



Katimavik Elementary School

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October 2017

Since the last newsletter there have been new staff who have joined KES. I would like to welcome Jennifer Williams who is our new office assistant and Joanna Ritchie who has been hired to teach Junior math and the Arts to students in the General Learning Program. I have also hired Emily Barr for full days and Colleen Jackson in the mornings as Educational Assistants to replace Darlene Beauchamp while she is on leave. Just recently Jordana Polowin, a Grade 7 & 8 teacher, accepted a position at another school leaving a vacancy. I will be interviewing for this position soon. In the meantime, Kayla Jackson will take Mrs. Polowin's place. All the best to Mrs. Polowin, she will be greatly missed. I am also happy to announce that the OCDSB has provided us with additional staffing to create a third junior english class. We will create another grade 5/6 class so that we can create classes that are around 20 students. We currently have classes that are well above 30 students. This re-organization impacts junior english program students and changes will be in place later next week.

Overall, we've had a good school start-up - despite the recent hot spell students have settled well into classroom and school routines. We currently have 329 students enrolled - this is 18 students above our projected numbers from the spring.

As shared with you before, we have had a lot of staffing changes including in the office with no Vice-Principal this year, a new office administrator (Donna Cooke) and a new office assistant (Jennifer Williams). I continue to have an open door policy and I am happy to meet with parents/guardians as needed. However, keep in mind that my availability will be limited this year with no Vice-Principal partner. Email is a great way to connect, however, I am receiving hundreds of emails each week and I am not always able to respond quickly. If you require a quick response from me or if I haven't responded to your email it is best to call the main office number and leave a message with Donna or Jennifer.

Meet the Teacher

Thank you for all parents/guardians who took part in the meet the teacher on Tuesday, September 12. By far the most parents/guardians I have seen during my time at KES. It was great to see everyone and thank you to the grade 8 students who ran the bake sale. They raised \$378 for the Terry Fox Foundation

School Photographs

Individual and class photographs were taken on **Tuesday, October 3**. The retake day is Tuesday, November 7, 2017. Please note that some class photos will be taken on retake day as we have groups of students away on the Tuesday.

Morning Drop-off/After School Pick-up

Please encourage your child to walk or bike to school so that we can avoid unnecessary traffic in front of the school. If it is necessary to pick-up/drop-off your child we need your help!

Before School: A reminder that in the morning we have a drop off lane (bus lane) to ensure that the parking lot is not congested and that students can exit vehicles safely. This year, staff are on duty to direct cars into this lane. Thank you for your cooperation and support to ensure students are safe.

After school: The school parking lot and Chimo Dr. can become very congested at the end of the day, especially on days when the weather is not favourable. We have many students being picked up, including parents picking up children from the pre-school located at KES. When the parking lot is full you will be required to park safely and legally on Chimo Dr. Please take note of the no parking/stopping signs on the street as City of Ottawa by-law does patrol this area. We also want to avoid students crossing Chimo Dr. unnecessarily as this is not a safe practice. Often by 3:25 p.m. most of the traffic congestion is over and there is ample parking available. If you arrive slightly later to pick up your child you can avoid parking on the street. **Keep in mind that there is supervision at the front of the school only until 3:30 p.m. so your child can be monitored until that time.**



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Katimavik School Council Elections

On September 27th 2017 School Council had their first meeting and Elections. I am happy to introduce the Executive for this year:

Chair: Leah Laframboise

Co-Chair: Tiffany Smith

Secretary: Teri MacDonald and Carla Backmeier

Treasurer: Claudette Nyenhuis

Co-Treasurer: Xiang Sun

OCASC Representative: Ian Urbach

Communications Coordinator: Deidre Mander

CES Liaison: Carol Mothersill

Keep informed with your School Council:

website: <http://kesparentcouncil.edublogs.org/>

email: kesschoolcouncil@gmail.com

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: 77% (80% last year)

Writing Assessment: 74% (70% last year)

Mathematics Assessment: 54% (44% last year)

We have done well in Reading and Writing but as you can see Mathematics continues to be an area of focus for all schools in the OCDSB, including Katimavik ES. Our next PD day is Friday, October 6. 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.

Terry Fox

We had a successful fundraiser for the Terry Fox Foundation. With the bake sale on "Meet the Teacher" and the events last Friday during the Terry Fox Run students raised a total of \$1308.55! Our intermediate students showed great leadership and initiative throughout this campaign - well done!

Tulip Planting

As part of a tradition at Katimavik, the students and parent volunteers paint a colorful spring as we come together and plant tulip bulbs this fall in our school's gardens. These gardens are located in the front of the school, on each side of the intermediate doors and around the grounds of some trees. The Tulip planting will take place on Thursday, October 5 at 2:20 p.m. For more information please see Mme. Leclerc

Inspirational Math

Junior teachers at KES started the MATH year off on the same foot by following the [Week of Inspirational Math](#) developed by Stanford University.



