

When you support an attitude that values learning from mistakes, you are telling your child that mistakes are a valuable and natural ingredient in learning and lead to deeper understanding.

ON LINE MATH SUPPORT

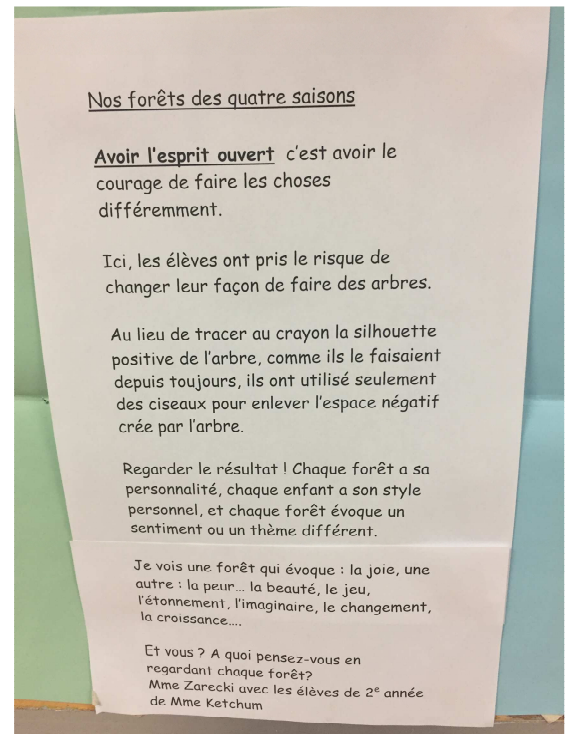
The OCDSB has an online resources to support students (K-12) and parents with Mathematics at home (Online Math Support).

To access the Online Math Support site:

- Browse to www.ocdsb.ca
- On the OCDSB home page, Hover over **Parents** tab and click on **Homework Help**
- On the Homework Help page, click on **Online Math Support**

GROWTH MINDSET

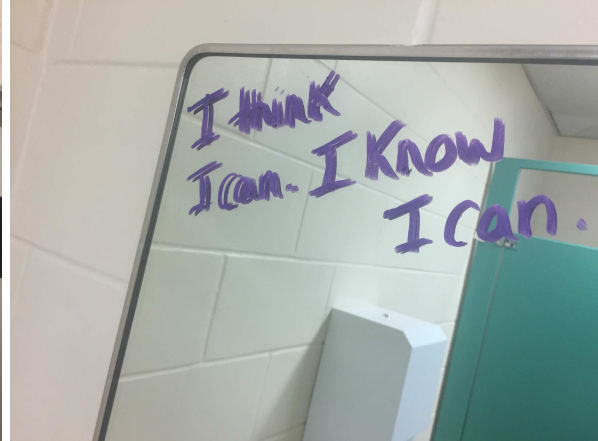
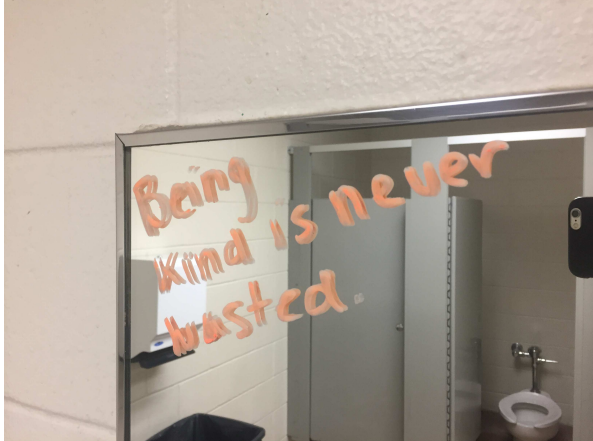
At Knoxdale, we are continuously working on our growth mindset. Growth mindset is embedded in both our School Learning Plan and our School Plan for Student Well-Being. In Mme Zarecki's and Mme Ketchum's classes, students were invited to take a challenge and create trees using a different method from which they are accustomed. Instead of using a pencil to draw a silhouette of a tree, they used scissors to take away the negative space created by the tree. This activity required a shift in mindset for some of our learners, however, look at the wonderful creations that resulted! Each one has its own style, personality and evokes a different sentiment.



OUR COMMUNITY OF CHARACTER

Spreading positivity throughout the school!

One of our greatest strengths at our school is creating safe and welcoming learning environments for our students wherein they feel comfortable taking risks. We have been experimenting with different ways to infuse fun and positive messages throughout the school. Last Friday when messages were added in all of our bathrooms, it created quite a buzz! Many students diligently reported the writing to the office staff, while others commented on how much they enjoyed the messages... all while trying to uncover who wrote them!



Holiday Craft Sale Comes Back in 2017!

