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**October 2019
Newsletter**



KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

October, 2019

Dear Families,

Happy Thanksgiving!

Staff and students are settled into their routines and the learning is well underway in all areas of the curriculum and daily school life.

It was such a pleasure meeting and welcoming so many families during our open house, thank you for your attendance and support. Your involvement and partnership make a difference in the success of your child at school.

With regards to school council, we congratulate the following elected members: welcome back Jenn McAuley (Chair), Rhonda Brown (Vice Chair), Crystal Hodgson (Secretary), and Adam Brown (Treasurer). Please join us at our **October 21st council meeting at 6:30 PM in the library.**

October 5th is World Teacher Day. We thank our teachers for their passion and commitment that they show everyday towards our students. Teachers help not only to shape students' academic journey, but they play a crucial role in supporting them socially and emotionally. On that note, we welcome Mr. Joshua Ruddell, newly hired long term occasional for the grade 6/7 class. Mr. Ruddell will be starting on Monday, October 7th. We wish Ms. Mosterd the very best on her continuing journey of parenthood.

A reminder; that if your child has a medical need that we need to know about and may need administration of medication, please contact us at the office; if you haven't already done so. Thank you for helping us keep your child healthy and safe.

Lastly, I wish everyone a restful thanksgiving long weekend. Enjoy time with family and friends.

Sanaâ Soussan
Principal



November 3, 2019

UP COMING DATES

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| Oct 7-9- | SK Vision Screening |
| Oct 14- | Thanksgiving No School |
| Oct 16- | Grade 7 Immunization |
| Oct 30- | Mrs. Graham's class at Outdoor Ed Centre |
| Oct 31- | Halloween Costume Day |
| Nov 3- | Clocks fall back |

Character Trait for October is:



Grandfather Teaching for October is:
Humility



**N. Lamont/J. Menard- Emily W,
Grayson S.**

**C. McMahon/A. Stone- Ethan, G,
Skylar B.**

C. Patrick- Meredith L.

S. Sharma- Zephyr B., Peyton S.

N. Bonnici- Claire C., Tanner S.

K. Hossack- Liam M., Brayden M.

H. Graham /J. Baki- Carter S., Emily H.

J. Ostler- Reed M., Leah C.

A. Mosterd- Dominic D., Elizabeth P.

A. Stavrakos- Gavin S.



PARENTS AND SCHOOL CHILDREN

BACK TO SCHOOL

It's that time of year again when young children will be crossing streets on their way to and from school. Courtesy and safe driving practices are of the utmost IMPORTANCE in school zones.

We wish to remind motorists of the following safety tips

- slow down when pedestrians are present;
- watch for Crossing Guards and be prepared to STOP; and
- when stopping for a Crossing Guard, keep a full car length back.

Parents driving their children to school

- DO NOT park unless it is absolutely necessary and leave once your child is on school property so other parents are able to drop off their children; DO NOT loiter on school property;
- a “kiss and go” delivery frees up space for the next parent;
- park legally to ensure the safety of others; and
- if possible, consider car pooling.

Parents walking with their children

- consider walking, it provides health benefits for your children and improves the environment by eliminating emissions;
 - **set a good example for your children** by crossing with the Crossing Guard if one is provided; and
- where no Crossing Guard is provided, have children look both ways and help them decide when it is safe to cross the road. This will help to develop their judgment skills.

Parents should remind their children who are walking on their own to

- go to a crossing guard location, if one is provided;
- obey the Crossing Guard at all times including the 3-whistle policy;
- to ensure safety, do not send children to school prior to the commencement of the school

Crossing Guard Schedule

8:50 am to 9:10 am

11:10 am to 11:20 am

11:40 am to 11:50 am

3:30 pm to 3:45 pm

- **Student Lunch sign-out permitted at first break only**

crossing guard's scheduled times;
and

- look both ways for safe gaps in the traffic where there is no Crossing Guard provided.

School location signs

- **School Zone signs**, with the pentagon shape (point on top), are advance signs to warn motorists to be alert to young pedestrians and drive with caution.
- **Rectangular School Crossing signs**, indicates a supervised crossing where motorists must obey the Adult Crossing Guard when they hold up the STOP paddle.
- At various school crossings, where student patrollers control the students by holding them back until safe gaps in traffic are present, motorists must be cautious and courteous at all times.
- Children and parents should be reminded that **WHEN THERE IS NO CROSSING GUARD ON DUTY** at a posted crossing location, it offers no added protection, meaning that **MOTORISTS ARE NOT LEGALLY OBLIGATED TO STOP** and children must look both ways and wait for safe gaps in traffic.

Should you observe any motorists speeding or parking illegally, whereby creating hazards especially in school areas, please record their licence plate number and other details and report them to the Durham Region Police Services (www.drps.ca Roadwatch Form).

Our Planning Services Department administers the Adult Crossing Guard program and makes certain that all school locations are visited frequently to ensure safety, while determining with the Traffic Coordinator, need for new Adult Crossing Guards is addressed.

With your co-operation and safety of everyone in mind, we can provide our children safe routes to school.

***Crossing Guard Co-ordinator
Municipality of Clarington***

Register now for Free Parent Conference October 19

Now's your chance to register for KPR's free, annual Parent Conference, featuring internationally renowned resilience researcher Dr. Michael Ungar!

