

KCA December 2017 Newsletter



Welcome to December! This is always a special time of year and there is lots happening at KCA. We began today with our annual Christmas shopping party. Monday brings the Middle Level concert (Gr.5/6-8), Thursday, December 7 is our Parent-Teacher interview afternoon and evening, and December 12 is our P-5/6 Christmas concert. I encourage you to join us in these activities, if you are available.

Two tickets for each performance of the P-5/6 Christmas Concert will be sent home with the youngest child in each family. If you are not planning to use one set of the tickets please return them to the office so we can redistribute them to other families as needed. Tickets are not required for the Middle Level concert.

While December is a time of giving, I want to point out the many acts of generosity that happen at KCA on an ongoing basis. Much of that support comes from you, the community, and the generosity of many volunteers and donors. Here are just a few examples:

- We have dedicated volunteers from our PTA who help out with our Winter Wear Recycling event each year, in particular Crystal Peach who has been the driving force behind this campaign from the very beginning.
- Each week, our learning centre staff and students prepare healthy lunches and snacks for students that might need them. The funding for these snacks comes from generous donations, often anonymous, from our community.
- Any request for help from our resource department or Learning Centre, is met with an overwhelming response from our parent community. You have supplied us with clothing, food and hygiene products.
- Finally, I want to say a HUGE thank you to the volunteers who work tirelessly, EVERY day, to run our Breakfast Program. This program would not be possible without the hard work of Paige and Doug Mosher and the numerous students who arrive early each day to provide a healthy breakfast to over 60 students.

I have a couple of housekeeping items to mention. When picking up students at the end of the day, please do not block other cars in their spots. We have an overflow parking lot across the street and I encourage you to use that if you are unable to find a spot.

IMPORTANT DATES BELOW

But please always check our website for updates.

Dec 1	Holiday Shopping Party
Dec 2/3	PTA/Rocky Mountain Christmas Tree U-pick Fundraiser
Dec 4	Grade 7&8 Winter Band Concert 7pm
Dec 5	Storm date for Band Concert (if needed)
Dec 7	Early Dismissal 11 am
Dec 7	PTA Winter Wear Recycle Event 12:30 – 3:30 and 6 – 8
Dec 7	Parent Teacher Interviews
Dec 12	Elementary Winter Concert 12:30 and 6:30
Dec 13	Storm date for Elementary Concert (if needed)
Dec 14	Middle Level Christmas Dance 6:30 – 8:30
Dec 21	Early Dismissal 11:00 am/Last day before Christmas Break
Jan 3	First Day of School after Christmas Break

Also, if you are not a member of our KCA Facebook group, please join. You will find daily announcements, news about special events and extracurricular activities. Our FB page is one of the main ways we communicate with families.

I want to close with a note of appreciation. With Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanza, and other important spiritual festivals around the corner, it seems appropriate to give my thanks for the support and cooperation we have from our families and the community. We do not work alone in the teaching profession. Collaboration with you is a key factor in the successes we achieve with students each day. As we approach the festive season, I want to acknowledge your support and wish, for each of you, a safe and happy holiday.

Victoria Laurence



November was a busy month for the PTA.

The movie night / book swap was a fun night by all. The Family Photo Night was a huge success, with outstanding pictures taken.

In November of every year, the PTA accepts funding request by teachers to help aid in educational supplies and materials needed for their classrooms. This year I am happy to announce that the PTA gave four teachers funding in the amount of \$1400.00 to help purchase these materials.

The PTA also gave a donation to the grade 7/8 year end school trip to Cape Breton, to help with the cost of that trip. Looking in to December, Our annual Christmas Shopping Party is scheduled for December 1. And a big thank you goes out to the organizers, Sylvia, Laura and their team.

We are still accepting winter clothing in good shape for our Winter Wear Recycling program, scheduled for Dec. 7 during parent teacher meetings. If you need winter wear, we will be set up in the lobby.

The PTA committee, would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday and Best of luck for 2018.

Keep up to date with all things PTA/KCA, by liking our Facebook page: KCA

Our next meeting will be Jan. 16 2018 @ 6 pm (in the art room), please come join us.

Anthony Sherrard

President

We wanted to once again thank everyone who took part in this years "Food For Thought" Campaign; we have raised almost \$2200.00! This money has gone directly towards supporting the KCA's Breakfast Program! The Rotary Club of New Minas Sunrise continues to work hard to add to this total, with various community campaigns.

A special "thank you" to parent Danielle Batstone, who was one of the winners of the gift cards, and she donated it back to our breakfast program!

Did you miss registering for the **Salvation Army Christmas Hamper**? If so they are having one late registration day on Monday December 4th from 9 – 12 at 15 Nichols Ave., Kentville.

Please bring ID for each person in the household and proof of income for each person in the household over 18 years old.

Martock Club is back for another year!!

Welcome to the sixth season of the KCA Martock Club. The club is open to students in grades 3 to 8, and runs on Mondays for 8 weeks starting in January. (if school is cancelled, Martock Club is cancelled) We leave school by bus at 2:20 and depart Martock at 7:30 pm, arriving back at KCA by 8:15pm. The non-refundable club membership fee for all participants is \$40 for a full season and \$20 for a half season. Registration forms can be picked up at the school office or downloaded from our website and must be returned to the school no later than Wed, Dec 20, 2017. Fees are due by Fri, Jan 5, 2018.

There is also an opportunity this year for club members in grades 6 to 8 to participate in NSSAF ski and snowboard racing. More information on this will be available when details have been confirmed.

Registration forms are available in the school office. Please contact Mrs. Jess at the phone number or email address below for further information.

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