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March 2017 Newsletter

Hello! A lot has happened since our last newsletter. I hope that I have captured what we have been up to throughout this newsletter.

We have done a great job raising money for a few wonderful causes. Around Valentine's Day, Ms. Reid's class raised \$316.85 from Candy Gram sales for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Well done! Also, on *Toonie Tuesday* (Feb 28) Katimavik ES students, staff and parents raised \$464.10 and School Council contributed an additional \$300 for a total of \$764.10. This money will be donated to the Education Foundation to help support students and families across the OCDSB. As promised, there will be a "pie throwing" event between Mr. Henry and me on Monday, March 27 during our school assembly.

After March Break we will venture into the last 3 months of school. Staff will be busy providing engaging learning opportunities for students. Grade 6 staff will be preparing for the EQAO assessments in May. Information will be sent home soon with information and dates. Grade 8 staff have been supporting students with choosing their courses for high school and are now looking for opportunities to visit EoM to help support their transition. On April 6, grade 8 students will attend the Earl of March play "The Mystery of Edwin Drood". On April 13, the grade 8's will attend the intermediate dance at EoM. Later this spring, we will also be working with Castlefrank ES to support grade 3 students with their transition to grade 4 at KES.

Mr. Gray's class is working hard organizing a fundraiser for the **Alzheimer's Society** on **April 27th** in the **Katimavik Gym** at **5:00 pm - 7:00 pm**. Please check out the advertisement included in this newsletter – *check out the YouTube video and website too!*

Mark your calendars: On **Wednesday, March 29**, School Council will be hosting a parent night on Health and Wellness. Similar to last year, you will have the option of attending a few different workshops. Information will be sent out soon from the planning committee.

Staff Room Mural

Katimavik Staff would like to send a BIG shout out to Rachel Francoeur, a Katimavik ES parent, for volunteering her time to paint this beautiful mural in our staff room. You can email her at rlfrancoeur@gmail.com and follow her on instagram at [rachelfrancoeurcreations](https://www.instagram.com/rachelfrancoeurcreations). Thank you Rachel!



School Council Meeting

Our next school council meeting is on Wednesday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome. Hope to see you there!

Upcoming Spirit Days and Themes

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

Online Safety for your child

I would like to share with you 2 good resources addressing online safety for your child.

- https://www.cybertip.ca/app/en/internet_safety
- <http://mediasmarts.ca/sites/mediasmarts/files/guides/ywca-guide-for-trusted-adults.pdf>



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Maker mobile

In April students will experience workshops facilitated by engineering students from University of Ottawa. The uOttawa Maker Mobile is a Makerspace on wheels; traveling from location to location on a full-time basis. It carries equipment such as 3D printers and scanners, laser cutters, and Arduino microcontrollers. Using the latest technologies, the Maker Mobile delivers fun hands-on learning activities to schools, libraries and community centers across the region, complementing the school curriculum. Our goal is to encourage creativity, problem-solving skills and interest in technology among everyone in the community. Thank you to the School Council for contributing \$1425 towards this experience for students. For more information, check out their website.

<https://engineering.uottawa.ca/Maker%20Mobile>

Tour for Humanity

Continuing our studies in social justice, we will be having *Tour for Humanity* come to our school for the grade 6, 7 and 8 classes. A unique educational experience that is impactful, on-the-go, and self-contained, the mobile classroom was designed to inspire and empower people to raise their voices and take action against hate and intolerance.

Students will learn about a variety of topics in Canadian history, including the Indian Residential School System and the systemic internment of Japanese Canadians during the Second World War. Following a review of the past, current issues including cyber bullying and modern-day examples of intolerance are examined and discussed.

<http://tourforhumanity.com/book-the-tour/>

Looking at Pictures

As part of the National Art Gallery "Looking at Pictures" school program, junior students enjoyed a free presentation on February 13 and 14 focusing on various artists and their work. It was a great opportunity for them to share their observations and feelings as they responded to works of art. We encourage you to visit the Gallery.

Grade 7 and 8 students Hoop Dancing

Intermediate students enjoyed their Hoop Dancing experience on March 8/9 facilitated by Rhonda Doxtator. This event helped enhance the Intermediate Dance curriculum and with a focus on FNMI learnings. This experience was supported by School Council funds as well as student levy funds collected at the start of the year. For more information check out the MASC website

<http://www.masconline.ca/en/artists/directory/rhonda-doxtator.aspx>





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Math Problem of the Month

How many forks do you think your family should own?

Explain your logic and reasoning on paper or Google Drive and submit to Mrs. Quirk. Some answers will be published in the next newsletter - have fun with this one.



