

KCA November 2017 Newsletter



Hello KCA Families,

We had a very busy month at KCA with Mi'kmaq History month, the FCC Drive Away Hunger food bank collection and our annual Food for Thought Campaign. Thank you to everyone who participated in the latter two campaigns. We collected over 465 lbs of food for the food drive and we raised over \$1500 for our breakfast program. Approximately 60 students are nourished every morning at our Breakfast Program and this money will go to good use.

I would also like to give a big shout out and thank you to Fred Whynot, Mayor Sandra Snow, and Town of Kentville Staff, including our new Police Chief Julia Cecchetto, and Joey Peters from Atlantic Arborists. They all helped us with our annual pumpkin drop on November 1. This has become a much anticipated annual tradition at KCA. Students must design a safe, appealing, and environmentally conscious container that will allow a pumpkin to survive a drop from a bucket-truck. Their designs are often intriguing and the results can be hilarious and surprising. Congratulations to Mrs. S. Parsons, Mrs. Shay/Conway and Mr. West for each winning a prize in the drop.

On Thursday, November 9, we will hold our Remembrance Day services. As we have done in the past, we will have two services. Our first will be for students in Grades 6-8, at 10:45 AM and our second for P-5 students at 1:15 PM. As always, family and community members are welcome to join us. Thank you to Ethan Turner and Logan Doubleday who will be representing KCA and the AVRSB at the Kentville Remembrance Day service on November 11.

Please take a moment to read the message from our newly elected PTA President, Anthony Sherrard. The PTA has lots on the go over the next six weeks with a movie night, the winter wear recycle program and the Christmas shopping party, to name a few. We are always looking for new members and all are welcome. We meet the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM in the Art room. This meeting is followed by the Band Parents meeting at 7:00 PM in the band room. Again, all are welcome.

IMPORTANT DATES BELOW

But please always check our website for updates.

Mon, Nov 6	Follow up immunizations
Thurs, Nov 9	Remembrance Day Ceremony 10:45 Grades 6 – 8 1:15 Grades P - 5 Family move night (6 pm door opens)
Fri, Nov 10	No school for students
Mon, Nov 13	Remembrance Day Holiday No school Babysitting Course 8:30 – 3:00
Nov 15/16	Family photo nights
Nov 20-23	Book Fair
Tues Nov 21	PTA meeting 6pm Band Parents meeting 7pm
Nov 25/26	Rocky Mountain Christmas Tree fundraiser
Wed, Nov 29	Report cards go home
Thurs, Nov 30	No school for students

Lastly, I want to draw your attention to the change in early dismissal date for December. It was originally scheduled for Friday, December 15 but we have moved it to Thursday, December 21. This will allow the kids an early start to their Christmas break!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the school at the number below.

Victoria Laurence

Summer 2018 Trip to Europe

Mme LeBlanc will be accompanying a community group on a tour to Europe this summer. Families or students interested in more information can access the trip link at <https://www.eftours.ca/my-quotes/1902264pu/quote/2045600/9bfd3910459440fc81> or contact her at danedine@hotmail.com

From the KCA PTA

Hello parents of KCA, my name is Anthony Sherrard and I am the new president of the PTA. I am excited and honored to have this role. I am also excited to be working with a great group of parents.

This year's executive team includes:

Laura Churchill Duke - Vice President

Danielle de Graaf - Treasurer

Jennifer Osmond - Secretary

Jennifer Vardy Little - Communication Coordinator

Erika Sheen and Juli Waterbury - Volunteer Coordinators

I would like to share with you some of the upcoming events we have planned.

On Nov. 9, we will have our first movie night of the year. We will be showing **Cars 3**. Doors open at 6 pm for a 6:30 pm show. Remember that children must be accompanied by an adult. We will also be having a **BOOK SWAP** that night too. If you have any books you want to swap, bring them along and swap them out for other books.

Nov 15-16 is Family Photo Night. Look for the flyer coming home with your child. You can book your appointment by emailing amber.jess@bellaliant.net.

We are happy to be partnering with Rocky Mountain Christmas Trees again this year. For every Christmas tree bought by a KCA family, Rocky Mountain Christmas Trees, will donate \$5 to the PTA. We have also teamed up with Rocky Mountain, and will be selling 24" fir wreaths with a large red mesh ribbon for just \$20.00. All funds raised go to help school-based projects of the PTA.

Our annual Christmas Shopping party is coming up quickly, please look for a flyer coming home with your child.

Dec. 7 is Parent Teacher meetings and at this time, we will be doing our Winter Wear Recycle Event. If you have old winter outerwear kicking around, that you would like to put to good use, and put into the hands of children who could use them, this is the perfect solution. You can drop off any donations at the school starting Oct. 30.

We invite you to join us at the next PTA meeting Nov. 21 in the art room at 6pm. If you have any questions or concerns, please email us at: KCAPTA1@gmail.com

Anthony Sherrard

President

From our library:

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.

Saddle up and Read 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 November 20th until Wednesday 22nd. Buying begins on Wednesday evening 6-8 pm and finishes on Thursday at 1 pm.

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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