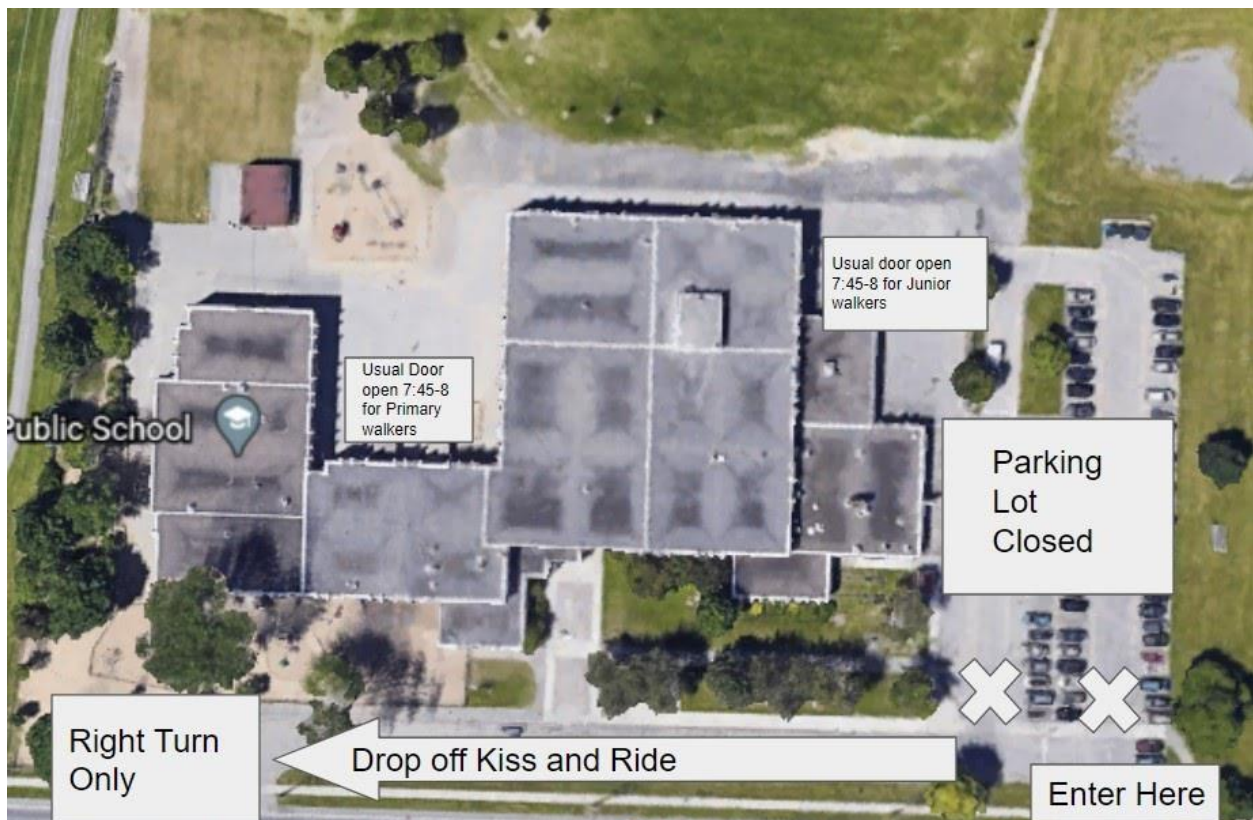


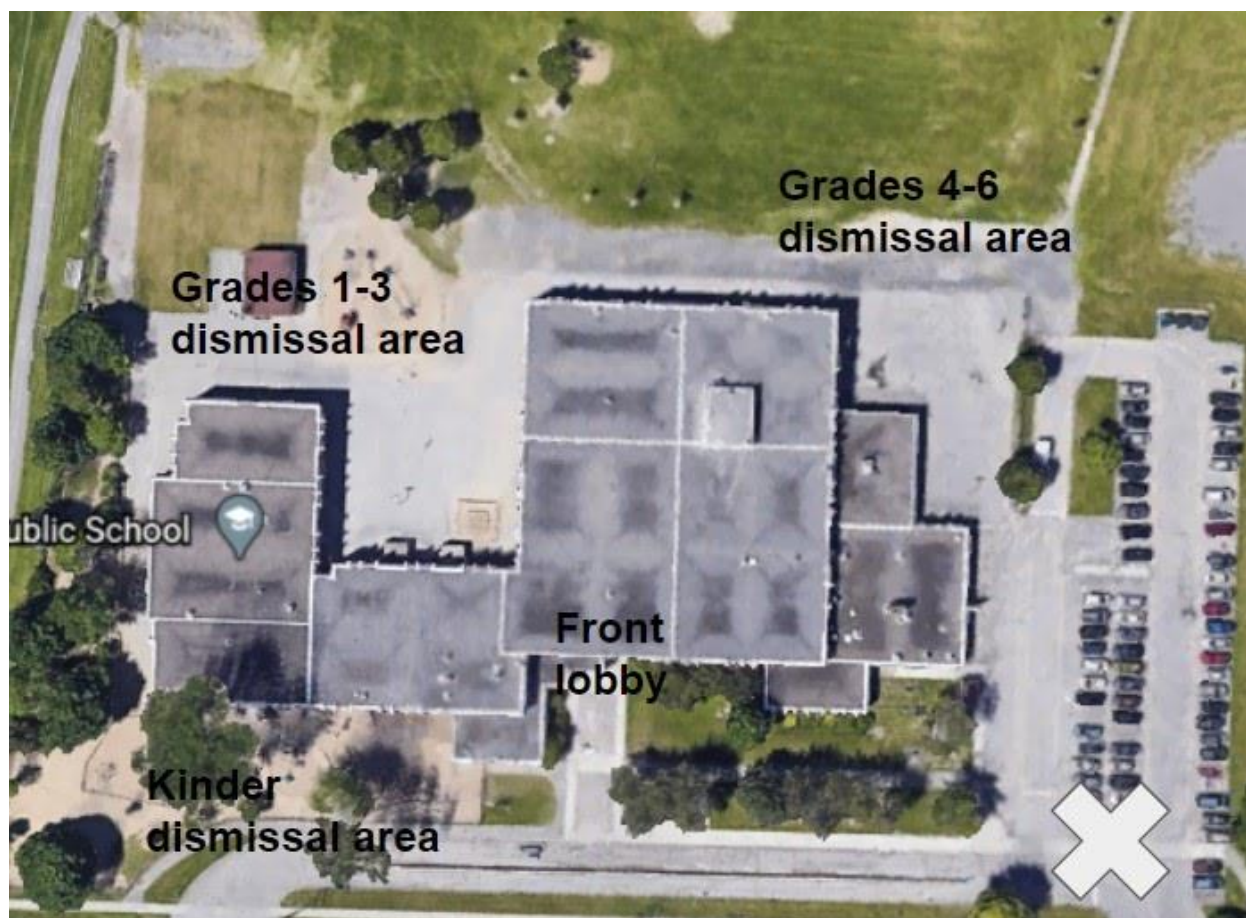
Email Home - November 19, 2021

Weekly parent/guardian email:

- **Inclement Weather (Bus/Van Cancellations):** The snowy, icy weather is around the corner. This means that we need to prepare ahead of time for inclement weather days when school busses and vans are cancelled.
 - **To find out if school transportation is cancelled,** please check the ocdsb.ca website, the ottawaschoolbus.ca website. They will be posting any cancellation updates. On days when transportation is cancelled, parents/guardians are responsible for transporting their child to and from school. The earliest arrival time for students is 7:45am, and all students must be picked up by 2:30pm, with dismissal commencing by 2:20pm.
 - **NEW! Arrivals:** As there will be no busses/vans, we will be opening the bus lane to create a large drop off area for parents driving their children to school. Please stay in your car, follow staff instructions upon arrival, and have your child ready to exit your vehicle. Our staff will take care of opening and closing vehicle doors and assisting children as needed. Upon departing school property, we ask that you make a **RIGHT** turn only, so that we can keep the flow of traffic and avoid a backup onto Greenbank at the entry point.



- **Dismissal:** The parking and bus lane will be closed at dismissal time. There is some street parking available, and ample parking space within a 5 minute walk of the school, at the Woodvale Church on Greenbank. We ask you to give yourselves plenty of time to make your way to school in order to be at the dismissal zone on time. In the event that you send another adult to pick up your child at dismissal, please make sure that you provide this information to your child's homeroom teacher ahead of time.



