

UPDATES FROM KNOXDALE PS AND KCSC

The coming months are filled with many exciting learning opportunities for your child(ren) both within and outside of the classroom. We look forward to continuing to support your child(ren)'s learning and are grateful for your partnership. As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Mark your calendars! Some important dates looking ahead...

MAY

EDUCATION WEEK: May 1st-5th

Book Fair- May 1st-3rd

Open House dates and times: (Please note that there is limited parking at the school!)

Kindergarten-

Parents of students in Kinder A, B and E are invited to attend our annual Collection Fair on Monday, May 1st from 9:15-9:45am in the Knoxdale gym. Parents of Kinder C and D students are invited to the Collection Fair on Tuesday, May 2nd in the Knoxdale gym.

Grades 1-6

May 2nd at the following times:

9:20-10:00 Grades 1-3 (* this includes our grade 3/4 class)

10:50-11:30 Grades 4-6

Artscape- May 3rd 5:30-8:00pm

Walk-a-thon- May 4th 11:15 am- 12:25 pm

Volunteer Tea- May 5th at 7:30am

Visit to Sir Robert Borden for Grade 6 students transitioning to SRB- Morning of May 8th

Parent Information Session at Sir Robert Borden- May 8th at 6 pm in the auditorium

Kindergarten Information Evening- May 11th at 6:30pm

PD DAY- May 19th

EQAO- May 23rd-June 2nd

JUNE

Track and Field- June 2nd (rain date June 5th)

Grade 6 trip- June 7th

PD DAY- June 9th

Regional Track Meet- June 14th

Grade 6 hand painting- June 15th

Family Fun Picnic- June 16th

Grade 6 leaving ceremony- June 28th at 8:30-10:00 am

CURRICULUM CORNER

Math Facts

Inspiring Your Child to Learn and Love Math

Inspiring Your Child to Learn and Love Math is a toolkit for parents developed by the Council

of Ontario Directors of Education (CODE). This toolkit was created specifically for parents of children in the elementary grades in Ontario (Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8). The toolkit emphasizes the many ways in which parents' help and support plays an important role in inspiring their children to learn and love mathematics. The goal of this resource is to provide parents with the most significant research-based information to help them be the best, most knowledgeable and most confident supporters for their child's mathematics education. Inspiring Your Child to Learn and Love Math provides modules with simple, but effective methods and materials for parents to support their child's math learning. It shows parents how to get involved in their children's learning, and offers guidance for working with students of different ages. This Parent Tool Kit was developed by experts in mathematics education, with input and advice from parents and students. When families and educators join together, students of all ages can experience greater success in their learning. The complete tool kit is available [here](#).

Math Facts

Mathies.ca, hosted by Ontario Association for Mathematics Education (OAME), is designed for Ontario K - 12 students and parents. This website includes games, learning tools, activities, and additional supports for students to explore, build and enhance their mathematical thinking. A parent 'Frequently Asked Questions' section includes: "How can I help with the learning of mathematics?", "What mathematics activities can we do together?", "What digital supports are available?" and "What additional support is available?" [Check it out](#).



On Saturday, April 8th at St. Patricks High School, 16 Knoxdale students participated in the city wide Junior Math Olympics. Students were placed in teams of 4 and worked through math problems. I am proud to announce that Knoxdale placed 1st and 3rd in the competition. A huge CONGRATULATIONS goes out to Julia, Shougan, Jenny, Ilias, Shan, David, Celina, Raymond, Evelyn, Kevin, Sophie, Adrian, Ariana, Lewis, Angela and Aidan. The students demonstrated perseverance, teamwork, resilience and a great attitude. A wonderful experience was had by all...Way to Go, Eagles! (Mrs. Ziade)

REMINDER: CLASS PLACEMENTS

As a school team we put a great deal of thought and time into organizing classes. We consider a variety of criteria, putting the academic and social needs of each student as the highest priority. We also aim for a balance in classes - this includes gender, learning style, and ability. As in previous years, combined grades classes will be included in our organization next year. Combined grades offer many positive experiences for children. Information on

combined classes is included in this newsletter. Appreciating that the development of classes is a thoughtful process, if you feel you have a very special need to be considered or feel that we need to have additional information to best place your child, please put it in writing, address it to the Principal and submit it to the main office by Friday, April 21st, 2017. All requests will be reviewed and considered.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST



Our fabulous volunteers are an integral part of our Knoxdale community. Field trips, volunteers in our classrooms, sports tournaments, fundraisers, School Council, special activity days... could not happen without the support of our parents and special volunteers. We invite all volunteers to come join us for a special celebration on Friday, May 5th from 7:30am to 8:30am in our school library. This is our chance to thank you for all that you do for our students and our school. **This year's theme for the volunteer breakfast is: "Café Parisien de Knoxdale" en honneur des parents bénévoles.**

This event is for adults; there will be supervision on the front yard starting at 7:30 am if you are bringing your child(ren) with you.



HAND PAINTING

A tradition at Knoxdale has been for grade 6 students to "paint" their handprints on the walls in our staircases. We have scheduled this for June 15th this year. If you are leaving the school (for the remainder of the school year) prior to this date and you have a child in grade 6, please let the office know.

