

# KCA October 2017 Newsletter



Hello KCA Families:

October is a busy time of year at KCA with many events and extra-curricular activities taking place. This month is Fire Prevention month, Grade 6 provincial assessments and our annual KCA pumpkin drop. Cross-country and soccer will be winding down with volleyball soon to take their place. Many of our classes have participated in class trips to destinations such as Grand Pre National Historic Park, Noggins Farm Market and Miner's Marsh, to name a few. Our students are extremely fortunate to have such amazing opportunities to enrich their learning.

I invite all parents to attend this month's PTA meeting. We will spend part of the meeting looking at the Interim Report on the Commission on Inclusive Education. This is a consultative process and your opportunity to have a voice in the review. The PTA meeting will be on Tuesday, October 17 at 6:00 PM in the art room. In other PTA related news, our first family movie night and book swap will be on Thursday, November 9. All families of P-5 students are welcome. Please note that parents/guardians must remain at the school with their children. We will also have our Family Photo Night once again this year, on November 15 and 16. This is an excellent opportunity for families to take pictures for Christmas cards or gifts. Details for sign-up will be out soon.

November is quickly approaching. As always, we will focus on Remembrance Day and recognizing the contributions and sacrifices of both current and former Canadian Military service members. As in the past, we will have two services this year. 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. These will be on Thurs, November 9<sup>th</sup>.

We will soon be asking you to provide information to us related to arrangements for unexpected early dismissals...storm cancellations, issues with power/heat, etc. Phoning each and every family is simply not an option, especially if we have very little time before the buses arrive and students are dismissed. Please watch for these forms; we will send home ONE form per family. Please complete and return as soon as possible.

Turning to some housekeeping items, here are a few reminders:

- Our cafeteria is not open on Early Dismissal days. Our Learning Centre students will sell popcorn for \$0.50 per bag.

## IMPORTANT DATES BELOW

But please always check our website for updates.

Oct 9 – Thanksgiving Holiday – no school  
Oct 16 – Grade 7 Immunization  
Oct 17 – PTA meeting 6pm  
Oct 20 – Early dismissal 11 am  
Oct 24 – Photo retakes  
Oct 25 – Halloween Dance (gr 6-8) 6:30 – 8:30 pm  
Oct 25 – KEYSS Clinic  
Oct 27 – Provincial Conference Day – no school for students

- Please use our loop when dropping off students. We have had a few cases of families parking and dropping of students in the staff/guest parking lot, only to have students dash between parked cars and traffic. Until 8 AM, you can also use the parking area below the soccer fields, near the playground...there is often little or no traffic relative to the always congested loop and it is still very handy to the school and our supervised playground.
- Please make sure students know that they should leave a message if calling home and no one answers. Any call from a classroom looks like it came from the school office, which is not necessarily the case. We know it can lead to some anxious moments for families if it looks like the school called and you are not aware of the reason.
- Please be sure to check in at the office before proceeding through the school to classrooms. This is purely a safety issue as we need to know who is in the building and why. The office will give you a visitor's badge so that other staff are not stopping you in the halls. If you are just dropping off a student, there is no need to accompany them as it is important for them to develop independence for entering the school and morning routines.

Moving forward, we are changing our practice with regards to the Newsletter. We will send it out on the first Friday of every month. This will provide you with the necessary information for the month to come. Remember we will not be sending home paper copies.

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

Victoria Laurence  
Principal



Our Food For Thought Ticket fundraiser is underway. We're happy to announce that all of the proceeds will go directly towards financing the participating local Breakfast Programs. Please be sure to request tickets, and if you have sold all of your tickets already, you are more than welcome to request more. The more tickets we sell, the more money that comes directly to the KCA Breakfast Program! Draw Date is October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**Donna and Andy Concert at Cotton Tale:** Sunday, October 22: 2 - 3 pm - a lively afternoon of fun songs with our local children's entertainers. Cost \$5.00 per person

Join us at Cotton Tale on our next PD day, Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 - 12:00 as we make our own **Stop Motion Animation**. Participants can bring their own small figurines and objects (or use what we have) and watch them come to life! Everyone will take part in writing the story line, creating the backdrop and the animation process. Cost is \$25.00 per child, which includes a snack. Call 902-680-1691 to secure a spot now. For ages 6+



*Grade 6 to Grade 8 Halloween Dance  
Wednesday October 25<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 - 8:30 pm  
\$5.00 per student*



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