These photos show our Grade 5 students hard at work trying to solve a pattern. Here is another student, demonstrating his theory to the class using the "Ladybug" document camera.



Chess Club

Every Friday, starting September 29th, junior and intermediate students are invited to play chess in the library at 2nd recess. All students are welcome! If you have never played or don't know how to play, here is your chance to learn! Mrs. Rita Athwal will be teaching new students how to play and experienced players will have the chance to learn some different strategies. See Mme Ramsden for details!



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Project Inspiration

This year, Katimavik is pleased to launch "**Project Inspiration**". Project Inspiration is all about sharing ideas, reflecting, and inspiring one another. Each week, Katimavik will be sharing a weekly quote or message for students, staff, parents, and community partners to reflect on. These weekly messages will be posted at school, and shared on social media. We look forward to learning and growing together this year! Congratulations to all students who submitted logo entries for Project Inspiration!

Our school voted, and Esmé Smolyneć's design was the winner. Congratulations to Esmé!



Please follow us!

Twitter: https://twitter.com/Kati_inspire

Facebook: <http://fb.me/katimavikprojectinspiration>

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/kati_inspire/

LODGES - Junior Division

This year KES is starting something new to encourage the students in grade 4, 5 & 6 to get to know each other, create new friendship, learn how to work with different types of people and to have fun. Each student has been put in a "Lodge" at random where they will work as a group on different tasks including creating banners, learning songs, participate in various school wide events for example, Jump Rope

for Heart and Winter Fun Day. The lodges are a mix of different grades and classes. In addition to playing together, the students will be competing for points. When they try out for a sport, join a club, they will get a point for their lodge. Teachers can also give out points as they see fit for various types of behaviour and we will create various opportunities to gain points. The first "assignment" will be to work together to create a banner and a chant or sound to represent their animal. Points can NOT be taken away. At the end of the year, the Lodge with the most points wins (bragging rights). The 8 lodges are Canadian animals: Moose, Grizzly Bear, Polar Bear, Raccoon, Lynx, Cougar, Coyote, & Wolverine.

International Languages Program

This year, we hope to offer two after school language programs this year - **Spanish and Mandarin**. The classes will be every Monday and Wednesday from 3:15 to 4:45 at Katimavik ES. The program will begin on October 2nd. If you are interested in registering your child complete the attached registration form (Clearly indicate what language you would like your child to participate in). You may drop off the form at the main office **The deadline is the morning of Thursday, October 5**. All questions about the program and registration can be directed to Maria Ioannou-Makrakis - please email her at maria.ioannou-makrakis@ocdsb.ca

Homework Club

In the past the Ottawa Community Resource Centre has run an after school homework club at KES. At this time they are waiting on confirmation that funding is available to run the program. Once I hear more I will communicate to families.

Yellow School Bus - Empty seat process...

This year, OSTA is responsible for processing and approving all empty seat requests after October 1. All applications go directly to OSTA

<http://www.ottawaschoolbus.ca/policies-procedures/empty-seat-seat-availability-provision-2/>



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Staff for 2017-2018 (updated)

Homeroom Teachers

EF4A - Marie Leclerc

R4/5A - Rob Hamm

EF4/5A - Laamea Morbi

EF5A - Janice Goodier

R5/6A - Victoria Castellano (Sheri Wilson)

R5/6B - Vacancy (new class)

EF56A - Jamel Touabi

EF6A - Andrew Thorp

R7A - Kerri Feres (Carissa Blaseg)

EF7A - Bruce Gray

EF7/8A - Scott MacLeod

R8A - Vacancy (Kayla Jackson in the interim)

EF8A - Chantale Hart

Mrs. Reid's Gr. 4 - 6 - Megan Reid

Mrs. Massie's Gr. 5 & 6 - Heather Massie

Mrs. Baker's Gr. 7 & 8 - Lisa Baker

Non-Homeroom Teachers

Junior Math/Rotary - Joanna Ritchie

Music & Junior Language - Len Ferguson

Junior/Int Math/Rotary - Lindsay Brown

Intermediate Math - Heather Massie

Junior Math/Language - Laura Quirk

Support Staff

Learning Support Teacher - Kim Esdaile

Learning Resource Teacher - Natalie Ramsden

Educational Assistant - Sandy Czempiel

Educational Assistant - Brenda Abbott

Educational Assistant - Colleen Jackson (am)

Education Assistant - Darlene Beauchamp (on leave)

Educational Assistant - Emily Barr

School Operations

Principal - Jeff Gervais

Office Administrator - Donna Cooke

Office Assistant - Jennifer Williams

Library Technician - Margot Leduc

Chief Custodian - Josh Herrick