

## 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 continue 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 an updates from school every second 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. Next year, we are considering sending this communication every third week or once a month. We will also be linking our internal calendar to our website for parents to easily access important dates. Our website has recently been converted and we are in the process of renewing the site to ensure that parents always have access to our important information. If you have feedback with respect to our school communication, please send it to [andrea.williams@ocdsb.ca](mailto:andrea.williams@ocdsb.ca). Many thanks!

Welcome to Chris Rippstein! Mr. Rippstein joined the Knoxdale/Greenbank team as our new chief custodian at the beginning of this month. We thank Michael for all that he has done for our school and wish him all the best as he moves onto one of our new schools in the district.

As the year comes to a close we find ourselves saying goodbye to some staff members. This year we say goodbye to Doris Breckon and Alan Campbell who are both starting a new chapter in their lives as they head into retirement. They will be greatly missed by the students, staff and the community. We wish them all the best in their new adventures.

We also say goodbye to Jenna Kennedy, Elizabeth Wasylasko and Annie Jackson who will be moving to new schools in September. Heather Dort, one of our educational assistants will be leaving the Eagle team to move into a full time position at D.A. Moodie. Long term occasional staff, Mathieu Vallerand, Laura Egli, Fatima Benyelles, Stephanie Soifer and Andrea McIntosh will be leaving us to take on new challenges within our Board. We also wish our ECE's Tracey Armstrong and Leah Sirenko all the best as they move to new positions in September. Lastly, we also say goodbye to our Vice Principal, Caretta Williams DeAveiro. I know that you will all echo my statements that she has had a profound impact on our school and she will be greatly missed. I also know that we will all wish her the best of luck as she takes on the P role at Connaught PS- they are very fortunate to have her!

**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 28<sup>th</sup>.

Our Grade Six School Leaving Ceremony is going to take place on Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> 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 2016!

### **CHARACTER CORNER- From Mme Muller's class**

#### **Freezies For Sale!**

Have you heard of the Fort McMurray wildfire? Well we have heard of it and we wanted to help. On Freezie Fridays, we sold jumbo freezies for \$1 each. All the money is going to Fort McMurray to help them rebuild their city. We will help them

and their families so they can live normal lives and happy lives. Every penny counts. Some of us are doing fundraisers at home as well as at school. To date we have raised close to \$700. What can you do to help?

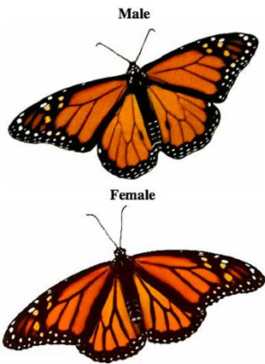
Credits:

Angela had the idea, Talia bought and froze the freezies, Arawen Hana, Daniel, Maya, and Jeffrey made the posters, and Celina and Mila made an announcement. Philip brought in coolers.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED US!

## BUTTERFLIES

This year our class had two different types of butterflies, One of the types was a monarch the other was a pink lady.



Every student had their own pink lady butterfly to let outside for the monarchs we shared the few butterflies.

We learned how to know if a monarch butterfly was a male or female.

You can find this out by looking at the back part of the wings and if there is a dot it is a male and if there isn't it's a female.

The pink lady looks almost like the monarch because the monarch is poisonous since the pink lady is not poisonous, predators think it is.

Two years ago a butterfly garden was built in the nature center. Actually, there are two gardens, but one has disappeared because the rocks separating it from the grass have been taken away as toys and



spread out in the nature center. The people cutting the grass did not see the separation of the garden and grass, thus the second garden got mowed over. PLEASE watch your children when they play in the nature centre, and make sure they do not move the rocks, nor walk in the butterfly gardens.

