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JANUARY NEWSLETTER!

Staff are already working on Term 1 Report cards that will be sent home on Wednesday, February 14. In addition to this, Term 2 Individual Education Plans (IEPs) are being developed and will be sent home during the week of February 21. The OCDSB has launched a new program to develop IEP's and staff have been training to learn the new program. Parents can also expect that the layout/format will look slightly different from previous IEPs. If you have questions about your child's IEP's (if applicable) please contact their homeroom teacher.

To promote Student Well-Being we have been looking into opportunities for students related to Character Education/Conflict Resolution/Teamwork. There are a few exciting initiatives coming up that I would like to share with you:

On January 25th some junior classes will be attending Conflict Resolution Workshops at the Diefenbunker in Carp, Ontario. Participants will explore conflict resolution methods, skills, and tests their abilities by putting what they have learned into action.

On Monday, February 26 and Tuesday, February 27 all grade 4-8 students will participate in "Improve with Improv" workshops. *Through interactive improv activities students will learn how to create a positive, safe environment free from fear, by building trust, by Making Our Partners Look /Feel Good, through listening and acceptance. The students and staff develop a common language, strengthen their skills, and can envision their role in eliminating bullying from their schools, one person, one kind act at a time. Improve with Improv is action learning at its best, creating a direct route for developing portable life skills.*

Our goal is to encourage students to reflect and apply conflict resolution skills in their daily lives. This ties into our long term goal to implement the WITS/LEADS conflict resolution program at KES (more to come). Students participating in these workshops will help us build capacity and create leaders in this area.

Toy Drive - Thank you

In December students participated in a Toy Drive to support Chrysalis House. We received a message from them expressing their appreciation for the support received from families at KES! *"I wanted to send you a note about how successful this Christmas was for our children, youth, and families! This is due in part to the wonderful and generous donations that your toy drive provided us. The children were thrilled with their gifts, and the mothers were so thankful for the support."*

Gr. 5 Recorder Performance

We have some great partnerships in the KES school Community especially with the pre-school program and on Wednesday, January 31 students from EF5A will be performing the recorder for the pre-school children. Great job EF5A!

Legion Contest

The Legion Contest winners in the Junior division were Sophia Nasmith who won third place with her Black and White poster and Vincent Zhong who won first with his poem. The students were presented with a certificate at the awards ceremony on January 21st. Well done!

Upcoming Photo Days

April 25 - Grade 8 leaving photos
May 25 - School wide outdoor picture

School Council

The next School Council Meeting is on **Wednesday, January 24th at 7:00 p.m.** Want to know more about your School Council? Check out the website or email the executive.

website: <http://kesparentcouncil.edublogs.org/>
email: kesschoolcouncil@gmail.com

Band Trip - Grade 8

The second \$100 band trip deposit is due on Friday February 2nd. Please make the cheque made out to Katimavik ES or cash.



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SPIRIT DAYS AT KATIMAVIK

Every month many Katimavik students and staff take part in our Katimavik Spirit Days. Having school spirit is a great way to unite our students and staff and have fun. So far we've had Orange and Black/Costume Day, Mustache Day, Red and Green Day and just recently, Twin Day. Below is the list of upcoming Spirit Days: We hope to see all students taking part!

Spirit Days

February- PJ Day: Feb 23

March- Jersey Day: Mar 23

April- Tye Dye Day: Apr 20

May- Crazy Sock Day: May 18

June- Rainbow Day: June 15



Apple Basket Program

The apple program has been a great addition at KES with providing a healthy snack to those students who need a little extra in their lunch. We are looking for families to help keep the Katimavik apple basket full until June. Apples should be dropped off in the office and our lunch monitors will assist in distributing them during second nutrition break. Again we will have two baskets, one for each of the junior and intermediate wings. If you are able to contribute apples or other seasonal fruit, please sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050849aaab2fa13-apple>

Valentine Candy Grams

Valentine Candy Grams will be on sale on February 7th and 9th and handed out the 14th. All proceeds will go to the *Education Foundation of Ottawa*.



February 27, 2018

More than 15,000 students in the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board (OCDSB) live in poverty. Every day these students come to school without vital medication, are hungry and do not have warm winter clothes due to socio-economic challenges out of their control. The **Education Foundation of Ottawa (EFO)**, an independent charity, works with the OCDSB to help provide these students with the tools they need to learn and grow. **In the first five months of the 2016/17 school year, we have provided over \$140,000 in funding to OCDSB students in need.**

On February 27th, 2018 please consider sending your child with a Toonie (or more) to help meet the most basic needs for our students which are not funded by the school board or Ministry of Education. Thank you!