EQAO

As you know, grade 3 and 6 students in Ontario take the EQAO (Education Quality and Accountability Office) assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics in the spring of each year. This year, our grade 3 and 6 students will be writing the EQAO assessment May 23rd - June 2nd. If you have a child in grade 3 or 6 we ask that you avoid scheduling any appointments during these dates. The EQAO website - www.eqao.com has a comprehensive

section of parent resources for your information.



GRADE 6 LEAVING CEREMONY

For your planning... our grade 6 School Leaving Ceremony will be held in the Greenbank Middle School gymnasium on Wednesday, June 28th. The official ceremony will take place from 8:30am to approximately 10:00am. Students are asked to arrive at school at the regular time and they will proceed to the ceremony with their classroom teachers following attendance. Students and their guests will then be invited to a small reception in the school foyer following the ceremony. After the reception, students will return to their classes with their homeroom teachers and enjoy the rest of the day with their Grade 6 peers. This includes a pizza lunch! We look forward to seeing you at this year's School Leaving Ceremony. Dress for our students should be appropriate for a school leaving ceremony, such as golf shirts and khakis for boys and a simple dress, blouse/skirt/pants for girls.

MOVING? SCHOOL ORGANIZATION FOR 2017-2018



We are in the beginning stages of planning for next year. If your child is not returning to Knoxdale in September because you are moving out of our attendance area, please let us know as soon as possible. This information will help us plan for September. Please also encourage any new neighbours in your area to come in to register as soon as possible or to give us a call and we will be pleased to guide them in this process.

KNOXDALE ARTSCAPE



Once again this year Knoxdale is celebrating the Arts during Education Week on Wednesday evening, May 3rd from 5:30pm to 8pm. We would like

to invite the Knoxdale community to our very own Knoxdale Artscape. Knoxdale's Artscape will be hosting a special dance and song performance, which will take place in the Greenbank gymnasium. We will also be holding an Art exhibit displaying the various masterpieces from all of our students in our very own gymnasium at Knoxdale. The soirée will begin at 5:30 pm and end at 8 pm; families are welcome to walk through the exhibit between those times. The Artscape dance and song performance will begin at 6:00 pm and at the intermission, audience members will be encouraged to visit the Art exhibit as well. We will be raising money that evening to help support our school's playground initiative. Me to We Club will be selling delicious baked goods throughout the evening. All proceeds will be donated to CARE Canada to support the on-going famine in South Sudan.

For your own knowledge - <http://care.ca/story/fleeing-famine-south-sudan>

Admission to the Artscape is through donation. We are suggesting \$15 per family and a tax receipt can be issued for all donations over \$25.

Before Coming to Artscape, on May 3rd...

Download a free QR Code Scanner app from your phone or tablet's app store!

Some of the art displays prepared for this special showcase include scannable pictures and videos for you to see using your devices! We encourage you to download a QR code scanner (by searching "QR Code Scanner" or "QR Code Reader" in your device's app store) on your home wireless network prior to the showcase, so that you can explore these art displays.

There are many free applications available! For those families using the SeeSaw app, SeeSaw already has a built in QR Code Scanner built right into the app for you to use. We are excited to show off our art work and classroom learning "in action" using this technology!

Managing School Closures, Transitions and Changes

Many parents have asked questions related to school closures and transitions as a result of the accommodation review decisions. Transition planning committees comprised of parents and staff have been established and all of the committees have had at least one meeting. As these committees continue to meet over the next few months, regular updates will be provided through school newsletters and at school council meetings. Every transition plan is unique to the school situation, however, there are [transition planning guidelines](#) which inform the work of these committees.

For our grade 6 students/parents that will be transitioning to Sir Robert Borden next year, the following events have been scheduled.

- On May 8th in the morning, our grade students who will be transitioning to Sir Robert Borden will have an orientation at SRB. Our students and staff will walk to SRB for 9:30 am and will return shortly at 11:00 am. A field trip form will be sent home shortly with this information.
- On the evening of May 8th there will be a parent information session for parents of students transitioning to Sir Robert Borden. The evening will start at 6:00 pm in the auditorium and a tour of the school will follow.

A MESSAGE FROM MOMMIES YUMMIES...

Hello dear parents. New term menu is posted. If you wish to continue to order food for your

children please visit www.myfood.ca -> My Account, to place a new order. **If you are a new to our services, allow us to introduce ourselves:** Mommies Yummies Food Inc. was founded in Ottawa in 2000 as the first hot lunch provider for school students. We serve homemade, healthy food as can be seen on our menu. Our goal as a family based company has always been to provide healthier food for our school children and thus, we fully comply with the Ontario Ministry of Education Regulation for healthier foods. We are very proud to say that as the oldest hot lunch program in Ottawa, we have always maintained a perfect record of operations.

Wholesome and Healthy.

