

KCA June 2018 Newsletter



Hello KCA Families,

I have truly enjoyed my first year at KCA in the role of principal. Being principal of a large school is not without its challenges, but the cooperation and collaboration with staff, families, students, the Town of Kentville, and the wider community have been fantastic and have made the job easier and much more enjoyable. The success of our students depends on these strong, positive relationships and I hope we can continue to strengthen them in the years to come. I want to thank you for your support this year.

Every year, due to issues related to enrollment and class caps, we have to review all students who were here on transfers. In fact, board policy states, *"It is necessary to re-apply for a transfer each year once it has been approved."* The issues related to class size have not gone away so I am making sure that **all families that are here on transfers understand the need to re-apply**. As the policy states, I will base my decisions to accept transfers on class size/configuration, school history (behavior, academics, etc.), and other factors. These decisions will not be made until the last week in August. Students attending KCA from outside our catchment area that are in our regional immersion program are not considered transfer students, so this policy does not apply to those students and families.

On August 31 at 2:30 PM, we will be posting information related to class lists on our website and at the school. As we did last year, to protect privacy, we are listing only the **last 4 digits of the student ID number**, which is available at the top of all report cards. Parents/guardians should bring a copy of the report card or at least have their student number written down when coming to look at the lists so that they can match that number with their son/daughters' names. We also ask that you not take photos of this information when it is posted or post class list information on websites like Facebook.

A reminder that report cards cannot be given out before Friday, June 29 and will not be mailed out after the fact due

IMPORTANT DATES BELOW

But please always check our website for updates.

June 6	11 am Dismissal
June 7-8	Ross Creek - 5/6 Caron
June 7-8	Knights of the Rad Table - 7 pm
June 8	Primary Orientation
June 11	Band Concert- Grade 7/8 - 7 pm
June 13, 20	Walk and Wheel
June 13-14-15	Cape Breton Trip
June 14	Choir & Recorder Concert 12:45
June 18-19-20	Sherbrook Lake - Grade 6
June 27	Donna & Andy Concert
June 28	No School
June 28	Graduation Practice – 10 am
June 28	Graduation Luncheon – 11:15 am
June 28	Semi-Formal – 7- 9:30
June 29	Last day of School 11 am Dismissal

First day of school for students - September 6, 2018

to the cost of doing so. If a student is not here on June 29, families can pick up report cards from the office on July 3-6 from 8 am to 12 pm. The school office will be closed as of July 9 and will re-open to the public on Monday, August 27. Lastly, if you require bus information over the summer, please call the AVRSB transportation department at 538-4641.

I would like to say goodbye to several staff members who will not be with us next year. Jody Stevenson and Whitney Parker have both accepted teaching positions at other schools. Term positions have ended for Ashlyn Sulis, Shaun Dares, Nicole Marshall and Amber Jess. I want to thank each one of them for the numerous, positive contributions they have made to KCA. We wish them the best of luck in their new positions!

As this is the last newsletter for the year, I want to wish everyone a safe and happy summer!

Sincerely, Victoria Laurence

Looking for fun summer events and activities – check out the Community Tab on the KCA Website.



Jump Rope for Heart

Our final total for Jump Rope for Heart is \$11,414.70. Our school was the top school in Nova Scotia. Thanks to all those who supported the Library through our Book Fairs. A reminder that all library books are due back June 8th.

Primary Registration for new primary Students for September 2018

Registration forms can be found on the KCA website. Please feel free to pass this information along to anyone who has a child starting school in September 2018.

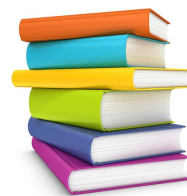
PRE- PRIMARY REGISTRATION NEWS

KCA will have a Pre-Primary program next year. Pre-Primary is a voluntary, play-based program open to all children who are four years old by December 31, 2018, and who live within the catchment area of the school. Our program will be offered off-site, by a licensed child care provider. We encourage parents/guardians to register their child for Pre-Primary as soon as possible, to help us plan for the upcoming year. The KCA office is open until July 8th to register and reopens again on August 27th.



at KCA June 18 – 22nd

KCA is celebrating PRIDE week! We are committed to going “all in” on equality. Equality is a fundamental human right and it is demonstrated in our values. We support our LGBTQ2+ students, staff and community. We will demonstrate this by flying the pride flag throughout PRIDE week and communicating our diversity and inclusion beliefs at KCA as we celebrate our true colors through various lunch time activities, daily trivia and other fun, spirited events!



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