Proceeds raised on Toonie Tuesday are invested in our students through the **Students in Crisis Emergency Fund** to support food, clothing, medical needs and other extraordinary and emergency needs of individual students brought about by financial hardship. Thank you for helping students in need. For more information please visit www.educationfoundationottawa.ca

Macskimming Outdoor Education

On January 12th, 2018 our Grade 7 classes traveled to Macskimming Outdoor Education. Despite the poor weather the students had a great day of outdoor activities that simulated the life of a Voyageurs and a Coureurs de Bois. Our day culminated with an exciting Fur Trade activity that left everyone out of breath, but enjoying the fresh air.



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Student Transfer Application Period:

February 5 - February 20:

In the OCDSB, the home address determines which school is the “designated” school for each student. Elementary students may apply for transfer to a school other than their designated elementary school during the transfer application period, February 5-20, 2018. This is sometimes referred to as an “out-of-boundary” or “cross-boundary” transfer. The request is to transfer to a non-designated school for the 2018-2019 school year. The application form can be picked up at any school (usually your current day school) and is submitted to the school you are applying to attend. Applications may be made for the reasons of particular learning needs or exceptional personal circumstances. Students who have been granted a transfer in previous years need not re-apply. Transportation: Please, note that when a cross-boundary transfer is granted, transportation is a parental responsibility and is not provided by the OCDSB. The Student Transfer Application procedure can be found on the OCDSB website.

Hydro Ottawa Presentation

Students started their first week back to school with an engaging presentation on electricity and conservation from Hydro Ottawa. We learned about electricity safety and ways to conserve energy. We even saw electricity pass through a pickle, which made it glow and smoke!

DID YOU KNOW?!

...that your chargers still use electricity if they are left plugged in but not in use

...that you should only use chargers for electronics that are made by that company (cheaper versions can be dangerous)

...that you should TEST GFCI outlets once a month by pushing the TEST button followed by the RESET button

Grade 9 Course Selection

Our grade 8 students are beginning to plan for course selection for High School. Grade 8 staff are supporting students and I am sharing a timeline for parents to refer to.

- Earl of March visit is January 25th 9:00-12:00. Students will be visiting the school, the different labs, classrooms and having any questions answered by the Earl staff.
- During this visit, KES staff will be meeting with guidance counselors from Earl of March to get any extra information to share with regards to course options and selection
- Courses will be selected using an online system
- During the week of January 29th, students will be coming home with a 2 pocket-folder with handouts; education planners, high school pathway , apprenticeships, dual credit program information. *This is a great time to begin discussions with your child about grade 9 course selections*
- Friday, February 9th, grade 8 teachers will be guiding students through the Career Cruising website to teach how to choose courses
- Feb 12-16: Students will begin choosing courses online using the Career Cruising website
- Online course selections are due by **February 16th (or earlier)**

If you have questions please contact your child's homeroom teacher.

Entrepreneurial Adventure

EF7A will be participating in the **Entrepreneurial Adventure** with Mr. Gray again this year. The class will work diligently to raise funds for a charity of their choice through a variety of initiatives. This year the charity of choice is **The Ottawa Mission**. The students will have a mentor from the Bank of Montreal, Mr. Adam Barrett, who will act as their guide and mentor throughout the process. Please stay tuned for more exciting news about this exciting program and what the students in EF7A are up to.

Winter Activity Days: Ski Trip

The Ski Trip days to Mount Pakenham are coming up in February! The two dates are Thursday February 8th and Thursday February 15th (before a PD day and Family Day Monday). We will be holding an assembly (on February 1st) for students to remind them of expectations at the hill as well as important reminders



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for the trip. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who have offered to be involved and the parents coming on the trip with us. Students not attending the ski trip will be part of an activity day at school with a variety of outdoor winter activities. For both the ski trip and activity day students will need layers, waterproof/water resistant gloves/mitts, snow pants, boots etc to be warm enough for their day. If you have any final questions about the ski trip you can contact Ms. Castellano (victoria.castellano@ocdsb.ca) or Lisa Baker (lisa.baker@ocdsb.ca).

