



KALEIDOSCOPE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

March 2018

Great Things Happening at Kenollie

The Great Giving Spirit at Kenollie

Well, it looks like March will “come in like a lion”, so hopefully that means that we will have milder weather at the end of the month! February has flown by with so many events! We had our second skating day, our Valentine’s Cupcake Fundraiser in support of Children’s Wish Foundation, and our Skiing Day. As always, we appreciate our student, staff and parent support of all of our endeavors.



Professional Learning

On our February 9th Professional Learning Day, our staff participated in Board-Wide learning about supporting students with a variety of needs. In the afternoon, our own team, including Ms. Newton-Faulkner, Mrs. Freeman and Mr. Currie, and our Instructional Coach, Mrs. Skelhorne, ran sessions about the use of concrete thinking tools to support student understanding of mathematical concepts.



Upcoming Special Events!

We are looking forward to lots of events coming up in March and April, including the Grade 5 and 6 Girls and Boys basketball tournaments, our Big Gulp and Big Crunch events, Day of Pink, Excellence in Eloquence Speech Competition, our Talent Showcase and the Spring Concert. As well, our Kindergartens are going on their first excursion to the Living Arts Centre!



This spring, our school will be supporting The Compass Food Bank and Outreach Centre, right here in our own community. We will be starting the food drive at Easter week and wrapping it up at the Spring Concert, on April 18th.

Stay tuned to the upcoming Thursday Envelopes for dates and times.

Mr. D. Van Hooydonk
Superintendent
905-366-8800

I wish everyone a wonderful March Break
I look forward to sailing into spring with our school community!

Mrs. McDougald
Trustee / Chair
905-278-1402

Sincerely,
Andrea Sekine, Principal



BE ALL YOU CAN BE

What's Happening

- Mar. 1 Lunch Moms (final on current menu)
Art for Kids 3:30-5:00 pm
- Mar. 2 Gr.6 Scientists in School
Gr.4-6 French Club
Forest Friday
- Mar. 5 Sub Day
Talent Showcase Signup
- Mar. 6 Lunch Moms
Gr.4 Scientists in School
Talent Showcase Signup
- Mar. 7 Gr. 5 & 6 Girls Basketball Tournament
Pita Pit
Talent Showcase Signup
- Mar. 8 Gr. 5 & 6 Boys Basketball Tournament
All-School Book Exchange
Lunch Moms
Art for Kids
- Mar. 9 Gr.4-6 French Club
Forest Friday
- MARCH 12 - 16
SPRING BREAK
SCHOOL IS CLOSED
- 
- Mar. 19 Sub Day
- Mar. 20 Lunch Moms
- Mar. 22 Lunch Moms
Art for Kids
- Mar. 23 Kindergarten Trip to Living Arts Ctr 9:15-12:30
Gr.4-6 French Club
- Mar. 26 Sub Day
- Mar. 27 Gr.5 Trip to Kortright Conservation 9:15-1:00
Lunch Moms
- Mar. 29 Scorch Assembly 9:20 am
Big Gulp / Big Crunch
Lunch Moms (final on this menu)
Pizza Day
Art for Kids
- Mar. 30 GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY - School is Closed
- Mar. 31 **Annual Offence Declarations due from Volunteers**

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.



OFFENCE DECLARATIONS
HAVE BEEN MAILED TO OUR
PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Completing the Offence Declaration will ensure that you will retain your approved volunteer status.

Please give your completed form to Mrs. Morrison or mail it back to our Human Resources Dept. using the return envelope provided.

Please let Mrs. Morrison know if you mailed the form to HR.

DEADLINE: MARCH 31, 2018

ARE YOU A KENOLLIE VOLUNTEER ?

**Have you received your
Annual Offence Declaration form in the mail ?**

IF NOT, PLEASE TELL MRS. MORRISON!

**If yes, have you completed it
and given it to Mrs. Morrison?**

Deadline is March 31, 2018

Where in the World has Scorch been?

Keep Scorch travelling! Thank you Riley H for this amazing photo from Punta Cana, Dominican!



When travelling over March Break or anytime, please remember to take along your Scorch t-shirts and to photograph your children wearing them some place really neat! Please send your pictures to Mrs. Morrison (catherine.morrison@peelsb.com) to have them featured in our next newsletter.



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 February 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 information
- 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

35th Annual Dads' BBQ Wednesday, June 6 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

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.



Important changes coming to the SafeArrival system in May 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
- ◆ 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.

Build Happiness

External factors often only have a partial influence on our level of happiness. Promotions, new relationships and lucky lottery wins give only a temporary boost to happiness before we return to our baseline.

Sustained happiness takes work. Listed here are a few exercise ideas that, when practiced frequently, can build habits of happiness.

Journal About Gratitude

Every night write down three good things about your day. They don't have to be major. They might be as simple as a good meal, talking to a friend, or getting through something difficult.

Say, "Thank You"

Keep your eyes open throughout the day for reasons to say "thanks". Try to notice and recognize the actions that people do, such as a coworker who works hard or a friend who seems willing to listen.

Take a Gratitude Walk

Go for a walk and make a special effort to appreciate your surroundings. You might notice the smell of flowers, a pretty building, or a soothing breeze. Spend a few minutes focusing on each of your senses (sight, hearing, taste and touch) to find new things you may not have noticed.



#WELLinPEEL

Visit the Maple Syrup Sugar Bush at Jack Smythe Field Centre Open Wednesday, March 14 - 17

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Enjoy the beauty and wonder of nature as Spring blossoms. Jack Smythe Field Centre offers an exceptional family experience with a visit to its maple syrup bush. The March Break programs runs from Wednesday, March 14 to Saturday, March 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Peel District Sugar Bush program has been in operation for more than 40 years and provides families with an educational activity and a hands-on experience. The program is run by Peel District School Board teachers and staff during March Break.

Families are invited to get involved as spring comes to life in the following activities:

- help tap trees and empty sap buckets.
- sample some homemade maple syrup.
- hike along our trails and feed the friendly chickadees by hand.
- learn how pioneers collected and produced syrup compared to modern-day operations.
- Experience the indigenous roots of sweet water.
- visit the sugar shack where the sap boils and clouds of sweet smelling steam billow out of the chimney.

The cost is \$5.00/adult and \$4.00/child 12 and under. Lunch will be available for purchase. It will include hot chocolate, cookies and hotdogs for you to roast over an open fire.

Directions to Jack Smythe Field Centre, 14592 Winston Churchill Blvd., Terra Cotta:

North on Mississauga Rd, left on King Street (you will see Credit View P.S. on your left), right on Winston Churchill Blvd (you will pass the Terra Cotta Conservation Area on your left) to the top of the hill and left into the Jack Smythe site.

For more information, please contact the Jack Smythe Field Centre at 1-905-877-7771.

Using Social Media Safely

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.

Parent resources help you support your child's learning

At the Peel District School Board, our mission is to inspire success, confidence and hope in each child. There is no doubt that families play a vital role in helping us achieve this goal. As our partner in education, we hope you'll stay connected to your child's learning throughout his or her entire school experience.

Visit www.peelschools.org/parents/helpyourchild to explore all resources available to parents. There you will find easy-to-navigate buttons that connect families to tip sheets and web pages on a number of different topics, including math, homework, special education, EQAO and mental health.

