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**March 2020  
Newsletter**



KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**March 2020**

Dear Families,



**March 8, 2020 @ 2 am**

We are starting to see signs of spring and we look forward to more pleasant temperatures and safer road conditions.

Last Monday, we celebrated our character education certificate recipients for 'Optimism'. Congratulations to all! We had also celebrated February as African Heritage Month with a spectacular dance performance by some of our grade 8 students.

During March, we will be learning about the character trait of 'Integrity' and the grandfather teaching of 'Truth'. Thank you for reinforcing at home all character traits and learning skills which are the foundation to success inside and outside of the school.

I would also like to highlight that we are grateful to Mr. Robert Brussée, a grandfather to one of our students, for his time and commitment to reviving our band program. Mr. Brussée has started instrumental music practices twice a week for all interested junior and intermediate students.

Last Tuesday evening, we had Constable Elaine Duguay and Detective Constable Debby Sabo speak with regards to internet safety. We thank them for their time and the useful information that they provided families with. Thank you also to all the families who joined us for that presentation. Please refer to the attached resources that you can access for more information.

A reminder that as per the government's direction and our board policy, cell phones are not permitted to be used during school time from 8:55 until 3:30, unless the teacher has allowed it for instructional purposes. If necessary, please communicate with your child/children through the school's phone number: (905) 436-0715.

Lastly, I invite parents who have a request or concern about next year's class placement to email me directly by the end of April 2020. Please indicate on the subject line "Class Placement". I do not guarantee that we will be able to accommodate but we will take it into consideration. Please note that the process of class placements is a very involved one where many factors are considered. Be assured that we take this process very seriously and that we spend a lot of time and careful thought doing it.

In Partnership,

**Sanaâ Soussan  
Principal/Directrice**

**UP COMING DATES**

Mar 8-	Day light savings time
Mar 9	Graduation Photos Gr.8 & SK
Mar 13-20 -	March Break
Mar 25-	Dr. G.J. McGillivray SK French Immersion Parent Night 6:30 pm

**Character Trait for March is: Integrity**  
**Grandfather Teaching is: Truth**

**February Character Trait – Optimism**

**R. Jessome /J. Menard (S. Kingdon) - Savannah S., Ryder M.**

**C. McMahon /A. Stone- Flora G., Brooke L.**

**C. Patrick- Meredith L.**

**S. Sharma- Tristan B.**

**N. Bonnici- Wesley N., Mason M.**

**K. Hossack- Sophie D., Malachi V.**

**H. Graham /J. Baki- Cailey B.**

**J. Ostler- Charlotte M., Lorelai G.**

**J. Ruddell- Olivia G.**

**A. Stavrakos- Kaydon O.**

**M. Mohammadi- Ethan Z., Sara B.**

## **WINTER WEATHER BUS CANCELATIONS**



If buses are cancelled due to weather, school is still open. If your child does not take a bus and you are keeping them home due to bus cancellation, it is your responsibility to call your child(ren) absence(s) in on the safe arrival system.



## **Personal Electronic Devices (PED)**

**Personal Electronic Devices**

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

A collage of images showing various personal electronic devices: a digital camera, a flip cell phone, a Kindle e-reader, and an iPod.

The use of technology for student learning is a key

21<sup>st</sup> 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.

## **Parking Lot**

Please help us keep our students safe.

Cars cannot park on the school side of the driveway. This is a NO PARKING ZONE. Parking here causes a grid lock when the bus arrives and cannot get in or get out.

We have some spaces available in our parking lot if necessary. Please do not park anywhere near the Kindergarten side of the school as this is a safety hazard. Many parents park on a side street and walk over.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

**Lost and Found** Our Lost and Found has started to overflow with hoodies, hats, gloves and other winter gear. We've laid it all out on tables for students to have a look for lost items. Following the break we will be clearing out the box and donating the remaining gear.

# SOME RESOURCES AND CONTACTS...

## INFORMATION

- ❖ [Protectchildren.ca](https://www.protectchildren.ca)
- ❖ [Cybertip.ca](https://www.cybertip.ca)
- ❖ [Protectkidsonline.ca](https://www.protectkidsonline.ca)
- ❖ [Needhelpnow.ca](https://www.needhelpnow.ca)
- ❖ [Kidshelpphone.ca](https://www.kidshelpphone.ca)
- ❖ [Socialsafety.org](https://www.socialsafety.org)
- ❖ [Connect Safely.org](https://www.connectsafely.org)
- ❖ [WiredSafety.org](https://www.wiredsafety.org)
- ❖ [OnGuardOnline.gov](https://www.onguardonline.gov)
- ❖ **GOOGLE IT!**

## REPORTING

- ❖ [Durham Regional Police 905-579-1520](https://www.durhamregion.ca/police)
- ❖ [Cybertip.ca](https://www.cybertip.ca)
- ❖ [Durhamregionalcristoppers.ca](https://www.durhamregion.ca/crimestoppers)
- ❖ [Within the App](#)

## CRISIS

- ❖ [Kids Help Phone](https://www.kidshelpphone.ca)  
**1-800-668-6868**
- ❖ [Durham Crisis Response Line](https://www.durhamregion.ca/crisis)  
**905-666-0483 or 1-800-742-1890**

## SOME VIDEOS FOR CONSIDERATION:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5wHfFJ4h9X4>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PmEDAzqswH8>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dRI8ElhrQjQ>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sop5MN7llfw>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cnc4LaevRBw>
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HffWFd\\_6bJ0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HffWFd_6bJ0)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IUjwHPah72o>