February- Stella's tanners

Correct answers were submitted by:

Anastasia Graves in Grade 4

and Andra Fofuca in Grade 7

Answer: 6210001000

Stella's Stunners



Digit Cells

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In the 10 cells shown here, you are to inscribe a 10-digit number such that the digit in the first cell tells how many zeros are in the entire 10-digit number, the digit in the cell marked "1" tells how many 1's are in the number, and so on. Thus, if the "4" cell has a 2 in it, then there are two 4's somewhere in the 10-digit number.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

[Print This Problem](#)

Parliament Trip for Grade 5's:

The Grade 5's can look forward to a curriculum based field trip to Parliament and City Hall, coming mid-April! Parents, if you are interested in volunteering on the trip, please indicate your interest when the permission forms go home later this month.

Chess Club

Congratulations to the Katimavik Chess Club for showing such sportsmanship and enthusiasm during the OCDSB Chess Tournament on Wednesday, March 8th. The competition was fierce, with keeners from across the Board who had practiced every day for weeks, but our students held their own with a strong team spirit and focused concentration. The juniors came 5th out of 8 schools and the Intermediates were 5th out of 10. The following students proudly represented Katimavik: Cyril, Arian, Lucas, Ethan, Sasha, Graham, Duncan, Jason, Andrew, Jason, Garnett, and Liam. Thank you to Rita Athwal for coaching our team and volunteering her time on Fridays.

The Chess Club will continue to play every second Friday and is welcoming new members at any level. Mme Ramsden and Ms Baker will continue to be there to supervise. Check out this website for opportunities to play chess outside of school.

<https://bibliooottawalibrary.ca/en/program?text=Chess>

Math Resources – For Parents

We are sharing links to some articles about how parental engagement and growth mindset can improve student achievement in math and other curriculum areas. Worth a read!

- [Parental Engagement – Math:](#)
- [Mistakes Grow Brains](#)
- [The "S" Word](#)

Variety Show - Decorators:

The decorators for the Talent Show have begun brainstorming creative ideas and plans to decorate the backdrop and stage ends of the Talent Show. The students decided on a theme of the Galaxy. They have been working collaboratively with this theme and will continue to design and implement their ideas over the next few weeks. Some of these artistically driven students are performers in the show as well!

The Variety Show will take place at KES on Wednesday, May 17.



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Spelling Bee

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the Katimavik Spelling Bee. We had great participation and it was awesome to see so much enthusiasm! Our school champion was Lia Hsueh. Second place went to Samantha Wiseburg, and third place to Ray Xie. These three qualified to represent our school at Regionals. Lia, Sam, and Ray did a fantastic job competing at the Scripps Regional Bee on March 4th at Algonquin College. They competed against school spelling champions from many Ottawa and Montreal schools. Lia finished in second place overall at Regionals. Sam and Ray also did well, competing in many rounds at this competition.



Special thanks to *Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Ottawa* who sponsored Katimavik ES in the bee, and who partnered with us for various programs that support our students.

student decided to wear a pink shirt. But then some bullies started to make fun of him because of his pink shirt. Two other students, David Sheppard and Travis Price, decided to take a stand against the bullies.

So they bought loads of pink shirts and told everyone about their plan, to support the bullied student by wearing pink shirts to show that they did not like the fact that bullying was occurring at their school. The next day, a lot of kids were wearing pink; the bullies were intimidated and stopped bullying the student. Soon, pink shirts became the symbol of anti-bullying. Today around 25 countries support pink shirt day. When we wear pink, we remind ourselves to stand up for others and help prevent bullying in our schools.

“ If you can get more people against them... to show that we’re not going to put up with it and support each other, then they’re not as big as they think are,”
-David Sheppard

Pink Day Mrs. Massie supporting the cause

By: Anastasia, Grade 4

On the 22nd of February, KES supported Pink Day by wearing pink shirts, the pink shirts represent anti-bullying. Bullying is a big problem at schools, studies show that 64% of students have been bullied before and 12% were bullied every week. That’s why we take a stand



against bullying. Here’s the history of Pink Day. On the first day of school in Nova Scotia, 2007, a grade 9



Winter Activity Days

On Thursday February 16, 2017 Katimavik held the second day of Winter Activities. Over 200 students went to Mount Pakenham for a day of skiing and snowboarding. As we were packing up to leave the hill a senior staff member came up to the VP to thank Katimavik for coming to Pakenham and mentioned how nice and polite our students were. It was very nice to hear. The students who did not go Mount Pakenham spent the day at Katimavik participating in a variety of winter activities such as skating, sledding, making snow sculptures and of course drinking hot chocolate. Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted and supported the students during these events.



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FROM THE BEAR'S DEN

BORDENBALL TOURNAMENT

By Jessica (Grade 5)

At the girls bordenball tournament we came in 5th overall. Allow me to tell you from the start...The girls arrived with smiles on their faces ready to start their first game. They got their stuff on and headed down on the court for their first game against Westwind. The game started off good until Westwind came out with a surprise and won the first game.

Even after the girls lost they kept smiling and laughing and knew they would get it back the next game. When they got on the court for their 2nd game against Roch Carrier (who won the tournament last year) the team knew it was time to step up their game. When scoring goal after goal winning 5-3. In the last shift the opponent scored 1 more goal ending the game 5-4.