For almost 3 whole weeks, we bought, crafted, and sold crafts and candy canes to the school. As the Holiday Craft Sale, we created custom cards, bookmarks and gift tags, as well as candy canes. We had a hard time with those candy canes because we kept running out! One student thought it would be funny to buy twenty! We also organized a draw for a huge candy cane. After the last day, our efforts paid off; we had raised almost \$250 for FAMSAC. That's enough to help almost 3 families have a happier holiday!

The craft sale started two years ago in the winter of 2014. A small group of us had decided to try running a holiday craft sale, like the Halloween one the school had been running for a while. This year, we wanted to continue the tradition we had started. Erin S. decided to see Madame Williams to arrange it, and then took on the leadership role in the group. We made crafts because it's something that we love to do and we thought we could do something we enjoy and help others at the same time. It makes us so proud and happy to know that we did something to help other people that are less fortunate than ourselves. The feeling of fulfillment you get when this happens makes all the hard work worth it!



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MILK ORDERS- A message from our Dairy Queen!

You will find the milk order form for the second term, March 20th, 2017 to June 29th, 2017, attached to this message. Orders are due in the office no later than Friday, February 10th, 2017. Please make sure you circle your child's preference on the order form. If you would like a hard copy of the form sent home by backpack, please call the school. Thank you!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration for Kindergarten for 2017-2018 school year will take place from **Monday, January 23rd, 2017 to Friday, January 27th, 2017**. Children who will be four years old by December 31st, 2017 will be eligible for Year 1 Kindergarten. Children who will be five years by December 31st, 2017 will be eligible for Year 2 Kindergarten. To register your child for full day kindergarten, please come into the school office between the hours of 9:00a.m. and 3:00p.m. Your proof of address and you child's age (birth certificate) and health card are necessary to complete the registration process. Please pass this information along to your friends and neighbours especially if they are not already Knoxdale families, or encourage them to contact us if they have any questions. We are hosting two information sessions for new Kindergarten parents. The first session was a general information session about Kindergarten and the OCDSB. This session was held yesterday evening. A further session will be held for parents of students who have registered and will be more specific to Knoxdale and our Kindergarten Program and will be held on **Thursday, May 11th, 2017 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm**, both will be held in the Knoxdale Library. Children who currently attend Knoxdale PS do not need to register for year 2 Kindergarten.

MIDDLE FRENCH IMMERSION REGISTRATION

Registration for Grade 4 Middle French Immersion will take place from **Monday, February 13th, 2017 to Friday, February 17th, 2017**. An information night will be held on **Thursday, February 9th, 2017 from 6:00pm to 7:00pm** in the Knoxdale Library. Please be sure to check the School Locator on the Board's web page at www.ocdsb.ca to confirm your home school for Middle French Immersion.

ELEMENTARY STUDENT TRANSFER PROCESS

If parents/guardians would like their child to be considered to attend a school other than his or her designated school for the following school year, they must complete a transfer form and return it to the school you would like your child to attend **Monday, February 6th to Friday, February 17th, 2017**. Students who are not attending their designated school are not entitled to transportation. Students must still register at their designated school pending approval of the

transfer request. Transfer forms are available in all schools. This information can also be found on the Board's website: www.ocdsb.ca.

TERM ONE REPORTS

Please note that the Term 1 Report Card will be sent home on February 15th, 2017 and will provide an evaluation of your child's learning between September 6th, 2016 and February 10th, 2017. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. Thank you!

A reminder that Monday, January 30th- is a PA Day.

HOT CHOCOLATE DAY KUDOS!



What a lovely treat on a beautiful day! Hot chocolate day is a highly anticipated annual event held which was held on the Thursday before the winter holidays. The students enjoyed an extended recess and were eager for a cup of hot chocolate and marshmallows - it was a winter wonderland with the snow falling and the ideal temperature! Many thanks Stephanie Dennison and Ruby Hendry for coordinating this wonderful event and to all of the parent and grandparent volunteers who came out to help make this event possible. There were smiles all around!

OTTAWA PUBLIC HEALTH (OPH) IMMUNIZATION

As a parent, keeping your kids safe and healthy is your number one priority. All children attending school between ages 4 to 17 need to be immunized according to Ontario Immunization Schedule. Immunization protects children from many serious diseases that are easily spread in schools. Parents are required to report all immunizations done at the doctor's office to OPH. Under this *Act*, OPH has the authority to suspend students from school. Due to the size of our District, OPH is dividing its surveillance campaign into two phases. The first phase of notification letters to parents alerting them of missing documentation was sent out on November 15, 2016 and the second on November 22, 2016. Suspensions for the first group will commence on February 8, 2017 and for the second group on February 22, 2017 so it is very important to ensure your child's immunizations are up to date. <http://www.parentinginottawa.com/en/immunization.asp>

COMMUNITY NEWS

Once in awhile, 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.

Beyond X's and O's developing a Positive Coaching and Parenting Legacy - a special presentation.

