

# KCA February 2018 Newsletter



Hello KCA Families,  
Olympic fever is about to hit KCA! In celebration of the Pyeongchang Olympics, we will run many Olympic themed activities. We are kicking off the two weeks with an opening ceremony. The Town of Kentville is organizing a Walk and Wheel event on Friday, February 9, to encourage physical activity during the Olympics. We encourage as many students as possible to participate in this event. Prizes will be given to students who walk/wheel to school for the duration of the Olympics! See the KCA Facebook page for details. Teachers have planned lots of fun, curriculum based, activities. In addition to activities in the classroom, we have special days in the schedule such as toque day, red and white day and dress in winter sportswear day. This will be an exciting opportunity for our students to learn more about the Winter Olympics and cheer on our athletes! See below for a list of important dates.

On Friday, thirty of our Grade 8 students left on a trip to Beauceville, Quebec for one week as part of an exchange program sponsored by SEVEC. This is a very exciting cultural and linguistic experience for these students and for our school. Students from Quebec will come to our school in the spring. We are very fortunate to have the opportunity to be involved in this program again year as it provides this experience at very little cost to our students and families.

Primary registration is earlier than usual this year. We will be hosting our incoming primary students on February 12 and 13. Students in Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. E. Parsons, Mme. Page and Mme. Smith's classes will not have school those days. If you are aware of any child starting school in September who has not yet registered, please let the family know to register with us ASAP. Our French Immersion meeting will be held Monday, February 26 at 6:30 PM in our cafeteria. We encourage families interested in the program to attend and certainly welcome all families to learn more about the Immersion program regardless of whether you have or plan to have children register for the program.

Our skating programs for P-2 students and our curling program for 3-5 students are underway. Students thoroughly enjoyed their first week. We scheduled six weeks of skating to allow for storm days. We will not add extra dates to the skating. We

## IMPORTANT DATES BELOW

But please always check our website for updates.

Mondays leaving the school at 2:30	Ski Martock Club
Feb 8	Taste a Rainbow
Feb 12-13	Primary Registration
Feb 19	No School - Heritage Day
Feb 20	PTA and Band Parent Meetings
Feb 23	Early Dismissal
Feb 26 <sup>th</sup>	French Immersion Primary Info Session

are in the process of adding a day or two to the curling schedule. Please note that the curling rink is not available **Feb 7**. These activities provide enrichment opportunities for our students. We are thrilled with the response we have had from families willing to volunteer to help run these activities. Please note that the skating is not a public event and is not open to everyone. Parents/ grandparents volunteering at the rink must have completed their Criminal Records check and Child Abuse Registry. For the safety of our students, we ask you to please respect this policy.

The Town of Kentville offers a youth drop in program on Friday nights, for youth ages 12-15, at the KCA gym. It runs weekly, between 6:30-8:00 PM, until the end of March. Encourage your kids to come out for an evening of fun!

Friday's unexpected early dismissal reminded me to ask that you please ensure the contact information we have for families and emergency contacts is up to date. We called many phone numbers today that are no longer in service. This makes communication with families during events like today very challenging. If you have had a change in address or phone number, please give us a call. Finally, our fundraising campaign for the Grade 7/8 trip to Cape Breton is going very well. Ticket sales on the basket have been phenomenal. We are in the process of organizing a Talent night/ Art show, with desserts, on the night of March 22. Mark your calendars as this will be an amazing, student led, event. Details will be out soon.

Sincerely,  
Victoria Laurence  
Principal

## Important KCA Olympic dates:

February 9 - Opening Ceremony

February 13 - Toque Day

February 15 - Red and White Day

February 21 - Winter Sportswear Day

February 23 - Closing Ceremony

## Primary Registration for new primary students for September 2018

We are now taking registrations for new primary students starting school in September 2018.

Drop in to the school and pick up the registration forms and return them to the school as soon as possible.

Primary registration days are **February 12th and 13th, 2018**. On one of these two days you and your child will have an appointment at the school. Your child will do various activities, see the public health nurse and meet the primary teachers. We will be calling families to notify them of the appointment time the first week of February.

Please feel free to pass this information along to anyone who has a child starting school in September 2018.

## From the library

Just a reminder -- send in your Library Bingo form by Monday February 5<sup>th</sup>. If you did not get a Bingo but did 5 or more of the activities, please send them back to the library.

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The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school and you are invited to come and share in this celebration of literacy with us! Now more than ever, reading is vital to leading a better life. Knowing how to read is just the beginning. Motivating young people to keep reading, comprehend what they read and develop the ability to think creatively are the end goals.

**“Paws for books”** Book Fair will help students to achieve these goals. This year we are offering a Classroom Wish List program. Teachers are asked to fill in their “book wish list”. You and your family can purchase these books at the Book Fair and donate them to the classroom. Every generous gift will be recognized with a special bookplate, identifying your family or child as the donor.

**Children will begin browsing on Monday February 12<sup>th</sup> until Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>. Buying begins on Wednesday evening 6-8 pm and finishes on Thursday.**

We look forward to seeing you during our Scholastic Book Fair and thank you, in advance, for supporting this great literary event. Thank you for believing in books and the impact of reading on your child’s future.



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