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KALEIDOSCOPE

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year - 2017!

Welcome Back

Wildly Important Goal Setting time!

Welcome back to another great year of learning at Kenollie PS! I sincerely hope that you have all enjoyed a restful and relaxing winter break with family and friends, and that you feel rejuvenated! Can you believe it is 2017? Where did the past year go? A quick scroll through our very active school Twitter account (@KenolliePS) has definitely given us a lot to reflect upon and remember! January is a great time to look back at our accomplishments and set goals for the year ahead! I plan to set some "WIG" (Wildly Important) goals like the students in Mrs. Newton-Faulkner's Grade One class!



School Success Updates

As mentioned in the December newsletter, staff have been working hard within their classrooms to develop effective strategies to improve student achievement in the area of Mathematics. During our December staff meeting, all of our teachers worked collaboratively to share their reflections on their work towards their goals. With an overall goal of improving student abilities to recognize and respond to thinking and application style questions, staff selected strategies to try within their classrooms (i.e., the use of number talks, ten frames, a focus on the mathematical processes and explicit teaching around questioning terminology "justify" and "explain"). From there, we discussed next steps and made a plan for the upcoming staff meetings for the remainder of the school year as we work closely with our Instructional Coach, Marla Skelhome to go deeper with our work and learning. It is important to note that the reflection process that we engage in as a school staff, using the data that we have available to us (EQAO, Classroom, Report Cards) is one of the most important parts of our school improvement plan. When we take the time to "try new things" and then evaluate the successes and the "misses", it helps us to continue moving forward as we work to help all of our students achieve. I look forward to continuing to highlight the work we are doing as a school to improve student success.

Exciting times at Kenollie PS

In addition to the great 21st Century teaching and learning that is taking place within the curricular program, it is always important to ensure that we are engaging students outside of the classroom. Extra-curricular opportunities like athletics, clubs, trips, leadership, and fundraising also help to develop life long learning skills and help us to "Create a kind and supportive community of 21st Century citizens who work hard to be all they can be!" as our school mission states. To that end, here are just some of the highlights that our school has to look forward to in the coming 6 months:

- Spirit Days
- Skating Trips (Grades 1—6)
- Ski Trips (Grades 4—6)
- Intramurals and Team Sports
- All Grade Level Spelling Bee Competition for interested students
- Student organized Science Fair Competition (Grades 3—6)
- Excellence in Eloquence Competition (Grades 4—6)
- Peel Technical Skills Competition
- Parent Presentations—Keep Your Focus (February 9th) & 21st Century Teaching & Learning—Numeracy Night (March 1st)
- Education Weeks—April (Movie Night, Earth Day Celebrations, Talent Showcase, Open House and Spring Concert)
- Primary Lego League (Grades 1—3)

Reports and Interviews

Mr. Anthony Edwards
Superintendent
905-366-8800

It certainly looks like we will be "gearing up" as we "wind down" Term One and begin Term Two. Our Kindergarten Communication of Learning and Term One report cards will be coming home on **February 9th**. There is still a lot to do between now and then, and please know that our doors are always open to meet with parents and families. With respect to interviews at this time of year, formal interviews are set up at teacher or parent request only. Please be sure to connect with your child's teacher to arrange an interview time if you would like to do so.

Mrs. McDougald
Trustee / Chair
905-278-1402

Thank you everyone for all of you for your ongoing support. Parents play an important role in supporting learning outside of the instructional time, and we appreciate the opportunity to work in partnership to help our students excel! Thanks for all that you do! You really do make a difference!