True Sport invites you to a special presentation on **January 24th** by John O'Sullivan, author of the bestseller *Changing the Game: The Parents Guide to Raising Happy, High Performing Athletes, and Giving Youth Sports Back to our Kids*.

He is also the founder of the [Changing the Game Project](#) - which was created to help coaches, parents and administrators develop high-performing athletes through positive, child-centered sporting environments.

As part of TRUEPlay Multisport's education series, this is the perfect opportunity for coaches and parents to learn more about what your kids and athletes really want and need.

In his presentation John will be discussing the ways we can help young athletes perform to their potential, while at the same time giving them ownership and enjoyment of their sports experience.

Specifically, he will share ideas about:

- How to keep your kids in sports
- How to give your child a competitive edge
- How to push and praise your kids to perform well
- Three ways to change your kids sports experience for the better
- How to motivate your kids to take ownership for sports
- How to help, and not hinder, their performance through the things you say and do

Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2017

Time: 7:00 - 9:00 PM (Doors open at 6:30 PM)

Location: Ben Franklin Place - Council Chambers

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Public registration: \$20.00

*** First 100 registered individuals get a free copy of John's book**

Knoxdale Community School Council (KCSC)



TONIGHT! Please join us for KCSC's first family movie night of the year in the Greenbank M.S. gym. The feature movie will be the recently released film **Storks** (PG). The doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and food will be served. The movie will begin at 6:30 p.m. Please enter the school via the Greenbank M.S. entrance (on the right side) from the parking lot. Please keep an eye out as well for our Ealges' Nest Project Playground team as they will be running a 50/50 raffle this evening!

Everyone is welcome! Please note that all children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

We hope that you were able to pre-order your tickets, pizza and drinks. Some food will be available for sale but quantities will be limited. The popcorn will be popping too! Please wear your PJ's, bring your sleeping bags and pillows, and please bring a pair of indoor shoes or slippers. Please note that folding/camping chairs are NOT permitted in the gym. There will be a designated area to drop off your coats and boots. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

If you have any questions, please contact the movie night coordinator r.corbett.floyd@gmail.com
See you at the show tonight!



Holiday Hot Chocolate Day Kudos!

Hot Chocolate Day was a resounding success! Smiling faces all around! Our sincere thanks to event coordinator Stephanie Denison and her team of fabulous volunteers for such a fun event for all of our students!



KCSC February Meeting

When: Tuesday, February 7, 2017

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Where: Knoxdale Public School Library, 2nd Floor

The KCSC would like to wish you all a Happy New Year! Please come out to our first meeting of the new year to hear what is happening in your school including upcoming events like the family fun dance and the April movie night. All are welcome! We will have reports from the Chair, Principal and Vice Principal, and our Western area advisory committee 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.



A sincere and heart felt thank you to our Knoxdale community for your kindness and generosity with your donations throughout December! Our Eagles collected 14 boxes of food items for FAMSAC and 8 large bags of warm winter wear for the SnowSuit Fund!

A big shout out to the students and teachers who assisted with the collecting and organizing the items. KCSC sincerely thanks our coordinator, Trudy Price, and her helper Alex Price!



February Family Fun Dance - Friday, February 10th, 2017

Mark your calendars! The KCSC Family Fun Dance will be held on Friday, February 10th - just in time for Valentine's Day! Please stay tuned for more information!

As we busily prepare for the event, we are welcoming contributions to make the dance a sure hit. **We are looking for loans or donations of light strings (to hang on the walls), valentine themed decorations, and previously enjoyed board games and card decks.**

Most important, we are seeking donations for small giveaway prizes. Our DJ will be tossing out "dollar store" type prizes throughout the evening. To ensure that all children have a treasure to take home with them, we are very much reliant on your contributions. So, if possible, please give generously. Our donation box will be located in the Knoxdale main office. The following are examples of welcomed donations: bracelets, hair accessories, play dough, card games, trading cards etc. If it fits in the palm of your hand, it's a fit for what we need!

If you have any items to loan or donate or are able to volunteer any of your time at the dance, please contact the coordinator r.corbett.floyd@gmail.com

Eagles' Nest Playground Project Update

The Eagles' Nest Playground committee would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and thank you for all of your continued support in 2016. We are looking forward to a busy 2017. Please keep an eye on our website and on this newsletter for updates. For more information, to volunteer, or to make a donation to the new playground, please contact the committee at <https://knoxdaleplayground.wordpress.com/> Thank you!

OCDSB Western Area Review - KCSC Representative Update

All public and advisory committee meetings on the western area review have been completed. The final report by staff will be published on January 27, 2017 and then discussed at the Committee of the Whole meeting on February 13, 2017. The final decision is expected at the Board meeting on March 1, 2017. For more information and the meeting schedule, please consult the OCDSB's website.

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!