Registration continues until October 11 at www.kprschools.ca for:

2019 Parent Conference The Risk-Taker's Advantage: How to Make Kids More Resilient by Not Bubblewrapping Them

Saturday, October 19
9 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Port Hope High School, 130 Highland Dr., Port Hope
With Keynote Speaker: Dr. Michael Ungar
Plus light refreshments, child minding for ages 2 & older,
& booths by agencies serving families

Don't miss this rare opportunity to hear Dr. Michael Ungar, a funny and engaging speaker who is considered one of the top experts on resilience in Canada and internationally.

It's all FREE. If you need assistance, have questions or if there are accommodations that would make the conference more accessible for you, please call 705-742-9773 or toll-free 1-877-741-4577, ext. 2001, or email judy.malfara@kprdsb.ca

Communication between Home and School



The teacher is your first line of communication regarding your child's social, emotional and academic progress. Teachers have their preferred way of communication, but you are welcome to call to make an appointment at any time.

Our school newsletters will be posted on Edsby and sent through school messenger as well.

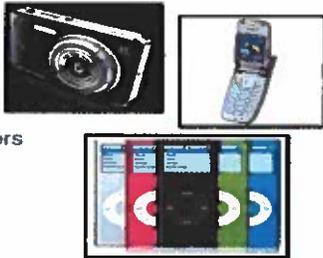


Allergies

Our School is nut free. Please do not send any products that may contain nuts. We have students and staff with life threatening nut allergies. We thank you for keeping everyone safe.

Personal Electronic Devices

- Computers
- Cell Phones
- Digital T.V.
- DVDs
- Digital Cameras
- Kindle
- iPods and MP3 players



Personal Electronic Devices (PED)

The use of technology for student learning is a key 21st century skill to enable all of our students to learn and succeed. Under staff direction, Personal Electronic Devices can be used effectively as an educational resource, support or aid for teaching and learning. The teacher will determine and authorize the usage of a PED during instructional time. At all other times the device is to be powered off and kept in a students' backpack or locker. When the usage of a PED is inappropriate, the school designate or principal will apply progressive discipline strategies. Depending on the infraction, strategies may include, but are not limited to; speaking with the student, parent meeting, removal of the PED until the end of the school day, loss of privilege to have a PED at school or suspension. As with other personal property items, schools are not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged PEDs. These guidelines apply to all stakeholders in the school including students, staff, parents, volunteers and visitors.

VOLUNTEERS

Parents/Guardians wishing to volunteer must have an up to date Police Check yearly. You may stop by the office and request an application letter to take to the Police Station at 605 Rossland Road in Oshawa. We will also have letters available at the Open House September 17th for those interested in volunteering.

Important Information regarding the Student Absence Reporting System

Phone Number, Web Address, Phone App for Reporting Absences

Hello to all KPR families! This message is about the automated Student Absence Report System.

This means **you will need to create a NEW account to report your children's absences online.**



To create your new account and register your children for the automated system, please visit studentabsence.kprdsb.ca . If you use the mobile app, please search for **SchoolMessenger** (one word) on Google Play Store or Apple App Store.

Once you have registered your child, you will be able to inform the school of your child's upcoming absences at:

- studentabsence.kprdsb.ca
- **1-844-434-8119**
- the **SchoolMessenger mobile app** on your cell phone or tablet.

Registering will allow you to report all of your children's upcoming absences at a time that's convenient for you - 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Bikes, Scooters and Skateboards

Bicycle, scooter and skateboard riding is a viable option. **Students are reminded to dismount at the edge of school property and walk their bike, scooter or skateboard to the racks where they should be locking them up.** Please be reminded that bike helmets for elementary school-aged children are a requirement of Ontario law. Riding is a healthy alternative to walking but must be done in a safe manner. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen equipment. Students are strongly encouraged to use locks.



On **Thursday October 31** student are able to wear their **costumes** to school but we ask that **no mask or weapons**. It is the responsibility of the student to make sure they take all pieces of their costumes home that night.



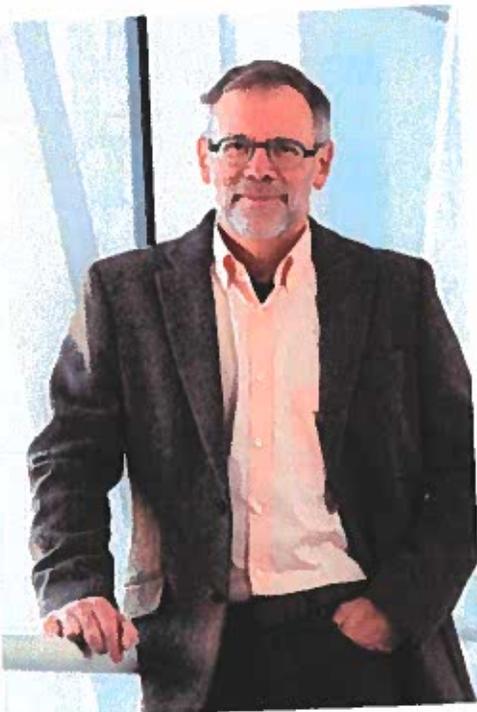
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