Sincerely, Ms J. El Refaie, Proud Principal of Kenollie Public School

BE ALL YOU CAN BE

What's Happening

- Jan. 9 Classes resume
Sub Day
- Jan. 10 Spirit Team 10:40 am
Lunch Moms
Skipping Team 12:35 pm
- Jan. 11 K-6 Waste Reduction Workshops
Pita Pit
Hatch Coding 3:30-4:30 pm
- Jan. 12 K-6 Waste Reduction Workshops
Spirit Team 10:40 am
Lunch Moms
Art for Kids 3:30-5:00 pm
- Jan. 13 In the Mix Dance (K-Gr.2 and 3-6) 12:15-1:15 pm
Spirit Day - Pyjama Day (50 cents, Children's Wish)
- Jan. 16 Sub Day
Gr.4-6 Ball Hockey 12:35 pm
- Jan. 17 Hearing/Vision Clinic
Spirit Team 10:40 am
Lunch Moms
Skipping 12:35 pm
- Jan. 18 Pita Pit
Gr.4-6 Ball Hockey 12:35 pm
Hatch Coding (final) 3:30-4:30 pm
- Jan. 19 Skating Trip #2
Spirit Team 10:40 am
Lunch Moms
Art for Kids 3:30-5:00 pm
- Jan. 20 QE Roadshow for Gr.4, 5 & 6 10:00 am
In the Mix Dance (K-Gr.2 and 3-6) 12:15-1:15 pm
- Jan. 23 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS (Report Writing Day)
- Jan. 24 Dolphin Sr PS Hockey Tournament
Spirit Team 10:40 am
Lunch Moms
Gr.4-6 Ball Hockey 12:35 pm
- Jan. 25 Special Invite 11:00-12:15 pm
Pita Pit
Skipping - Gr.3-5 only 12:35 pm
- Jan. 26 Gr.2&3 Walking Trip to PCSS 10:00 am
Spirit Team 10:40 am
Lunch Moms
Art for Kids (final) 3:30-5:00 pm
- Jan. 27 Spirit Day - Jersey Day (50 cents, Children's Wish)
Scorch Assembly 9:15 am
Pizza Day
In the Mix Dance (K-Gr.2 and 3-6) 12:15-1:15 pm
Gr.4-6 Ball Hockey 12:35 pm
Gr.2 Craft Club 12:35 pm
- Jan. 30 Author Eric Walters comes to Kenollie
Sub Day
Skipping 12:35 pm
- Jan. 31 Spirit Team 10:40 am
Lunch Moms
Gr.4-6 Ball Hockey 12:35 pm

Traffic safety in our community

Safety is a top priority at our school. Here is a list of traffic tips to keep students, staff and parents safe while commuting to and from school.

- Respect traffic signs and road markers around the school.
- Drive slowly and with caution on and near school property. Adhere to the posted speed limits on any surrounding streets used by students on their way to and from school.
- Always yield to pedestrian traffic. Wait for students, staff members and parents to cross before driving past them.
- When dropping your child off at the school, use the Kiss'n'Ride area. This is a supervised area that is designed to keep students safe.
- Do not double park or do anything else to block traffic or draw your child off the curb and into traffic. Do not take shortcuts over curbs.
- Have your child ready to exit the car when you reach the curb. Say goodbye to your child before you park at the curb to let your child out of your car.
- During regular drop-off times, students are to remain in the car until it is safe for them to exit the car onto the curb.
- Follow the directions of staff or volunteers on duty in the school parking lot and treat staff, students, volunteers, passengers and other drivers with respect.
- Consider parking off site and walking a short distance to school. This will give you time to talk to your children about their day, review new vocabulary words, math concepts, etc.
- Remind your child to only cross the street at an intersection or crosswalk. They should never "jaywalk" by crossing in the middle of the street.
- Students who bike to school should always wear a helmet, and follow all traffic laws. They should only cross the street at a crosswalk or intersection—never in the middle of the road.



Indoor Footwear Reminders

Please ensure your child has a pair of 'indoor' shoes to be kept at school. This will help keep our school clean, especially when winter brings the snow, slush & mud.

For safety reasons, all students are required to wear shoes throughout the school day. In the event of a fire alarm or emergency evacuation, students will not have time to put on shoes or boots. Also, students without proper outdoor footwear (i.e., boots), will be restricted to the blacktop when playing outside as our field tends to get very wet and muddy.

Thank you for your continued support!

Where in the World has Scorch been?

SCORCH continues to travel! When travelling, please remember to take along your Scorch t-shirts and to photograph your children wearing them some place really neat!



Neil K.
Blue Mosque
Istanbul

Travelling for the Holidays...

Please be sure to take your Scorch shirt with you and get some fabulous photos wearing your shirt! Please email the photos to kenollie.ps@peelsb.com if you wish for your child's photo (with their Scorch shirt on) to be a part of our newsletter. Together we can take Scorch around the World! Have fun everyone :)

The Children's Wish Foundation of Canada



Kenollie will be participating in a fundraising effort to support The Children's Wish Foundation of Canada. The Children's Wish Foundation of Canada is a uniquely Canadian charity that helps Canadian children, families and communities by granting the favourite wish of a child diagnosed with a life-threatening illness. With every wish that is granted, the Foundation helps to create moments of joy that ease the pain of a child, give respite to the child's family, and connect healthcare professionals and communities in that burning wish of hope. The Children's Wish Foundation of Canada has been granting wishes since 1984. Nearly 25,000 wishes to children diagnosed with a life-threatening illness have been granted. Every wish is as unique as the child making it, from finally getting to cuddle with grandparents who live far away to hitting a puck with a favourite hockey player.

In 2017 Kenollie will be supporting this very worthy cause through several events: **January 13th – 'Pyjama Day'** and **January 27th – 'Jersey Day'** will be Spirit Days. Students will be asked to bring in **50 cents** on those days to support the Foundation. As well students may wish to buy candy grams on **February 6-8** for fellow students which will be delivered on Tuesday, February 14, Valentine's Day. The cost for candy grams is **\$1.00 each**. Thank you for helping our efforts to support this worthy cause and to show that Kenollie cares!