Winter Activity Days: At School Events

Students not skiing/snowboarding will participate in Winter Activities at school. Below is an outline what is happening at school:

- Outdoor activities include: Skating, street hockey, sliding, snowshoeing scavenger hunt, snow fort building
- Indoor activities: Building a Castle 2.0, Pencil Crayon workshop 2.0
- Optional - Special Lunch menu provided by Lunch Lady for interested students, Popcorn sales for those interested.
- We will also be awarding our Katimavik Winter Challenge Cup for the winning team on day 2.

Mme Hart's Grade 8 Geography

As their summative in geography (Economy strand) Mme Hart's grade 8 students have been working on their version of the show Dragon's Den. Each group of 3 designed a product (online or manually) and have created the economic aspects to it (value, shares, equity, loans, profits, market value, sales...) These will be presented to

Dragons (Mr Touabi, Mr Grey, Mr Thorp and Ms Esdaile) this week.

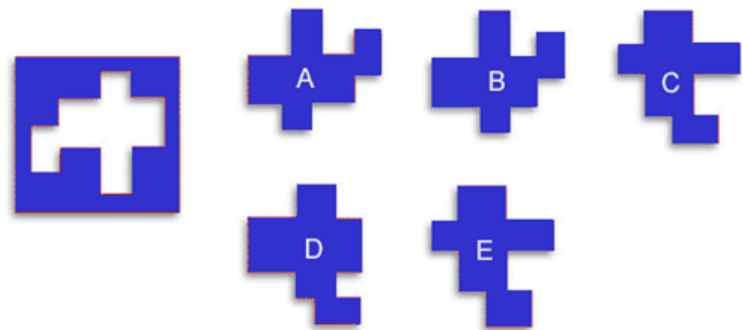
In this picture: animal sandals for winter (to keep salt off the paws) and for summer (not to burn paws)



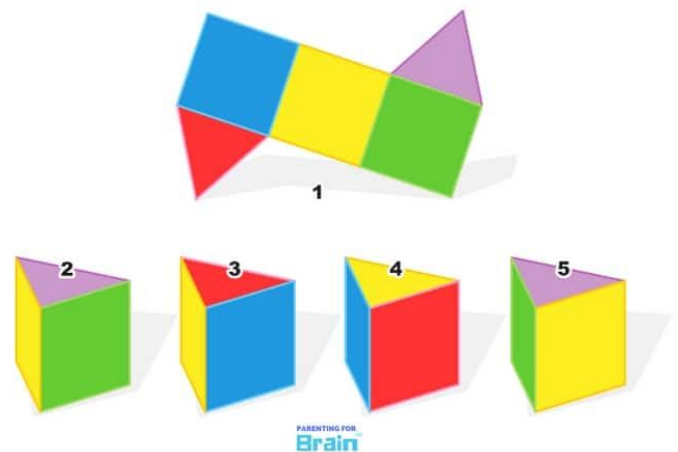
Math Tip of the Month

Did you know Spatial Sense is part of the Ontario Math Curriculum? Try solving fun puzzles like these at home with your kids.

1) Which puzzle piece fits into the hole?



2) Which triangular prisms below will be made by folding the net labelled 1?





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SPORTS AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Juniors have been working on Volleyball. Each grade has been having dedicated practice sessions at recess time tailored to their abilities to build up to the Tournament in Mid February. The Boys Tournament will be hosted at Kanata Highlands, and the Girls Tournament is being hosted at Bridlewood. Our Next sport will be 3-3 basketball.



The intermediates have been playing Intramural Basketball. The league runs until Early February. Team tryouts will be beginning shortly. Our teams will be competing at the Tier 2 level this year and our tournaments will be hosted at the end of February. Our Next sport will be Badminton.

Intermediate Math Club

Intermediate Math Club is meeting mornings in the library to prepare for COMO (Carleton Ottawa Math Olympics) and Gauss (University of Waterloo) math competitions which take place in April and May. New members are welcome.

Computer Coding Club

The Coding club started Thursday, January 11 at 1st recess and will be running for the next 12 weeks.

Under the guidance of M. Touabi, Students are given small coding challenges with gradual difficulty as the sessions continue.



SCHOOL WIDE ART PROJECT



Thanks to Emily in Grade 8 for drawing the tree and her friends Grace and Jasmyne for helping cut out the branches and taping ALL the hands up for us. A beautiful masterpiece that was made by the hands of K.E.S students and staff. You can see it when you next visit the school library.

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