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## September 2016 Newsletter

We've had a great start to the school year. As I visit classrooms it is evident that teaching and learning is well on its way. In addition, there are many extra-curricular activities that have begun. Thank you to the staff for initiating many of the extras available for students to participate in. We will try our best to reflect all that is happening at KES on the school google calendar that can be found on our website.

This year I will be developing – with the help of staff and students – a monthly e-newsletter. My hope is to send it home around the same time each month (around the beginning of the month with the exception of September and October). In addition school news can be found on the website and/or twitter feed. In some cases I will send out an email to parents. As always, I would appreciate your feedback throughout the year regarding how the school communicates.

On Tuesday, the office (via your child's classroom teacher) sent home verification forms. Please review your contact information and return to your child's homeroom teachers by **Friday, September 30**. It is extremely important that we have your most current contact information so that we can contact you.

On behalf of the school staff, we are looking forward to working with you and your child this school year. All the best!

### School Council/Elections

The first school council meeting and elections for the Council Executive will take place on **September 28 at 7:00 pm**. We are looking for parents/guardians to become involved. I encourage you to attend on Wednesday to understand how school council works and to learn about the work they do to support students at Katimavik E.S.

*Katimavik School Council would like to inform parents that the Hot Lunch/Milk programs will begin Monday, October 3rd.*

### School Photographs

Individual and class photographs will be taken on Tuesday, October 4. The re-take day is Friday, November 4.

### School Learning Plan

In May our grade 6 students wrote the EQAO assessment. This tool is one piece of data that we use to determine how students are progressing. The EQAO results have been published for Katimavik ES.

#### % of Grade 6 students who met Level 3 or 4

**Reading Assessment: 80%**

**Writing Assessment: 70%**

**Mathematics Assessment: 44%**

We have done well in Reading and Writing but as you can see Mathematics will be an area of focus for all schools in the OCDSB, including Katimavik ES. I will be working closely with school staff to examine the EQAO data and other school data to determine our next steps and to develop our school learning plan.

Our next PD day is Friday, October 7. There is no school for students, but staff will be engaged in professional development about the Province's *Renewed Math Strategy* and we will be working on aspects of our School Learning Plan.

### School Clothing

School Spirit Clothing is coming soon! What a great way to show off your school spirit. Youth and Adult sizes will be available for t-shirts, sweat shirts, long sleeve t-shirts, and sweat pants. Check your child's backpack for Polar Bear Spirit Wear Order forms coming home the first week of October. Information will also be posted on the school website.

### Pokemon Cards

Pokemon cards are popular again, no doubt thanks to the Pokemon Go craze from this past summer. We are noticing more and more students bringing them to school, particularly in grades 4, 5, and 6. We would like to remind families that while students may bring Pokemon cards to school, the school cannot be responsible should they go missing. Other school rules for Pokemon cards are: use at recess time only, no trades, and as mentioned, bring at your own risk. Please have a family conversation about these precious items!



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## Terry Fox Run

*I want to try the impossible to show that it can be done. – Terry Fox*

Katimavik Elementary School is participating in its 12th annual Terry Fox Run. The run will be taking place on Thursday September 29th @ 12:00 pm. All money raised through our event will be forwarded to The Terry Fox Foundation to further the cause of cancer research. Our route will be within the school property boundaries. Students will be encouraged to walk/run the course for 30 minutes. Teachers will be on hand to supervise along the way.

With a goal of fundraising \$1000 on behalf of Katimavik Elementary School, you can send loonies, toonies, cash or cheque (payable to the Terry Fox Foundation) on the day of our event only. Feel free to email Mme Hart if you have any questions. Her email is: [Chantale.Hart@ocdsb.ca](mailto:Chantale.Hart@ocdsb.ca)

Should you wish to donate online, please visit:  
<https://secure.terryfox.ca/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?TeamID=697260#&panel1-1>

## Orange Shirt Day

*Orange Shirt Day ~ September 30th, 2016  
Empowering the Recognition and Education of our  
shared Canadian history of Residential Schools  
Students/staff are encouraged to wear orange on  
September 30!*