January's Spirit Days

On January 13th your child(ren) can sleep in a little bit longer than usual! Students, staff and parents are invited to come to school dressed in their PJs for the day! Bed head is encouraged and slippers are a must!

Our next Spirit Day will be Jersey Day on January 27th! Students can wear their sports jerseys and show off their favourite team!

Looking forward to seeing everyone participating! Don't forget to bring 50 cents for the Children's Wish Foundation!

Kiss and Ride



Thanks again to our wonderful Kiss and Ride organizer, Mrs. Chiofalo-Chung and her awesome team of parent and student volunteers! 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**.
- 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.
- During pick-up, please enter the kiss and ride loop directly, rather than waiting along Glenwood for your child to exit. If you know that your child often arrives later, please come at that time.
- Please remember that there isn't time to make play date arrangements during Kiss and Ride, these plans should be made before the start of the school day.

Kindergarten Registration

It's time to register children born in 2013 for Kindergarten!

*We inspire success, confidence and hope in each student... and it all starts in Kindergarten!
If your child was born in 2013, he/she can start Kindergarten in September 2017.*

Register at Kenollie Public School on February 6, 7, 8 or 9

****Please make an appointment to register your child****

Daytime appointments are available each day, as well as evening appointments on February 9th

**To make an appointment, please contact our Office Manager, Mrs. Morrison
905-278-8991 (ext 0) or catherine.morrison@peelsb.com**

What to bring to your registration appointment:

Completed Peel District School Board Registration Form and Kindergarten Questionnaire

- ◇ Mrs. Morrison will email you a **Registration Form** and **Questionnaire** when you make your appointment, **or**
- ◇ The **Registration Form** can also be printed from the Kenollie website at <http://schools.peelschools.org/1279> (click on *Register for School* on the left side)
- ◇ Please provide as many emergency contacts as possible on page 2 of the **Registration Form**

Proof of Age & Immigration Status

- ◇ Canadian Birth Certificate
- ◇ Canadian Passport
- ◇ Citizenship Card/Certificate
- ◇ Permanent Resident Card
- ◇ Confirmation of Permanent Residence
- ◇ Work Permit
- ◇ Refugee Permit

Proof of Address/Residency in Peel

- ◇ Ontario Driver's License
- ◇ Utility Bill
- ◇ Bank Statement/Client Slip (directly from financial institution)
- ◇ Credit Card Statement
- ◇ Federal Government Forms (e.g. Social Insurance Number, Service Canada documents)
- ◇ Purchase Agreement

Proof of Custody

- ◇ Children must live with their parent(s) unless provided documentation supports an alternate living arrangement

Immunization Records

- ◇ Proof that your child has been immunized/vaccinated

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; Caledon residents can call toll-free at 905-584-2216. Translation services are available.



Bus Cancellations and Closing Schools due to Bad Weather

During the winter months, we may need to cancel buses or close schools because of inclement weather.

Information regarding details of cancellations or closures will be announced on radio and television stations listed below and posted at on [Twitter @Peelschools](#), Facebook at www.facebook.com/peelschools, www.peelschools.org and www.stopr.ca or by calling 905-890-1010 or 1-800-668-1146.

VIRGIN RADIO FM99.9	CHUM AM1050	CFTR AM680
CFNY FM102.1/AM640	CJCL AM590	CHFI FM98.1
NEWTALK1010 AM	EZ ROCK FM97.3	CJBC (FR) AM860
FM Z103.5	FM93.1	FM Q107
CHIN FM100.7/AM1540	CBC99.1	CITYPULSE
GLOBAL NEWS	CTV	BREAKFAST TELEVISION

One of the following messages will be announced (highlighted text only):

Peel District School Board buses are cancelled.

This means that schools remain open for students and staff, but buses are cancelled. Bus cancellations could occur in all or parts of municipalities. Buses will remain cancelled all day. All activities that require busing will also be cancelled. Permits, night school classes, child care and other activities in schools will operate as usual.

All Peel District School Board schools and board offices are closed.

This means that all schools and Board offices are closed to students and staff. All activities in schools and board offices are also cancelled, including child care, night school and permits.

All evening programs and permits at the Peel District School Board are cancelled.

This means that 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.

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Middle School Regional Learning Choices Programs



Regional Learning Choices Programs offered by the Peel District School Board empower students by providing an opportunity to develop and explore skills in a particular area of interest. These programs are open to all students who meet the criteria for acceptance.

Information Nights

Students and their families are encouraged to attend the information night for the program of their choice to receive more information about the program and application details. If you are unable to attend the information night, program details and information about the application process are available through the school.

