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NEWSLETTER FOR MARCH

Live Free

Our school is taking the challenge to help kids Live Free from hunger for our daily snack program. Please consider sending in the toonie donation card. Every dollar that we make comes right back to our school!

For more information, please visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rkIYExQ8Rhg>.

Twitter



You can now follow us on Twitter at KenilworthPS@KenilworthCoyot . This is just one other way that we can share special events and updates easily with you. It is very easy to sign up for Twitter, if you have not already done so. If you are interested, just visit Twitter.com, and follow the instructions provided.

Digital Saturday returns this March!

All parents in the UGDSB are invited to attend Digital Saturday, which will be hosted at JD Hogarth PS in Fergus. See a variety of technology used in the UGDSB. Meet with Special Education staff to learn more about how they support all students. Discover the rich online digital resources available to your children from home and at school. Presentations include: devices in our schools, Homework Help, Cospaces and Ozobot, Google Apps for Education, UG2GO, Coding in the Classroom, MIT App Inventor, Grandpals, Virtual Reality, SEA, and My Blueprint.

Digital Saturday is on March 25 from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Heart and Stroke

KPS has been a proud sponsor of The Heart and Stroke Foundation by participating in Jump Rope for Heart. Our kick-off assembly will be on Friday March 24th, and our event is scheduled for Thursday April 14th. Pledge forms will be sent home on March 24th.

Skating

We have a tentative skating trip planned for March 10th. We can provide helmets, but cannot provide skates this year, and are asking that you arrange to borrow skates if needed. More information will be sent home in the near future.

Grade Six Camp Information Meeting

Our Grade Six Camp Brebuef Information Meeting is scheduled for Monday April 3rd, 5:30 – 6:30pm. The projected cost is \$85.00, and PATS has very generously agreed to pay \$50.00 of this per student! We will be seeking 2 or 3 parent volunteer drivers to and from camp in an effort to save \$400.00 in bussing costs. Please be thinking about this now, and let us know if you can help. Thank you.

Green Legacy

Green Legacy is a group that began in 2004 with the purpose of planting trees in areas around the County of Wellington. This group will visit our school and educate our students in species identification and how to grow trees from seeds. We are pleased to have Green Legacy involve our Primary students by providing them with the materials to grow seeds and then on May 17th our Junior students will take these seedlings and plant them into the ground in the North Wellington area. It is our hope that this project will help to improve the air quality because trees store carbon dioxide and release oxygen into the air and will make us all more GREEN!

Free to Play Program

The Children's Foundation of Guelph and Wellington's Free to Play Program can help low-income families pay for their children's recreational activities, such as sports, camps and the arts. Up to \$400 per child per year is available for youth from birth through to 18 years who live in Guelph or Wellington County and fall below the low-income cut off. Applying is easy and confidential. Go to: www.childrensfoundation.org/free-to-play or call 519-826-9551, ext 23.

KPS PATS Meeting

Join us March 6th at 6:30 pm

Everyone Welcome

Babysitting available



Your Child's Hearing is Important!

Seventy-five percent of a child's day is spent listening; listening to complex language, directions and instructions which need to be comprehended. Being able to hear peers is important for developing social skills and friendships. That is why it is important that any hearing difficulty be discovered as soon as possible because even mild hearing loss can put a child at risk for academic and communication difficulties. **Audiologists** are experts who assess hearing sensitivity and functioning that provides a window into the language/listening parts of the brain. Since listening is a critical learning skill, test results can be helpful in planning a program of intervention. Students who wear hearing aids, cochlear implants, or use personal FM systems should routinely visit an Audiologist to have their equipment checked. If you suspect your child has difficulty with hearing or attention it is recommended that you have your child tested by an **Audiologist**. To find an Audiologist in your community, visit the website of the College of Audiologists and Speech Language Pathologists of Ontario (www.CASLPO.com) and click on "Find an Audiologist" and search for Private Practice. At UGDSB you can call 519-941-6191 ext. 231 for information.

Vision Health

If you suspect that your child is struggling with vision issues, there are several things that you can do. First, book an eye exam with an optometrist. Basic OHIP coverage for eye exams, is available free of charge, for children from birth to age 19. Speak with your child's teacher regarding your concerns and encourage your child to clearly express to the teacher the difficulties they are having (Are they having trouble seeing things on the board? Are they having trouble copying information? Are they having trouble seeing the information in novels/textbooks/notebooks etc.?) There are a number of accommodations that can be made to quickly address potential problems, including seating closer to the board or larger print on computers or photocopies. You can also discuss with the classroom teacher or SERT the possibility of making a referral to one of the Vision Itinerant Teachers who provide support to your school.

MONTHLY ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES TO HELP CELEBRATE OUR PLANET

March 25th is Earth Hour!

It is vital to teach our children to respect and take care of the environment.

Join the global Movement! Celebrate Earth Hour on March 25th at 8:30pm.

Earth Hour's mission is uniting people to protect the planet by raising awareness of about climate change and encouraging positive action.

"Earth Hour was famously started as a lights-off event in Sydney, Australia in 2007. Since then it has grown to engage more than 172 countries and territories worldwide."

Earth Hour is more than an event. It is a movement that has achieved massive environmental impact, including legislation changes by harnessing the power of the crowd."

Click [here](#) to see a short video clip of Earth Hour's story around the world and click [here](#) for highlights of 2015

Ideas for your family to do for Earth Hour!

Earth Hour belongs to you. Celebrate your commitment to the planet with your friends, family, community or at work - in your own way.

A simple event can be just turning off all non-essential lights on March 25th from 8:30-9:30 pm. For one hour, focus on your commitment to our planet. To celebrate, you can:

- *prepare a candle lit dinner,*
- *talk to your neighbours, or invite people over*
- *stargaze, or go camping in your backyard*
- *play board games, or charades*
- *host a concert, or a sing-a-long*
- *create or join your own community event*
- *have an Earth Hour every month*

The possibilities are endless!

Quotes and information taken from: <https://www.earthhour.org/>