The Canadian Government offered an apology to aboriginal people for the attempted cultural genocide through assimilation that was embodied in the residential school system that existed from 1884 to 1996. The government then instituted a **Truth and Reconciliation Commission** to document much of the suffering on the public record, and to offer recommendations for a new relationship. Orange Shirt Day was created during the St. Joseph Mission Residential School Commemoration Project in Williams Lake, BC, in May 2013. Former student, Phyllis (Jack) Webstad, told her story of her first day at residential school when her shiny new orange shirt, bought by her grandmother, was taken from her as a six-year old girl, which prompted the realization that many survivors have similar stories. Our investment in reconciliation is helping to build a stronger and healthier Canada.

## Tulip Planting

As part of a tradition at Katimavik, students and parent volunteers come together and plant tulip bulbs during the fall in our school's gardens. These gardens are located in front of the school, on each side of the intermediate doors and around the grounds by some trees.

On Wednesday, October 5th around 2:20 pm, the students in EF4A, EF4B, R4/5A & Mrs. Reid's class will go outside in groups to weed the gardens and to plant tulip bulbs. Our rain date will be Thursday, October 6 around 2:20 pm. *Tulip bulbs and top soil donations are always appreciated.*

## Winter Activities Day

Winter is coming! Once again, Katimavik ES will be offering Winter Activity Days! This is an exciting opportunity to permit your child to sample downhill skiing/snowboarding. We will also be offering in-school activities for students who are unable to go downhill skiing/snowboarding.

We need your help! Could you please take a moment go to the link below. There you will find more information and a very brief survey (only 2 questions!).

**Please take our survey before  
Wednesday, October 5, 2016**

<https://goo.gl/forms/NwgLsF7pjMPSGZm72>

## International Languages Program

Both Mandarin and Spanish classes will begin the week of October 3, 2016 and will run twice a week (Monday & Wednesday). The actual dates from now until June are posted on the google calendar which can be found on the school website.

## Homework Club – Register Now

Thank you to the parents who completed the online survey to express an interest in having their child attend the homework club that is run by the *Ottawa Community Resource Centre*. We've been able to secure the necessary funding. The program will begin after school starting Tuesday, October 4. A registration form can be found on the school website. Hard copies can be found in the main office.



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## Athletics Code of Conduct

School staff have developed an Athletics Code of Conduct that has been shared with students outlining expectations that we have if students are interested in participating in team sports. The Code of Conduct is included at the end of this newsletter.

## Intramurals at Katimavik

One popular aspect of our school is our Intramural athletics program. We offer intramurals throughout the year during our recesses to give the students a chance to develop athletic abilities, sportsmanship, and teamwork. The sport at hand changes throughout the year and coincides with the sport for the upcoming tournament season. Currently we are playing Soccer and we will be playing Bordenball beginning in late October. Our Intramural program ultimately feeds into our school teams. We are stressing participation in the Intramural program to be part of our school teams and to develop a culture of participation across our athletics program in all grades. We are hoping that all students can find a level of participation that suits their needs and interests and find success at the sport of their choice.

## Ultimate Frisbee Tournament

There are two Intermediate teams which will be heading out to an Ultimate Frisbee Tournament on Friday, September 30th at Lynda Lane. The tournament is being hosted by the Ottawa Carleton Ultimate Association. This is a great opportunity to get involved in a sport that continues to grow in popularity. We look forward to proudly representing Katimavik with our hard work and great spirit. Go Bears! The coaches for the Ultimate Frisbee teams are Andrew Thorp and Jordana Polowin.

## Cross Country

Members of the Junior and Intermediate Cross Country Teams have been practising this week for the Regional meets scheduled for next month. Teams will compete at Walter Baker Park on October 14th (Intermediates) and October 18th (Juniors). Parents are more than welcome to support the students at the event.

## Chess Club

The Chess Club had their first meeting on September 23, 2016. Ms. Athwal, one of our parents, along with Ms Baker and Mme Ramsden, will meet with the students once a week to hone their chess skills.

