

UPDATES FROM KNOXDALE PS

Mark your calendars! A few important dates from here until the end of the year...

Regional Track Meet- June 14th

Grade 6 hand painting- June 15th

Family Fun Picnic- June 16th

Primary Activity Day- June 22nd (rain date June 23rd)

Grade 5 trip to Parliament Hill- June 26th

Grade 1 and 2 picnic- June 27th

Grade 3 trip to the Museum of Nature- June 27th

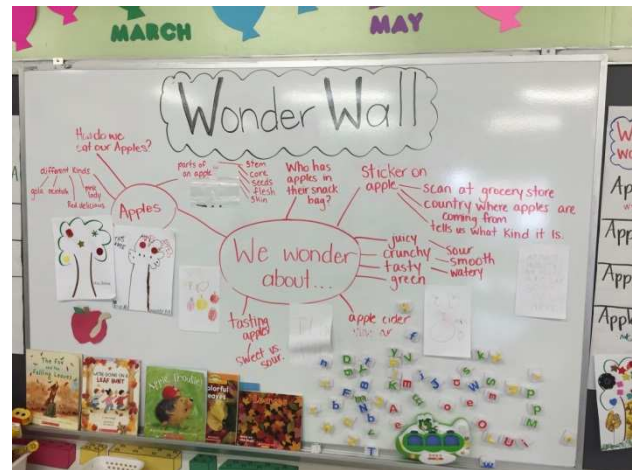
Report Cards issued- June 27th

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

Last day of school- June 29th

CURRICULUM CORNER

For those whose reference for school is their own education, what a classroom looks like, sounds like, and feels like is quite different than many years ago! There has been a great shift from rote learning and direct instruction to asking students to analyze, evaluate, share their thinking and to reflect on what they are learning. In this environment, the teacher is also a co-learner and a facilitator of information sharing and uncovering. Our students' ability to access information is very different than learners 15 years ago. When we were at school, we would often use encyclopedias and many visits to the library to do research for a project. Our students now have all that information at their fingertips! With this change also comes a shift in how students are learning. One of the greatest gifts we can give our students is the ability to critically evaluate the information they receive (i.e, determining reliability etc). In our



classrooms you will often find students sharing their thinking; with a peer, in a small group or with the larger group.

The goals of such discourse are to build knowledge together and to listen to and learn from different points of view and perspectives. We also nurture creativity in students and encourage a sense of wonder (i.e., What are you wondering about...? What are you noticing?). The Wonder Wall in the picture above is a perfect example of capturing students' wonderings. Another important aspect to our teaching practices is personalization; taking into account students' interests to create learning opportunities that capitalize on their strengths and interests, as well as, allowing for flexibility in their learning.?" We continually strive to raise the bar for our students by creating authentic, engaging and meaningful learning experiences.

CHARACTER CORNER

A few weeks ago, Gabriela, Emma, Madeline, Claire and Audrey had an idea to have a lemonade stand. One question remained... where would the money go? They considered a few options and they landed on the idea of supporting the Eagles' Nest Project Playground. Last weekend the girls had their lemonade and baked goods stand. They raised \$100! Way to go! We are so proud of your initiative and support for the playground. What a wonderful way to make a positive impact!



SPORTS CORNER

Knoxdale Track Meet

On Friday June 2nd, Knoxdale held its 12th annual Track and Field Meet for all of our junior grade 4-6 students. In spite of cooler conditions, the rain held off and our athletes enjoyed a wonderful day of running, jumping, throwing and fun! A huge thank you to all of the parent volunteers who came out and made this great day possible! Bravo les eagles!! (M. Cameron)

Hudson Sargent Relays

On May 31st, Knoxdale competed in the 30th edition of the Hudson Sargent Relay Competition at Mooney's Bay Track. It is a huge Board-wide event, and this was the second time that Knoxdale has sent a team. Knoxdale teams placed in every event. They won 2- 7th place ribbons, a 6th place, a 3rd place, a 2nd place and a 1st place in various different race distances. As a team, they took home a 3rd place finish overall, WOW !! Congratulations to all of our team members, and to all students

who tried out for the team over the last few weeks. Thank you to Monsieur Charette and Monsieur Cameron for coaching and taking the team. Bravo les aigles !!

BUSING INFORMATION- FROM OSTA

2017-18 Student Transportation Information:

Route information will be available to parents as of August 20, 2017 via the online Parent Web Portal. Student Transportation Information can also be found using the "Stop Finder" located on the main page of our website, which will link to the "BusPlanner - Parent Portal". You must enter the student's last name, birthdate, school and grade in order to access route and stop information. The "Stop Finder" feature returns bus stop and route information for eligible students who are assigned to regular yellow school bus or small school purpose vehicle service, or for eligible grade 7 and 8 students who are assigned to OC Transpo Service. OC Transpo route schedules will also be made available through the OSTA website or can be found directly through the OC Transpo website at www.octranspo.com. More information on routes to specific schools can be obtained on OC Transpo's Quick Planner under High Schools and Middle Schools.

Small School Purpose Vehicles

The driver responsible for the route will contact each family directly prior to the first day of school.

