, tweets and texts have become a regular part of their lives. While there are many positive benefits to using social media, including staying connected with friends and expressing your interests, students must be cautious in their use of these networks.

Among the most popular social media platforms used are Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram, YouTube and Whatsapp Messenger. Many of these platforms are free and are available on smartphones and other electronic devices. These platforms are easy to navigate and often allow information to be shared instantly, not only with friends, but with strangers. On social media, it is important to remember that the world is watching.

Here are some tips, provided by the Canadian Safe School Network and GetSafeOnline.org, to keep your children safe and help them make smart choices when using social media:

- Set some boundaries for your child before they get their first 'connected device' (mobile, tablet, laptop or games console). Once they have it, it can be more difficult to change the way they use it or the settings.
- Have a conversation about what is appropriate online behaviour and what actions could have huge repercussions that could damage their reputation and be harmful to others.
- Talk to your child about the kind of websites they look at. Encourage them to speak to you if they come across something they find worrying or upsetting on websites, games or social media.
- Discuss with your child what is safe and appropriate to post and share online. Written comments, photos and videos all form part of their 'digital footprint' and could be seen by anyone and available on the internet forever, even if it is subsequently deleted.
- Explain to your child that being online doesn't give them anonymity or protection, and that they shouldn't do anything online that they wouldn't do face-to-face. Users should only accept people they know in order to protect themselves from spammers, strangers and others who may be using social networking sites to commit crimes.
- Unlike when they're meeting someone face-to-face, children don't always know who they're actually 'talking' to online, even if they think they do. Tell your children they must never email, chat, or text with strangers, and it's never okay to meet a stranger in the real world.
- Ensure your children set their privacy settings appropriately. Take the time to learn how privacy settings work on your children's favourite sites, and teach them how to control their privacy.
- Tell your children never to share personal and private information with anyone online. This includes, but is not limited to, his or her full name, age, birth date, address, phone number, social insurance number, credit card information and parents' full names.
- Limit the amount of time that your children spend on social media platforms and talk about the importance of healthy and appropriate use of technology.