After a little break the team played South March, who won 1 game just like us. We played hard and before the team knew what was happening South March left the game with a win of 7-3. With one more game for Katimavik to play against Huntley, the team knew they wouldn't make the semifinals with only 1 win. But after winning and sending Huntley home with no wins, all the team could do now is watch the last game which would either send them to the semifinals or send them home. The game was South March vs Roch Carrier. South March had to win so that they would go to the finals and send Roch Carrier home leaving a spot for Katimavik. The girls knew that doing that would be easy considering that Katimavik beat Roch and lost to South March. Like they suspected South March won leaving a spot for Katimavik in the semifinals.

Team Katimavik played in the other pool against the Broncos (which are very good). On the first shift Broncos scored 2 goals and then more in the next and the next winning 7-2 sending Katimavik home.

Although the team lost they looked on the bright side deciding that it was a really good time, The Broncos are a good team. They tried their hardest and that's all you could ask for.



Intermediate Girls Bring Home Silver Medal

Written by: Jasmine Quirk

Thursday, March 2nd, 2017 the girls intermediate basketball team participated in the tier two girls tournament. I was one of them and I was lucky enough to spend the day at Earl of March playing basketball and spending time with my teammates. We all gathered at school at a very early 7:15 and set off. We arrived at 7:30 and set up our stuff then promptly began to warm up for our game at 8:00. Our first game was against Stonecrest and we won by a few points. We played again right afterwards against Huntley which we also won. Our game ended around 9:40 and the next time we would play was at 2:00 so we had a *lot* of time to kill. We mostly hung out and we saw a few people we knew. And then our next game commenced! It was against Huntley. It would decide who was going to the finals. We won which means we were guaranteed a medal! Our final game was against Earl, the home team. We played hard and we withstood a few injuries some more serious than others and in the end we did lose, but we placed second and got to go home with the silver medal! So congratulations to: Mariam, Diana, Samantha, Hailey, Christina, Carissa, Kayla, Andrea, Abby and Sarah, good job guys! It was an honour to play with you.



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Junior Boy's Volleyball Brings Home GOLD!

By: Nicholas Winter (Grade 5)

On February the 24th the junior boy's volleyball team got to school and at 9:00 left the school to go to the tournament at A.Lorne Cassidy, in Stittsville. They got to the tournament at around 9:15. Their first game was practically as soon as they got there. They were playing Stephen Leacock and they beat them in both sets of the game. Then they got about 45 minutes to rest and regenerate before their next game against the Bridlewood Broncos which they beat in both sets again, so the team was doing **GREAT** led by amazing teacher and coach Mrs. Quirk. The team was VERY confident going into the third game, though they were playing A.Lorne Cassidy, but Katimavik still knew they could do it. Sadly they were wrong, they won their first game by the skin of their teeth and lost the second by a couple of points, they were still confident to make 1st place in their pool. But then it was one of the most important games against John Young which Katimavik CRUSHED in both sets. The next game in the semifinals Katimavik won by a large amount. So the team played A.L.C. in the finals again where they won both sets to bring home gold!!!!



Intramural Sports

Intramural Intermediate Basketball and Intramural Junior Volleyball are finishing up and Junior Basketball and Intermediate Badminton will be starting soon. Thank you to all the teachers and intermediate students who help with these events.

Intermediate Basketball

Intermediate basketball teams were busy the last few weeks with exhibition games and their Regional Tournament. The girls had the opportunity to play three exhibition games, with games against; A Group of Katimavik Alumni (L 22- 16), Glen Cairn PS (W 36 - 8), and Earl of March (W 40-37). The Girl's Regional Tournament was held on Thursday March 2, 2017 at Earl of March with six teams competing for the Regional Championship. (See schedule below). The girls had great success in the round robin portion of the tournament with wins against Stonecrest ES and Huntley ES as well as a win in the lead ups to the championship game. Unfortunately, the girls placed second in the championship game against Earl of March and came home with the silver medal. Congratulations to the girls and thank you to all the parents who assisted and supported the team throughout the season (especially Mr. Smith and Ms. Pieters who came and drove the girls to every game). The Boys team played an exhibition game against Earl of March on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 and won 39 - 29. At the Boy's Regional Tournament at Earl of March, which was played on Monday, March 6 the boys placed third. Congratulations to the boys and Coach Polowin for a successful season.

Junior Volleyball

The Junior Boys Volleyball Team played in their Regional Tournament on February 22, 2017 at A. Lorne Cassidy ES and finished in first place. Congratulations to the boys and to Coach Quirk. The Junior Girls Volleyball Team played in their Regional Tournament on Thursday February 23, 2017 at A. Lorne Cassidy and made it to the semi-finals. Congratulation to the girls and Coach Gray.

The next newsletter will be published on

Friday, April 21st, 2017

**HAVE A GREAT
MARCH BREAK!**