Students with Special Needs - Requests for Accessible Transportation

Each student requiring special accommodation for transportation should have a "Request for Accessible Transportation" form completed by their parents, signed by the Principal and forwarded to the Spec Ed department. The Spec Ed department will then send the form to OSTA with any appropriate comments that would help us meet the student's individual needs.

Transportation for students in a joint custody arrangement with two homes

OSTA has developed a new policy & procedure to deliver transportation services to students in a joint custody arrangement and having two homes. An application process and other requirements need to be met for parents to receive this service, and the homes or daycares in question must meet all other eligibility requirements. The deadline for new applications or changes to existing applications for September start up transportation was June 1. Renewals of current schedule calendars (no other changes) are due June 30. All other applications will be reviewed after September 15, and prior to October 1. More information can be found on our website: <http://www.ottawaschoolbus.ca/policies-procedures/variable-transportation-for-students-in-a-joint-custody-arrangement-and-having-two-homes-copy/>

Kindergarten Staggered Entry and ID

School bus routes are planned according to the number of registered students in the data system from May to July 2017. We continue to make changes in transportation throughout school start up. Routes are driven as planned as of the first day of school September 2017 and drivers will stop at each stop, regardless of whether Kinder students are beginning that day or whether they are beginning later on in the week. A reminder that parents of Kinder students **MUST** make

arrangements to have the SAME person meet their child at their stop every afternoon. Parents may identify one alternate person only.

School Bus and Pedestrian Safety Day

Please see the attached flyer for more information.

COMMUNITY NEWS

From time to time, we receive requests from the community to share information in our newsletter. Please note that these activities are not endorsed by or connected to Knoxdale Public School.

The 8th Nepean Scout Group is opening our program to youth in your neighbourhood!

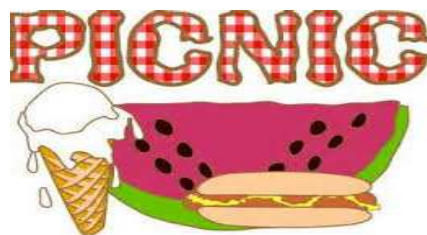
We have spots in our Thursday night program that will run out of St. John the Apostle Catholic School from 6:15-7:15 in Leslie Park.

Beaver Scouting is for co-ed youth 5 to 7 years of age, or SK through to Gr.2. Beaver Scouts is filled with outdoor activities, hikes, games, crafts, songs, sports and camping. Girls and Boys meet new friends, learn cooperation and develop self-confidence. Beavers have great adventures; Bike nights, Lego nights, Show and Tell nights, Science nights, Swim nights and many more! Check it out at www.scouts.ca

Contact us for any questions and how to register or if you'd like to volunteer!

8thnepeanbeavers@gmail.com

Knoxdale Community School Council (KCSC)



KCSC END OF YEAR FAMILY FUN PICNIC IS NEXT FRIDAY!

Friday June 16th 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. rain or shine

It's C-E-L-E-B-R-A-T-I-O-N time, c'mon!

A friendly reminder from the KCSC that the Family Fun Picnic is fast approaching!

Join our community - teachers, friends, family and neighbours - for an afternoon of entertainment and games and a BBQ too! This year's BBQ will be catered by Fitz's Classic Grill so be sure to fill out the form to submit your pre-order (then send in your payment by June 12). There will be music and dancing, crafts and games and we'll close it all off with the much-anticipated Tug-O-War! Bring a picnic blanket and chairs, your appetite and your Knoxdale Eagles' school spirit! See you then!

PLEASE PRE-ORDER YOUR FOOD

Please click on this link or copy and paste into your browser <http://bit.ly/2rrlTNR> to pre-order your food for the picnic. This will ensure that we have the right amount of food on hand for everyone. Please complete the web form and send payment in with your child(ren) by cash or cheque (payable to KCSC). All orders and payments are due by Monday, June 13th.

*Please note that some food items will be available for purchase at the BBQ but quantities will be limited. Questions? Want to help? Let us know at ottjamesfamily@gmail.com

BAKE SALE!

Please bring your loonies and toonies to buy some sweet treats! You can help by baking: cookies, bars, cupcakes, etc for the sale. All donations accepted Friday June 16 at 8am in the school lobby, or bring to the picnic (please ensure the treat is wrapped into individual servings).

DID YOU KNOW?

Proceeds raised from the Family Fun Picnic will be directed to the KCSC. These funds are used to support the school and enhance our children's educational experience through the purchase of technology and supplies, and by funding events such as field trips and Scientists in the School.

Mabel's Labels ~ for summer camp or next year

Don't forget to order your labels! It's easy, please go to www.campaigns.mabelslabels.com and search for Knoxdale Public School. Remember that our children benefit as 20% of the proceeds are directed to KCSC!

Looking Ahead....

We are currently planning our events and activities into the next school year. If you are interested in coordinating an event or volunteering with KCSC including the primary playground renewal initiative, we would be happy to provide more information.

Please contact us at knoxdalecouncil@gmail.com.

The KCSC would not be able to offer all of the wonderful activities and events for our children, school and community over the course of the school year without the support of volunteers.

**Thank
You!**