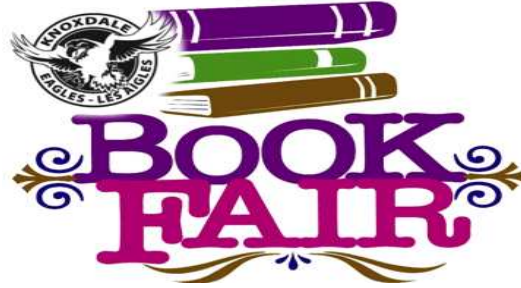
- ü We take great care to design a seasonally appropriate, diverse and delicious menu.
- ü Our meals are freshly prepared from the highest quality ingredients, fresh vegetables and fruits, real meat and bakery breads.
- ü Our food meets provincial nutrition guidelines for healthy schools.
- ü All meals are nut-free.
- ü We do not use hydrogenated oil, MSG, preservatives, food colorings and/or additives.
- ü Our food is flavored with fresh garlic, onion and real herbs
- ü Our soups are made with real stock, not powder base.

- ü We offer variety of optional snacks. All of them are healthy, homemade, high on fiber, vitamins and low on sugar.

A Date with Diversity: Lessons from Canada and Ontario's 150th for the Next Generation
Tuesday May 9, 2017
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Confederation Education Centre, Cafetorium
1645 Woodroffe Avenue at Hunt Club

Parents/guardians, staff, students, and general public are invited to this special evening. Ask colleagues and community guests representing different aspects or dimensions of diversity any questions you may have about their experiences and insights. Together, let's explore how to foster a more equitable and inclusive culture to support learning, well-being and a sense of belonging for the entire OCDSB community. Join this timely conversation! Free parking. Light refreshments.
Register [here](#) and visit our [website](#) for more information.

***Knoxdale Community School Council
(KCSC)***



Dates: May 1st, 2nd, and 3rd during the school day
Times: 8:00am - 2:30pm each day, as well as the evening of May 3rd (in conjunction with Artscape night, 5:30pm - 8:00pm)
Where: Knoxdale Public School Library

Please consider donating your gently used English or French childrens' books to the annual KCSC New & Used book fair. Donation boxes are available in the classrooms and school lobby all this week (until Friday April 28th). We gratefully accept hardcover and paperback fiction and non-fiction books for babies to teenagers. Please no adult reference books (textbooks, old cookbooks, dictionaries etc.)

Teachers will bring classes to the book fair during the school day on May 1, 2 or 3. Family and friends are also welcome to attend on those days, from 8:00am-2:30pm, and during Artscape evening on May 3, from 5:30pm to 8:00pm.

Please contact the coordinators should you have any questions:
Stephanie.wille@gmail.com or Jennmclean@rogers.com

Thank you very much in advance for your assistance and generous donations!

meeting

KCSC May Meeting

When: Tuesday, May 9th, 2017 **** Please note date change****

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Where: Knoxdale Public School Library, 2nd Floor

Please join us for our May meeting! All are welcome! This is an important meeting during which we discuss our KCSC event plans and timing for the next school year. We will also be discussing the upcoming book fair, Artscape and the family fun picnic. We will have reports from the Principal and Vice Principal and teacher representative. If there is anything you would like to discuss at the meeting, please email us in advance so that we may add it to the agenda. knoxdalecouncil@gmail.com.



The Eagles' Nest Playground Update

The Eagles' Nest Playground committee has been busy with a number of fundraisers over the last few months. Thanks to your support, we've raised \$250 through our 50/50 draws at our recent movie nights and we held another successful restaurant night, this time courtesy of the Big Rig, where we raised another \$400. We'd also like to thank the Knoxdale staff organizing the upcoming Walkathon as it is shaping up to be a great fundraiser for us. And we aren't done yet... look for more fun ways to help us out at the upcoming Artscape evening and the Family Picnic in June. Finally, we are preparing to launch a brand new sponsorship program for local businesses in what we hope will be our most significant fundraising effort to date. So if you know of some local business who would like to support our school, please let us know. As always, you can find us at knoxdaleplayground.wordpress.com and you can contact us at knoxdaleplayground@gmail.com. Thank you!



Spring Family Movie Night Kudos

The Spring KCSC Movie Night was a great success! Thank you again to all those who came out and joined us on April 7 to watch and enjoy the toe-tapping music from the movie Sing. We're thankful also as always to our incredible group of volunteers! It's your efforts which continue to make these fun events possible. We look forward to hosting more movie nights in the new school year.

The KCSC would sincerely like to thank Renee Corbett-Floyd and Simmi Mangat for all of their hard work and effort this year organizing our fantastic KCSC movie nights!



KCSC Contact

If you would like to know more about the KCSC, wish to request an agenda item for the next meeting, or to enquire about volunteer opportunities, please contact knoxdalecouncil@gmail.com. We would love to hear from you! Please note that the Council email is checked every few days. Thank you for your interest!



A Round of Applause Please!

For the KPS office staff for all that you do in support of KCSC to collect forms, money and coordinate bookings and to the KPS custodial team for always going above and beyond to assist with our events. Please accept our sincere thanks!

For Trustee Donna Blackburn for attending our restaurant night at Big Rig in support of our Eagles' Nest playground project and also, for volunteering as chief popcorn popper at our Spring Family Movie night!

