



November Newsletter

Dear Kenilworth Families,

I can't believe November is already here!

Thank you to Mrs. Huber for organizing our month end assembly. This year each month we will focus on a wellness trait. For the month of October we learned about Building Relationships. *Building Relationships can be defined as applying a combination of skills, such as interpersonal skills and communication skills, to connect with others in positive ways.* Next month students will be learning about Problem Solving.



Staffing Updates: I would like to welcome Mrs. W. DeBoer to the office, Ms. R. Evanoff as our new Teacher Librarian and Mrs. R. Forler as an Education Assistant. Welcome to the Kenilworth team!

Dates to Remember:

Nov 10th Wear red for Remembrance Day

Nov 17th Sports Day

Nov 22nd Wear pink for Bullying Awareness week

Nov 23 Family/Educator Interviews in the Evening

Nov 24 PD Day-No School for students Family/Educator interviews

Mrs. L. Cozzarin

School Cash Online

Just a reminder that we will be using School Cash Online for all things required to purchase at school. This will be the only way to accept payment. Please take some time to register. To register, please go to the School Cash Online home page ugdsb.schoolcashionline.com and select "Get Started Today". Complete each of the three Registration Steps *For Security Reasons, your password requires 8 characters, one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and a number.

UGConnect

One of Kenilworth's Public School's mode of communication with families will be the UGDSB School Messenger App which is a communication tool for your smartphone.



Designed to streamline communication between schools and the communities they serve, the Upper Grand Mobile app provides parents with a simple interface with up to date information including news, calendars and social media feeds.

The Upper Grand Mobile App (called UG Connect) is available at either the Google Play Store or at iTunes. Use the search term "Upper Grand" to find the app. Once you have the Upper Grand app on your device, go into "Settings" within the app and select Kenilworth Public School. Information from our website can be seen in the News section of the app and our calendar details will show up there too!



Family-Teacher Interviews

Family-Teacher interviews will take place in the evening of Nov 23rd and the PA Day-Nov 24. Information about signing up for an interview time will be sent out with Progress Reports on Nov 15th.

PATS

The School Council would like to thank the community for supporting the Chocolate Bar Fundraiser. We were able to raise enough funds to invite a scientist into each of our classrooms! **Our next fundraiser is MacMillan's. Orders are due Sunday November 12 and pick up will be Tuesday, December 5 from 2-4.**

The next meeting will be **Thursday, November 2nd at 6:30** in the library. Hope to see everyone there.

Winter Weather

Inclement weather closures and bus cancellations are announced in a variety of ways. To hear about cancellations/closures please listen to Magic 106.1, 1460CJOY, or 570News. To access by internet you can go to <https://stwdsts.ca/>, or www.ugdsb.ca. To read news on your cell phone, please access the UGConnect app. It is also highly recommended that you subscribe at <https://stwdsts.ca/bus-subscription/> to receive notifications about bus delays, and cancellations.



****NEW THIS YEAR****This year our school will remain **open** on no bus days. If parents wish to drive their child(ren) to school they may do so, just keeping in mind that our weather changes very quickly and families will be required to pick up at 3pm.

CANADA DENTAL BENEFIT INFORMATION

Applications for the second period of the Canada Dental Benefit are open. Eligible families can receive up to \$650, to help with expenses for their children under 12 who receive dental care between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024. canada.ca/dental





Hand Strength & Dexterity

Your monthly tips and tricks newsletter completed by your School Occupational Therapist (OT)!

Why is it important?

Children need hand/finger strength and dexterity to complete everyday tasks such as printing, opening containers, doing up buttons, using scissors, holding utensils, etc.

Students with poor hand strength and dexterity may have difficulty with:

1. Holding a pencil/utensil using all fingers. 
2. Opening and closing scissors.
3. Trouble with shoelaces, doing up buttons or zippers. 
4. Open food containers or unscrewing lids.
5. Items frequently drop out of fingers 
6. Avoids fine motor tasks
7. Poor motor control while printing/colouring 
8. Difficulties squeezing a glue bottle

Activities that can help improve hand strength and dexterity:

- Make shapes with playdoh. 
- Use a hole puncher. 
- Place coins in a piggy bank using thumb, index, middle fingers.
- Pencil races with thumb, index, and middle fingers. 
- Water the garden with a spray bottle. 
- Hang up objects with clothespins. 
- Place objects into a container using tongs or tweezers.
- Play a game of Uno or Go Fish. 
- Carry shopping bags. 
- Squeeze out a sponge while doing dishes. 
- Make orange juice by squeezing out fresh oranges.

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