



Kenilworth Public School

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OPENING DAY NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2019

Please join me in thanking the Loughran and Petty families for their work on our front yard and playground over the summer. Our students are fortunate to have several wonderful new outdoor learning opportunities. Thank you to PATS for your vision and efforts in raising the funds to be able make this all happen! Thank you families for your ongoing support of Kenilworth Public School.

Dear Families,

Welcome Back! I hope you were able to enjoy our beautiful summer weather and found time to spend with family and loved ones. Our staff spent time enjoying favourite pastimes and preparing for our year ahead. Our classrooms look fantastic and we are ready to get learning! Please join me in welcoming back many familiar faces and along with a few new staff:

Mrs. Doney and Mrs. Capell (kindergarten ECE and teacher).

Ms. Gellatly (Gr. 1/2).

Mrs. Huber (Gr. 2/3).

Mr. Gauci (Gr. 4).

Ms. Lenselink (Gr. 5/6).

Mrs. Cyr (librarian, planning time).

Mr. Ferguson (French and Planning Time).

Ms. Head and Mrs. Stortz (EAs).

Mrs. McHugh (Nutrition Break and Recess Supervisor)

Mr. and Mrs. Epoch (Custodians)

Mrs. Wilson (Office Coordinator)

Character Counts!

We will continue to enhance our character education program at Kenilworth PS and look for ways to integrate the Upper Grand District School Board's five core character traits: Compassion, Respect, Fairness, Responsibility and Honesty.

Additionally, we will be focusing on developing and celebrating our students Learning Skills achievements throughout the year and at our School Assemblies.

New Bell Times:

| Time | Schedule |
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| 8:40 am | school starts |
| 10:20 am | 1st recess starts (outside) |
| 10:50 am | 1st snack starts (inside) This is when food programs will be served (e.g., pizza, subs, etc.) |
| 11:05 am | Classes resume |
| 12:45 pm | 2nd recess starts |
| 1:15 pm | 2nd snack starts (indoors) |
| 1:30 pm | Classes resume |
| 3:10 pm | School Dismissal and bus pick up. |

Meet The Teacher Event

We look forward to meeting each of you on Thursday September 19 from 4:30 -6:30.

Computers and Devices

Students need to remember that their devices are allowed only with direct supervision of their teacher (e.g., in the classroom during teaching time), at the discretion of the classroom teacher. Technology is not allowed in unsupervised areas or areas that are not directly supervised (e.g., washrooms, hallways, lunchroom, outside at recess). Cell phones are to be kept in students' backpacks. It is never okay to take a picture or video of anyone without consent.

P.A.T.S (Parents Assisting Teachers and Students)

P.A.T.S. are a passionate group of parents, who assist teachers and students by providing resources and programs that enhance education, and help to make our children happy and successful at school. Leveled books for Home Reading programs, busing for field trips, birthday books, classroom materials, and visits by the Scientists in the School program are some examples of how they help. They are able to do this through ongoing fundraising efforts. Annual fundraisers include 'Harvest Moon' (a fun family and community chili cook-off in October), the 'Craft, Home Party and Mom-to-Mom Sale' (November), and additional fundraisers throughout the year. We appreciate your efforts in supporting these events. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month from 6:30 – 7:30 pm.

Next PATS meeting Thursday, September 5 at 6:30pm

All Welcome! Babysitting Provided!

New Playground Activities

Thanks to PATS, we have a number of new learning/playing opportunities for our students at Kenilworth. Students will be able to enjoy an outdoor learning space, an outdoor kitchen area, a teepee structure and scatter posts. We have also placed armour stones in various areas of the playground as natural seating/gathering areas. If you have any stainless steel or metal camp style kitchen ware (pots, pans, plates, mugs, utensils ~ nothing sharp please) that you are able to donate to the school this would be much appreciated.

Upper Grand Mobile App

The Upper Grand District School Board is committed to parent engagement and ensuring strong lines of communication between home and school. We are pleased to introduce our new School Messenger Parent Application. The Upper Grand Mobile App allows parents to receive communications from their school(s) immediately on their mobile device. The Upper Grand Mobile App is free and available in both Android and iOS. Use the search term "Upper Grand" in either the iTunes store or Google Play. iOS App -

<https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/upper-grand-dist-school-board/id1242445465?mt=8>

Android - In the Google Play store search for Upper Grand

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.relianceco.cma.uppergrand&hl=en>

Once installed, your app should appear as an icon on your phone. Click on the app to open. The first time you open the Upper Grand Mobile App you will need to click on the Start setup link to see a list of schools. You may select more than one school. To select a school, slide the button to the right. Once you have selected your school(s) use the arrow in the top left corner to return to the home screen. Select the News and Calendar icons to get the latest information. The Transportation icon will update you on bus cancellations. Thank you for the role you play in supporting our schools and students. We hope this new communication tool will be useful for you and your family!

School Messenger App for your SmartPhone - Parents

As part of our commitment to enhancing parent communication, the Upper Grand Mobile App has a direct messenger capacity that enables you to receive messages on your phone from your school or teacher. Clicking on the SchoolMessenger icon on the Upper Grand Mobile App for the first time will automatically redirect your phone to either the iTunes or Google Play Store. Install the app. Once installed on your phone, please create an account. Click on the "Sign Up" link. A confirmation email will be automatically sent to the email address you provided. You will need to click the link in the email to activate your account.



Agenda Fees

Each student from Grade 1 to 6 has been provided an agenda. We ask that parents submit \$7 towards the expense of ordering this excellent communication tool. We appreciate your contribution.