How to apply

The application process for elementary regional programs opens in mid-January 2017. Application dates for middle school programs vary from school to school. The application window for our secondary regional programs has closed for this school year.

Visit www.peelschools.org/RegionalPrograms to learn more about our programs, application process and transportation eligibility.

Stay up-to-date!

For more information, look out for the conference flyer at your child's school or visit www.peelschools.org/parents/conference.

Apply for French Immersion by Jan. 27, 2017

If your child will be starting grade 1 in September 2017, one of the important choices you will make is whether you want to consider French Immersion (FI). To find out more about the program, visit www.peelschools.org/French

The application form for grade 1 FI for the 2017-18 school year will be available online at www.peelschools.org/French as of Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 1 p.m. The deadline to apply is Friday, January 27, 2017, at 4 p.m. Applications received after the deadline will not be included in the random selection process and will be placed on the school's waitlist.

The FI school for our area is Mineola Public School. The phone number is 905-278-3144.

Enrolment cap and random selection process

As there is a grade 1 FI enrolment cap in place, there are a limited number of spots available for students entering the program. The cap is set at 25 per cent of all Peel students enrolled in grade 1.

Spots are not assigned on a first come, first served basis. A random selection process system is used to identify students gaining entrance into the grade 1 FI program.

All students who apply by the deadline will be assigned a rank using a computerized random selection process. Once students have been assigned to all available spots, remaining students will be placed, again in rank order, on the school's waitlist. Each school has its own waitlist.

How to get more information

- Visit the Peel board website—www.peelschools.org/French.
- Call Mineola P.S. at 905-278-3144.
- Visit the Canadian Parents for French website at <http://on.cpf.ca/>.

Apply for Extended French by Jan. 27, 2017

If your child will be starting grade 7 in September 2017, one of the important choices you will make is whether you want to consider Extended French (EF). To find out more about the program, visit www.peelschools.org/French

The application form for Grade 7 EF for the 2017-18 school year will be available online at www.peelschools.org/French as of Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 1 p.m.

The deadline to apply is Friday, January 27, 2017 at 4 p.m. Applications received after the deadline will be placed on the school's waitlist.

The EF school for our area is Green Glade Sr. Public School. The phone number is 905-822-8386.

How to get more information

- Visit the Peel board website—www.peelschools.org/French.
- Call Green Glade Sr. P.S. at 905-822-8386.
- Visit the Canadian Parents for French website at <http://on.cpf.ca/>.

Conference helps parents make a difference in numeracy and beyond



The Peel District School Board is hosting its annual parent conference on Saturday, April 1, 2017, at Mississauga Secondary School in Mississauga. Once again, the conference will focus on numeracy—25 out of 60 workshops help with math. Parents will still have the opportunity to attend workshops on other topics, including literacy, special education and science.

This **free** learning event is open to Peel parents of students at all grade levels.

Registration opens February 1, 2017

Stay up-to-date!

For more information, look out for the conference flyer at your child's school or visit www.peelschools.org/parents/conference.

Health and Physical Education Curriculum supports the physical, emotional and social well-being of students

Working together to keep our students safe and healthy

The Peel District School Board implemented the Ministry of Education's revised Health and Physical Education (HPE) curriculum in the 2015-16 school year. The curriculum is divided into four elements that work together to support the physical, emotional and social well-being of students:

- active living
- movement competence
- living skills
- healthy living

Peel staff will again teach the human development and sexual health component to students, beginning spring 2017. This provides time for teachers to develop strong relationships with their students prior to this phase.

Advance notice letters will be sent home with students two weeks prior to the human development/sexual health lessons. Families can submit religious accommodation requests at any time prior to the lesson by contacting the school directly.

To get more information on how the HPE curriculum will be taught, please visit our website at www.peelschools.org/HPE.

Celebrating Faith and Culture

January 2017

DATE	CELEBRATION	FAITH & CULTURE
Month of January	K'aliyee & Spirit moon	Aboriginal Spirituality
January 1	Temple Day	Buddhism
January 1 and 14 (J)	New Year's Day	Christianity and Canada
January 1	Gantan-sai	Shinto
January 5	Sakyamuni Buddha's Enlightenment	Buddhism
January 5	Birth of Guru Gobind Singh	Sikhism
January 6 and 19 (J)	Epiphany or Feast of Theophany	Christianity
January 7 (J)	Christmas	Christianity
January 9	Seijin-no-hi	Shinto
January 12	Mahayana New Year	Buddhism
January 13	Lohri	Hinduism
January 13	Maghi	Sikhism
January 14	Makar Sankranti	Hinduism
January 15	World Religion Day	Bahá'í
January 18 to February 5	Month of Sultán	Bahá'í
January 28	Lunar New Year/Maitreya Bodhisattva's Birthday	Buddhism