## K-Crew

K-Crew (also known as Student Council) will begin soon. Students interested in representing their homeroom class were asked to submit an "expression of interest" to Mr. Gervais by Monday, September 26. This is a great leadership opportunity open to anyone in grade 4-8.

## Student Accident Insurance

Creating a caring and safe environment for our students is our top priority. Unfortunately, despite all reasonable precautions being taken, accidents can still happen. Some injuries may result in medical, dental or other expenses that are not covered by provincial health care or employer group plans. As a parent/guardian, you become responsible for these expenses. Student accident insurance is available for purchase, on a voluntary basis, through Reliable Life Insurance Company. Forms can either be picked up from the school office or downloaded at [www.binks.ca](http://www.binks.ca), or you may apply online at [www.insuremykids.com](http://www.insuremykids.com).

The OCDSB encourages all parents/guardians to consider purchasing this insurance. If your child is involved in school related sports activities or is participating in any field trips out of the province you may wish to seriously consider the coverage options, which range from \$13.50/year to \$32.00/year. This coverage is for the entire calendar year and also applies outside of school hours. If you have any questions, please call Binks Insurance Brokers directly at 613-226-1350.

## STAY UPDATED with the School website

Our school website can be found at [katimavikes.ocdsb.ca](http://katimavikes.ocdsb.ca) and I will be keeping the school community updated via a new twitter account @katimavikschool. This twitter feed will be embedded on the main page of the new website.



**The next newsletter will be published on Friday, October 28, 2016 - give or take a few days 😊**

# STUDENT-ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT

## KATIMAVIK E.S.

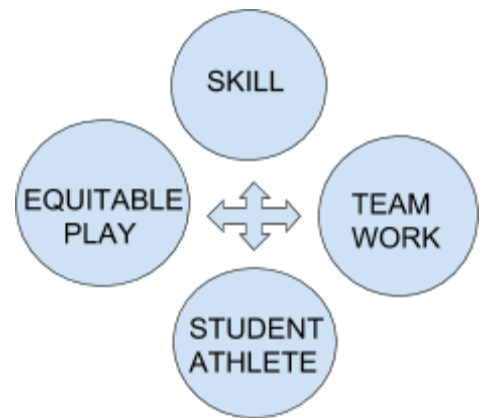
If I am selected to be a part of any team at Katimavik E.S.

1. I will be a **student first**. This means that I do all my homework and assignments. I listen and try my best in class.
2. I will **always** be prepared and dressed for Physical Education class.
3. I will be **respectful** to all teachers, staff, students and property around the school.
4. I will **follow instructions, listen, be on time and participate** to the best of my abilities at all practices (this includes putting away equipment after practice).

**\*\*\* If I do not follow this code of conduct I understand that I will be asked to leave the team \*\*\***

### **CRITERIA CONSIDERED FOR CHOOSING SCHOOL TEAMS**

- ★ Skill Level
- ★ Ability to work in a team environment
- ★ Shows the ability to adhere to the student athlete code of conduct
- ★ Participation in previous sports teams; this will help us ensure as many students as possible can participate in inter school sports



The following are the goals for both Junior and Intermediate level school teams as outlined in the Ottawa-Carleton Elementary Athletics Association (OCEAA) constitution, which is the leading document on athletic inter-school competition.

**JUNIOR LEVEL** - “children are ready to begin training according to more formalized methods, but the emphasis should still be on general sports skills suitable to a number of activities. While it is often tempting to over-develop “talent” at this age through excessive single sport training and competition (as well as early positioning in team sports), this can be very detrimental to later stages of development if the child is playing a late specialization sport: it promotes one-sided physical, technical, and tactical development and increases the likelihood of injury and burnout.” (OCEAA Constitution). In other words these are the years where we focus on the students-athletes growth and skill improvement. As well, we are developing a love of sport in general.

**INTERMEDIATE LEVEL** - “At this stage, they are ready to consolidate their basic sport-specific skills and tactics. These youths may play to win and do their best...” (OCEAA Constitution). In other words teams at the intermediate level put a little more emphasis on skills. However the other criteria such as being a student athlete as well as respect are just as important.