

UPDATES FROM KNOXDALE PS AND KCSC

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

We are coming to the end of a great school year. The last few weeks of school have continued to be filled with unique experiences for your child(ren). These include field trips, special play days, Track and Field finals, special class presentations and events! It is wonderful to see the students' growth over the school year. Our school is a place where children grow, learn, flourish, take risks and feel safe. Knoxdale is a special place and it is the people who make it so special. Our teaching team is dedicated and always working together to create the best possible learning environment and opportunities for students. Our support staff is always there for our students, meeting their individual needs and caring. Our parents and guardians are wonderful partners for us and we deeply appreciate the support they provide to our School Team as we all work together towards the common goal of doing what is best for our students. The students are, of course, the heart of our school. I am so proud of all of our students. It is a joy to watch them grow and to see their progress in their academics and in their character development. I am truly proud and privileged to be the principal of Knoxdale PS. We have had a wonderful year and we are looking forward to a great new year ahead. I would like to wish all of our families a safe, fun and restful summer. We look forward to seeing everyone in September.

COMMUNICATION

We always welcome feedback on our communication! This year we have moved to sending home our updates from school every third Friday. Our hope in doing so was to keep parents apprised of events in the school and the community, as well as, giving you a glimpse into our classrooms through the "Curriculum Corner" and the "Character Corner". I have received feedback on having attachments versus simply having the text as the email and it is quite split. I usually send a quick email with all of the pertinent information in the attachment. One of the reasons we have done it this way is that the system we use to send the email is limited in terms of ability to similar formatting (i.e., graphics and pictures). Our "Updates from School and KCSC" can also be found on our website for your reference. If you have feedback with respect to our school communication, please send it to andrea.williams@ocdsb.ca. Many thanks!

As the year comes to a close we find ourselves saying goodbye to some staff members. This year we say goodbye to M. Charette who is both starting a new chapter in his life as he heads into retirement. M. Charette has been a long standing staff member at KPS and I

know that he will be greatly missed by the students, staff and the community alike. We wish him all the best in his new adventures.

We also say goodbye to Corey Dawson who will be moving to a new school in September. Shannon Lewis, one of our educational assistants will be leaving the Eagle team to move into a full time position at W. O. Mitchell. Long term occasional staff, Cynthia Jaz, Tasha Stoodley, and Jamie Michaud will be leaving us to take on new challenges within our Board. We also wish our term ECEs, Allie McKendry, Nadine Elchakieh and Rebecca Stuart all the best as they move to new opportunities in September.



We will miss all of our leaving team members and hope that they leave with fond Knoxdale memories!

Important Dates:

Term Two Report Cards will be going home on Tuesday, June 27th.

Our Grade Six School Leaving Ceremony is going to take place on Wednesday, June 28th at 8:30 in the Greenbank MS gym. Our Eagles who are flying out of the Knoxdale nest will be missed. They are ready for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. Felicitations to the Class of 2017!

The 2017/2018 School Year

We continue to solidify our organization for the 2017 -2018 school year. A tentative organization is detailed below for your reference, keeping in mind that this could change before the beginning of the next school year. Students will be provided with their teacher's name and class location on the first day of school, Tuesday September 5th. There will be many helpers on hand to provide class assignment information and direction to students who require assistance on the first day of school.

The Tentative Knoxdale 2017-2018 Team

****Please note that changes may occur prior to the beginning of the school year**

Andrea Williams	Principal	Susan Read	Office Administrator
Charles Powers	Vice-Principal	Colette Dewey	Office Assistant

Chris Rippstein Chief Custodian

The Kindergarten Teams

Risa Wine (ECE), Lisa Leith (Teacher),
Sozan Radfar (ECE)

Shelby Ewing (ECE), Laura King (Teacher),
Casandra Williams (ECE)

Jessica Braks (ECE), Tracy Davis
(Teacher), Sarah Minkus (ECE)

Judi Marinoff (ECE), Jennifer Martin
(Teacher), Saham Kargar (ECE)

Leah Day (ECE), Megan Skentelbery
(Teacher), Majidah Massalkhi (ECE)