- **Vaccination for children 5-11 years olds:** Knoxdale has been identified by OPH as a location for a pop-up vaccination clinic. At this time, we do not have additional information. We will keep you posted.

<https://www.ottawapublichealth.ca/en/public-health-topics/covid-19-vaccination-and-children.aspx#Learn-more-about-Ottawa-Public-Healths-plan-to-offer-COVID-19-vaccines-to-children-ages-five-to-11-years-old>

- The **Scholastic Book Fair is under way!** Please use this [LINK](#) to view.
- In an earlier email regarding our board's **Remembrance Day Ceremony**, the letter shared with you omitted certain groups of our military, past and present. The Remembrance Day ceremonies are meant to commemorate the service and sacrifice of members of Canada's military in conflict and in Peace Keeping efforts across the globe and throughout history, including present day.
- Whenever possible, please send your child with a raincoat with a hood instead of an **umbrella**. They are often being used in a playful manner which has resulted in referrals to the office for first aid.
- **Play Structures** are now closed for winter. We will reopen the structures after the ground thaws in the spring.
- The primary and junior doors are open in the morning until 8am. If your child is going to be a few minutes late, please plan on using the front door as our attendants have to leave their door duty at 8am promptly to attend to their next tasks.
- Follow Knoxdale happenings on Instagram @Knoxdaleps

Have a great weekend,
Julie Chouinard
Principal