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Message from the Principal

As I begin to put the Newsletter together, I realize that it is the last one I will be writing. There are many pros and cons about retiring. Having to say goodbye to so many great people who are associated with King George is definitely 'a con'. I am definitely leaving with wonderful memories and good friendships. I have been so proud of how our teachers rallied and worked so hard to put together meaningful lessons on a totally new platform in such a short amount of time. They learned how and have been working hard each week to improve their methods so all students could benefit, if they chose to. I was equally proud and impressed with our students and families. They, too, had to grasp this new way of learning. There were lots of hurdles and bumps along the way but patience and perseverance prevailed. They certainly are able to give great answers to our daily question, "What will we show the world?"

Because of the early shutdown, our Grade 8 Graduates missed lots of activities and special events that are normal in June. I hope that all 94 of you will be able to focus on all the good times you had while at King George. I hope you move on to your new schools with positive energy and great memories. With Graduation in mind, I would like to thank all the parents and staff who have been behind the scenes to create some special events to help recognize our Grade 8s. They have been planning and meeting for many months now to make Graduation special in a different way.

As the school year winds down, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all our volunteers and paid helpers who have helped out so much throughout the year. Again, many have had to do things 'differently' but so many people have helped out to continue supporting our students and staff and families, in various ways. Our milk and pizza programs had to be shut down with refunds having to be processed. Thank you to all who continued to work on those sorts of areas.

A big thank you goes out to the teachers for helping to organize student items left at the school for pick-up and to the staff who helped organize a very smooth operation of picking up items. There are families who were not able to get in to pick up personal items. If you are one of those who could not make it in, please note that we will have another opportunity on Tuesday, June 23rd from 2 – 7 pm.

I hope your summer is fun, safe, and relaxing. Enjoy your time off.

M. Dewey

New Principal and Vice Principal

With Mr. Dewey retiring, and Mme Jones moving to J.D.Hogarth Public School in Fergus, the Board announced our new administrators at their last meeting. Jane Bibby will be our new Principal. Mme Bibby has been Principal at F.A.Hamilton and is very excited about her move to King George. Our new Vice Principal is David Taylor who will be moving to the Upper Grand District Board from Peel. We know you will be in good hands with both Mme Bibby and M. Taylor.

Chromebooks

Thank you to all of our parents and guardians who have helped support student distance learning during our closure period. We hope the use of a borrowed Chromebook has been helpful. We have had many requests from families wondering if they can keep the Chromebook over the summer to continue to support learning and help children stay engaged in their learning. The answer is yes! Feel free to keep the Chromebook you have for return to our school in September. For those moving to a new Upper Grand DSB school you may continue to use the same device you currently have and return it to our school in the fall. If you choose to keep the Chromebook over the summer please remember to fully shut it down regularly to ensure it accesses updates over the summer when it is turned back on.

For those students moving to a new school board for the fall and for families who would prefer to return their Chromebooks over the summer please drop off at our school during the week of June 29th, not including July 1st. Families can bring chromebooks to the school on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday of that week, anytime between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and buzz into the office to be let in.

Report Card Distribution

Between June 22 and 24, students in Kindergarten through Grade 7, report cards will be mailed out through Canada Post. Grade 8 report cards will be available for pick up as part of the graduation packet on Tuesday, July 23rd from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. If families have questions, they could contact the school office and leave a message.

Grade 8 Graduation

A graduation packet including the graduation certificate and report card, as well as a few special items will be available for parents to pick-up at the school on Tuesday, July 23rd from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in preparation for the Virtual Graduation Video which will be posted in Google Classroom on Wednesday the 24th and remain available until Saturday the 27th. We encourage families to keep the packet 'secret' until you celebrate graduation as a family.

Moving?

As we prepare for the next school year, we need to determine our school population. It is important that we have very accurate information so that we can staff and organize classes. If you are moving out of or into our school community before September 2020, please contact the office 519-822-1911 or email office coordinator, Wendy Davidson at wendy.davidson@ugdsb.on.ca

Yearbooks

A yearbook is being published this year. Thanks to everyone's hard work to ensure we have a yearbook even when circumstances are so difficult. Orders can be made by ordering directly from the publisher at: YEARBOOKORDERCENTER.COM and enter school code 19152 to place your order. This year the price is \$25. Yearbooks will arrive in September and will be distributed upon arrival.

Clothing Alert!

What is left in our lost and found will be on display during our last pick-up of personal items date on June 23rd. Items left in our Lost and Found will be bagged and given to a charitable organization in September.

Class Organization

School reorganization in September is always a possibility, but we currently have two classes of each grade-level planned except Kindergarten and Grades 7 & 8, which will each have 3 classes. The organization is different than this year's but the number of overall classes remains the same.

School Council final meeting

A final meeting of School Council has been set for Wednesday, June 17th at 6:30 pm. Please join us virtually if you can. Instructions with the link will be sent out to our email list on Tuesday. School Council will also send out the link and instructions.