Krystal Kirkwood (ECE), Meaghan Leung
(Teacher), Katherine Vander Pluym

Primary and Junior EFI/MFI

Catherine Archambault Grade 1 EFI

Karl Herbert Grade 1 EFI

Julie Trudel Grade 1 EFI

Sarah Chay Grade 1 EFI

Malika Bennani Grade 2 EFI

Margaret Ketchum Grade 2 EFI

Gladys Zarecki Grade 2 EFI

Beverley Charron Grades 2/3 EFI

Lyne Proulx Grade 3 EFI

Francis Montserrat Grade 3 EFI

Jennifer Sorensen Grade 3 EFI

Julie Boudreau Grade 4 EFI

Stephanie Chambers Grade 4 EFI

Barbara Müller Grade 4 MFI

Paul Cameron Grades 4/5 MFI

Brenda Highmore Grade 5 EFI

Amanda Foote Grade 5 EFI

Dayna Dixon Grade 5 MFI

Caitlin O'Brien Grades 5/6 MFI

Ben Shepherd Specialized 5/6
Gifted

Aaron Corbett Grade 6 EFI

Emilie Desjardins Grade 6 EFI

Melissa MacIntyre Grade 6 MFI

Andrew Tardif Early French
Immersion

English to French Immersion

Joanna Jackson-Kelly

Catherine Nel

Caroline Heslop

Maggie Ziade

Vicki Moles- Harding

Linda Arena-Glenn Learning Support
Teacher

Catherine Nel Learning Resource
Teacher

Erin Carnegie	Educational Assistant
Lauren Brown	Educational Assistant
Joanne Larocque	Library Technician

Office Reopening and First Day of School

The school office will reopen on Monday, August 28th at 7:30 am. The first day of classes for all students in Grades 1 to 6 is Tuesday, September 5th, at 8:00am. All Year 2 Kinder students will start on Thursday, September 7th. Some of our Year 1 Kinder students will start on September 7th and others will start on Friday, September 8th. This information will be mailed to parents of Year 1 Kinders along with their intake date and time.

School Year Calendar 2077/2018

Labour Day	September 4, 2017
First day of school	September 5, 2017
PA Day	October 6, 2017
Thanksgiving	October 9, 2017
PA Day	November 24, 2017
Holiday Break	Dec. 25, 2017 - Jan. 5, 2018
PA Day	January 26, 2018
PA Day	February 16, 2018
Family Day	February 19, 2018
March Break	March 12-16, 2018
Good Friday	March 30, 2018
Easter Monday	April 2, 2018
PA Day	April 27, 2018
Victoria Day	May 21, 2018

PA Day June 9, 2018

Last Day of Classes June 28, 2018

PD Day June 29, 2018

CONSTRUCTION

Further to the message that went out this week, we will be having construction during the summer months. We will be reconfiguring three classrooms into two kinder areas. We also will have many moves as we close the portables and move the classes inside. Currently, we are looking at occupying the entire second floor of Greenbank Middle School. We will have access to the larger gym and a few common areas which will be of benefit to students and staff alike. One noted change is that our main office will be moving to the current GMS offices. As such, you will need to change the habit of coming in the front doors and proceeding to the left...you will now find us on the right!

SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST FOR NEXT YEAR

School supply lists for next year, along with your School Handbook, will be posted on our website for your reference over the summer months and into September.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL FEES

Please find below the breakdown for school fees for 2017/2018.

Kinder students:

Scientists in School Workshop*	\$7.00
SeeSaw	\$6.50
Colour House T-Shirt	\$5.50
Special Activity Amount (for example, art supplies for specialized activities, materials for unique science and mathematics opportunities)	\$1.00
TOTAL	\$20.00

Primary/Junior students:

Colour House T-Shirt	\$5.50
Scientists in School Workshop*	\$8.00

Special Activity Amount (for example, art supplies for specialized activities, materials for unique science and mathematics opportunities, specialized performance etc.)	\$6.50
TOTAL	\$20.00

LIBRARY BOOKS NOW DUE!!

We are presently in the midst of our annual inventory and all books are now due back in the library. Students with outstanding library books have been issued overdue reminders. All books not returned or are damaged will be subject to a replacement cost. *We ask parents to assist us in rounding up overdue books by checking bedroom bookshelves or under beds for misplaced books and having the students return them to school as soon as possible.*

EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM

Knoxdale PS will continue to offer the OCDSB Extended Day Program at the school for the 2017-2018 year. The hours of operation are 7am until 7:45am for the morning portion and 2:30pm to 6:00pm for the afternoon portion. Information on the rates for care are available at the web address below. If you have filled in a registration form already, you will be contacted shortly with payment options, please return this to the Extended Day office as soon as is possible to confirm your child's spot in the program. If you have not registered and are interested in doing so, or are interested in information about the program, please refer to the OCDSB Extended Day website link at www.ocdsb.ca/programs and click Extended Day Program. (Please note that there is typically a waiting list if you are on a city of Ottawa subsidy). If you wish to check on your child's spot, please call EDP directly on [613 596 8760](tel:6135968760). Please note that the Extended Day is run separately to the school so if your child is sick, are planning a holiday, or there is a change of contact information, we ask that you contact both the school and EDP separately to advise.

