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January 2017 Newsletter

We've had a great start to 2017. Last Tuesday, we met with junior students, and later intermediate students, for a quick assembly to review upcoming events and to review and reinforce school expectations. A common message to both groups is that teaching and learning is our priority and that we want students to work hard and focus on learning while at school. However, we also spoke about the importance of getting involved in other aspects of the school community and having fun!

We have a few staff updates - Ms. Castellano will continue to teach R5/6A for the next few months while Mrs. Wilson is away. I would also like to introduce a new staff member, Sarah Arseneault, to Katimavik ES. Sarah has been hired to fill the 40% contract position vacancy created when Mrs. Hollinger took a job at another school. Sarah will be supporting students in the LDSIP class beginning Monday, January 30, 2017.

Currently, term 1 report cards are being prepared by staff. The PD day on January 30th is a dedicated report card writing day for staff. Report cards will go home on Wednesday, February 15, 2017.

Grade 8 students are starting to think about the transition to High School. As a school we are coordinating some transition events with Earl of March and will share those with parents/students soon. On January 25th grade 8 students have the opportunity to have year-end photos taken. Also, the EoM Grade 8 Parent Night is scheduled for January 19, 2017 from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at Earl of March S.S. We highly recommend that you attend with your child.

As part of our School Wellness Plan, staff (Gr. 4-8) have been focusing on the *Zones of Regulation* program and implementing the strategies in their classroom. The 'Zones' can be compared to a stoplight or traffic signs and through common language and discussion, students are asked to reflect on what 'Zone' they are currently in as a way to self-regulate. For more information go to our school website: <https://katimavikes.ocdsb.ca/Pages/Zones-of-Regulation.aspx>

Green = good to go

Yellow = slow down, take caution

Red = stop and regain control

Blue = "pull over", rest, recharge

Finally, I will send a separate email to parents/guardians/students with more information about our Outdoor Classroom initiative, starting with "what is an outdoor classroom?" We have several parents as part of the Outdoor Classroom committee who have been working behind the scenes to put together an information package. Stay tuned!

School Learning Plan (SLP)

The main focus in OCDSB schools, and the province, this year is Mathematics. Mrs. Massie and Mrs. Quirk are two of our math leads and we have been working on ways to promote numeracy across all curriculum areas in the school. Every month in the school newsletter we will be posting a math problem to simply get students and parents engaged in mathematics. Below is the math problem for this month!

Math Problem of the Month

You are standing in a small school where only 5 teachers work. Each teacher has 5 students to teach. Each student sits at their own desk. Each teacher has their own desk. Each desk has 4 legs. How many legs are there in the school?

Using Google Docs or a Piece of Paper, explain your answer clearly and submit to Mrs. Quirk Rm 123 or laura.quirk@ocdsb.ca

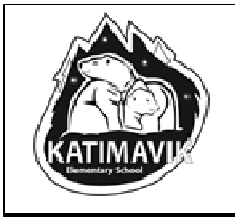
A few select answers will be published in next month's newsletter!

School Council Meeting

Our next school council meeting is on Wednesday, January 25 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome. Hope to see you there!

Talent Show

The KES Talent show will be getting underway soon. Ms. Reid will have the first meeting in the coming weeks for all interested grade 4-8 students.



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Promoting FNMI Education at KES

There are a few upcoming educational opportunities for staff and students to enhance our understanding of First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Education.

Blanket Exercise: is a teaching tool to share the historic and contemporary relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada. On Wednesday, January 18th, staff will participate in a Blanket Exercise as part of a staff meeting and will be facilitated by OCDSB's system Vice-Principal of FNMI Education, Jody Alexander. On Friday, January 27 our Gr. 6/7/8 students will participate in a Blanket Exercise. For more information go to:
<http://kairosblanketexercise.org/>

Daniel Richer 'Making Talking Sticks': Junior students will participate in workshops about "talking sticks" on February 7, 8, or 9. The workshop description is below: Tribes of Turtle Island kept records of events and reflected on themselves by making talking sticks, or story sticks. These were smooth, flat or round sticks with drawn or burned pictures and decorated with sinew and feathers. Through a little introspection, each participant will make their own talking stick.
<http://www.masconline.ca/en/artists/directory/daniel-richer.aspx>

Reading Volunteers

Do you enjoy reading? Do you have a spare hour every week or two? If so, please consider becoming a reading volunteer. Katimavik Elementary has many students who would benefit from one-on-one reading with a parent volunteer. Volunteers are needed for reading in English and/or French. Interested parents may contact Jennifer at jenguerra_athome@hotmail.com. Please indicate your general availability. Thank you for making a difference.

Nelson House

Ms. Reid and her students collected two carloads of toys for Nelson House in December. Nelson House is a shelter for woman and children who are victims of abuse. The items collected and delivered were used for Christmas gifts for some 15 woman and children currently in the shelter. Well done!

Clothing Drive/Food Drive

CLIK members helped collect food and clothing during the weeks leading up to the holidays. Some 60 boxes of food was collected along with \$100. The snowsuit fund collected about 30 garbage bags full of clothing. Mrs. Quirk's class came in first and school council will be presenting EF5A with a sweet treat in the New Year. Well done CLIK!



47 "Followers" on Twitter and growing!

Stay informed via a new Twitter account [@katimavikschool](https://twitter.com/katimavikschool). This Twitter feed will also be embedded on the main page of the new website.





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Royal Canadian Legion

We had several students from our school receive prizes in the recent Royal Canadian Legion Annual Remembrance Day Poster, Poem and Essay Competitions. The Official Awards Presentation Ceremony for all first, second and third place winners, as well as members of their families, teachers and friends will be held at **4:30 p.m. Sunday, 22 January, 2017**, at the Royal Canadian Legion in Kanata. Well done students for representing KES!