LOST AND FOUND

Please come to the corridor area to check our Lost & Found before the end of Tuesday, June 28th, any unclaimed items will then be donated to a local cause.

MEDICATION/LIFE THREATENING CONDITION FORM

Parents of students who either have medications administered at school or have life-threatening conditions are reminded that forms held by the school expire on the 30 June each year. New forms will be sent home with students at the end of school together with medications including EPI-Pens, please complete these forms and send in newly completed forms with your child on the first day of school or, preferably, the week before school starts (August 28th- September 1st). Old forms or medications cannot be used in September, please ensure EPI-Pens and medications are "in date" for the whole school

year. Forms can be found online at the Knoxdale Public School's website- simply click on the "Forms" tab and you will find a link to all the OCDSB medical forms. These forms can be printed off, completed and then need to be passed to your doctor to sign before your child handing them in to our office in September.

Knoxdale Community School Council (KCSC)



A Note From The Chair

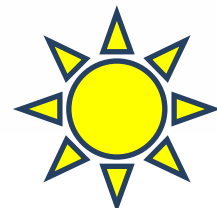
Can you believe it? Here we are at the end of another school year! This was a great year for KCSC as we welcomed many new families to Knoxdale and many new volunteers! A sincere thank you to all of our parents and volunteers that make all of the wonderful events possible. Without you, we would not be able to do what we do. The Council is already planning into the next school year and you can look forward to more movie nights, the annual bake and craft sale, a Hallowe'en dance and much more!

I would like to sincerely thank the KCSC executive for all of your time, effort and dedication in support of Council business and our school. A special thank you to Principal Williams and Vice Principal Powers, the office staff, teachers and support staff, and custodial staff for all you do in support of KCSC. I am privileged to work with such a great team!

A special note of thanks to Karyn Curtis who has been KCSC's Secretary for many years and has volunteered countless hours for KCSC and the school. She and her family will be greatly missed at Knoxdale and we wish them all the best.

On behalf of the KCSC Executive, we thank our school families and community for your all of your time, generosity and continued support of our students. We would not be able to offer all of the wonderful activities and events for our children, school and community without your continued support! Wishing you all a safe, happy and fun-filled summer!

Sincerely,
Heather Gordon
Chair, KCSC



Family Fun Picnic – Kudos and Thanks!

What a way to end our school year! The rain held off and let us enjoy our picnic in the yard. A huge thank you to all the families in our community that came out to our annual year-end picnic to enjoy such a fun evening. A huge round of applause for Alicia Ferguson, Rosina James, Andrew Bell and Jill Doctor for all of your hard work and time in planning and organizing this event and a sincere thank you to the team of parent volunteers. Special thanks to Fitz's Classic Grill for their efforts to keep the evening running smoothly!

Grade 6 Hand Painting ~ leaving their mark at Knoxdale

The graduating grade 6 students have left their official mark at Knoxdale school with their handprints. Thank you to Charles Pierce and his team of volunteers for organizing this year end activity. Their prints now line the 2nd floor link between Knoxdale and Greenbank schools. The students were very enthusiastic and creative with their prints, and the vivid primary colors were a hit with all!

Supporting Our Community

This year, the KCSC continued to support our community by directing a percentage of our funds raised to Pinecrest Public School to help purchase necessary items like library books and sports equipment and to support their school's fundraising efforts. The students have established a relationship with Pinecrest and see first-hand how their efforts and generosity support the school and help their students to enjoy a positive learning experience. This would not be possible without your continued generosity and support!

KCSC 2017-2018 School Year



The election for the KCSC Executive will take place at the first meeting in September. You will receive KCSC information in a package sent home from the school in the first week of September including instructions for nomination for the Executive and a Volunteer Survey with event dates and volunteer needs. We would be happy to provide you with more information about the KCSC at knoxdalecouncil@gmail.com. You can become as involved as you wish!

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!

Ski and Skate Swap and Sale ~ October 2017 * NEW DATE*

Don't give away your outgrown ski and skate equipment this summer, save it for our swap and sale next fall! Sell your gently used items and outfit yourselves and your children for the coming season at a discount while supporting the school! This will be our second swap and sale and we will be holding it earlier in the year based on your feedback.