Junior Category:

Sasha V.	2 nd Place	Colour Poster
Sophia N.	2 nd Place	Poem

Intermediate Category:

Carissa F.	1 st Place	Colour Poster
Emily K.	2 nd Place	Colour Poster
Luke S.	3 rd Place	Colour Poster
Andrea P.	2 nd Place	B&W Poster
Christina B.	3 rd Place	B&W Poster
Nathan M.	1 st Place	Essay
Angelica S.	2 nd Place	Essay
Kayleigh R.	3 rd Place	Essay
Christina B.	2 nd Place	Poem

Winter Activity Days

KES will be running winter activity days on Friday, February 3 & Thursday, February 16. Students going to Mount Pakenham need to be at the school by 7:45 a.m. and picked up at 4:30 p.m. The options this year are: Downhill Skiing/Snowboarding or Winter Activities at School. The parents and /or guardians of students participating in the at-school events should have received an email on Monday with details about the day (itinerary, outline of special activities, etc). If you did not receive the email please send me an email at jeff.gervais@ocdsb.ca and I will forward it to you.



Homework Club – Registration ongoing

This free program runs after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The program is open to all students in Gr. 4-8. There are several tutors available to support students with their school work. Registration is ongoing. If you are interested, a registration form can be found on the school website. Hard copies can be found in the main office.

Upcoming Spirit Days and Themes

- Tue, Feb 14, 2017 - Rainbow Day/LGBTQ
- Mon, Mar 27, 2017 - Backwards/Opposite Day
- Fri, May 5, 2017 - Role model/Fav character
- Thu, Jun 8, 2017 - Decades Day

Forest of Reading program

The Forest of Reading program at Katimavik ES will be starting soon. We have three programs for students this year offering Red Maple books, Le Prix Tamarac and the Silver Birch collection. The program runs from January to April. If students read five out of ten titles they may join other readers across Canada in voting for their favourite author in April. To find out what books are offered check out the website – [Click Here](#) or search “Forest of Reading 2017”

Community Skating Party

Come one, come all. The Grade 7 students from Katimavik will be hosting a Community Skating Party on Friday, January 27, 2017 (weather and ice permitting). The event will run from 6:30 to 8:30 and is open to Katimavik and Castlefrank community families. The purpose of the event is to build community spirit while raising funds for the grade 7 end of year trip. The grade 7 students will be selling snacks and hot chocolate; assist with skate tying, and provide skating lessons.



KES Students engaged and challenged while playing chess during lunch hour Chess Club





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FROM THE BEAR'S DEN

Skating

The Physical Education skating program has begun. Three classes were very fortunate to get on the ice this week before the weather warmed up. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and we will be able to continue to use the ice. We want to thank the ice making crew for all their hard work to get the two pads up and running. We also want to thank *Play It Again Sports Store* on Terry Fox Drive for taking the time to sharpen the school's skates at no cost. It was very kind of Marc and his team to assist us. We want to thank all the students, staff and parents who have donated helmets and skates to the school. We appreciate the support, as it helps students who do not have access to skates have the chance to enjoy one of Canada's past times. If you have skates and helmets that you do not use, please drop them off at the office.

Jr. Girls Borden Ball

Due to inclement weather in December the junior girls Borden Ball tournament scheduled for Dec 12, 2016 was cancelled. The tournament was replayed on Monday, January 16, 2017 at Confederation High School and the girls finished third in their pool and fifth overall. Congratulations to all the players and Coach Thorp.

Intermediate Basketball

Intermediate basketball tryouts and team selection have taken place and team have started their training sessions for the regional tournament in March. The Girls team meets Monday and Wednesday mornings before school and on Fridays at first recess. The Boys team train Monday Wednesday and Friday during recess.

Junior Volleyball

Junior Boys and Girls Volleyball has started training for their regional tournament scheduled for February 22nd and 23rd 2017. Both teams train during recess time with Coach Quirk and Coach Gray.



The boys intermediate volleyball team



Students snowshoeing behind the school

The next newsletter will be published on Friday, February 10, 2017

Katimavik Girls Win Second At Volleyball Tournament

Friday, December 15th, 2016

The day started out like any other... But only if you count arriving at school at 7:30 in the morning a normal day. Yes that is correct. On Thursday, December 15 the Katimavik girls' volleyball team headed off to the tier two volleyball tournament at Earl of March. After a rather short drive, they arrived and proceeded to explore the gym and check the schedule for the layout of the day.



At 8:40am, they started their first warm up and at 9:00am their first game started leaving all of them thrilled yet slightly nervous.

Their first game was against Jack Donohue Public School which resulted in an easy win. Their semi-final game was against Stonecrest E.S. which was a win by several points, and they were off to the finals against Earl of March for the gold. They did, unfortunately, lose in a very exciting, suspenseful match. In the end though, they all had a great day and came home with the silver medal and proud smiles representing Katimavik. A big thanks to Mr. Touabi for coaching the team! And as well to Mr. Gray for coming to most of the practices to help out.

Set 1 players:

- Jasmine
- Hailey
- Mariam
- Carissa
- Kayla
- Nasu
- Diana

Set 2 players:

- Madison
- Jenna
- Mila
- Rebecca
- Lia
- Samantha



We want to encourage anyone interested at Katimavik to try out for sports. Even though it may seem competitive, it's also really fun and rewarding. You get really close with your teammates and even if you don't make it, you'll still make new friends along the way. So whether you think you'll make a team or not, please try out because you never know. Just have fun!