### **The 2016/2017 School Year**

We continue to solidify our organization for the 2016 -2017 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 6<sup>th</sup>. 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 2016-2017 Team**

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

Andrea Williams	Principal	Krystal Kirkwood (ECE), Jennifer Martin (Teacher), Heather Kerr-Gauthier (ECE)
Charles Powers	Vice-Principal	
Susan Read	Office Administrator	<b>Primary and Junior EFI/MFI</b>
Colette Dewey	Office Assistant	Catherine Archambault      Grade 1 EFI
Chris Rippstein	Chief Custodian	Karl Herbert                      Grade 1 EFI

### **The Kindergarten Teams**

Lindsey Anderson (ECE), Megan Skentelbery (Teacher), Margaret Ketchum (Teacher), Judi Marinoff (ECE)	Sarah McCloy                      Grade 1 EFI
Leah Day (ECE), Darlene Reade (Teacher), Risa Wine (ECE)	Malika Bennani                      Grade 2 EFI
Shelby Ewing (ECE), Laura King (Teacher), Casandra Williams (ECE)	Margaret Ketchum                      Grade 2 EFI
Jessica Braks (ECE), Tracy Davis (Teacher), Kayleigh Stepanian (ECE)	Gladys Zarecki                      Grade 2 EFI
	Lyne Proulx                              Grades 2/3 EFI
	Beverley Charron                      Grade 3 EFI
	Francis Montserrat                      Grade 3 EFI

Julie Boudreau	Grade 3/4 EFI	Catherine Nel	English to French Immersion
Stephanie Chambers	Grade 4 EFI		
Amanda Foote	Grade 4 EFI (Jamie Michaud LTO)	Maggie Ziade	English to French Immersion
Barbara Müller	Grade 4 MFI	Linda Arena-Glenn	Learning Support Teacher
Paul Cameron	Grades 4/5 MFI	Erin Carnegie	Educational Assistant
Brenda Highmore	Grade 5 EFI		
Emilie Desjardins	Grades 5/6 EFI	Lauren Brown	Educational Assistant
Melissa MacIntyre	Grades 5/6 MFI		
Ben Shepherd	Specialized 5/6 Gifted	Joanne Larocque	Library Technician
Aaron Corbett	Grade 6 EFI		
Jean-Guy Charette	Grade 6 MFI		
Joanna Jackson-Kelly	English to French Immersion		
Corey Dawson	English to French Immersion		

### **Office Reopening and First Day of School**

The school office will reopen on Monday August 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am. The first day of classes for all students in Grades 1 to 6 is Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00am.

### **School Year Calendar 2016/2017**

Labour Day	September 5, 2016
First day of school	September 6, 2016
PA Day	October 7, 2016
Thanksgiving	October 10, 2016

PA Day	November 18, 2016
Holiday Break	Dec. 26, 2016 - Jan. 6, 2017
PA Day	January 30, 2017
PA Day	February 17, 2017
Family Day	February 20, 2017
March Break	March 13-17, 2017
Good Friday	April 14, 2017
Easter Monday	April 17, 2017
PA Day	May 19, 2017
Victoria Day	May 22, 2017
PA Day	June 9, 2017
Last Day of Classes	June 29, 2017
PD Day	June 30, 2017

### **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 2016-2017 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](http://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 in September. 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 our board website at [www.ocdsb.ca](http://www.ocdsb.ca), then go to About OCDSB, then go to Policies, Procedures and Forms, then go into 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.

## **STUDENT TRANSPORTATION**

### **INFORMATION FROM OSTA**

OSTA's website address: [www.ottawaschoolbus.ca](http://www.ottawaschoolbus.ca).

### **2016-17 Student Transportation Information:**

Route information will be available to parents as of **August 19, 2016** via the online Parent Portal on the website.

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**". The parent must enter the student's last name, birthdate, school and grade in order to access route and stop information.

### **Kindergarten Students and Bussing**

School bus routes are planned according to the number of registered students in the data system from May to July 2016. We continue to make changes in transportation throughout school start up. Routes are driven as planned as of the first day of school September 2016 and drivers will stop at each stop, regardless of whether KG students are beginning that

day or whether they are beginning later on in the week. A reminder that Kinder parents **MUST** meet the students at their stop in the afternoon. OSTA will be providing bright yellow plastic tags that will be attached to a kinder students' back pack.

**Transportation for students in a joint custody arrangement and having 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 September start up transportation was June 1. Renewals of current schedule calendars 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/>

**School Bus Safety Awareness Day (First Time Rider Program)**

This year's School Bus Safety Awareness Day is scheduled for **Sunday, August 28, 2016** and will run at six sites across the city in 45 minute sessions from 09:00am to 1:00pm. This important safety program is geared primarily for parents and children new to school bus transportation and for all elementary school- aged children who ride a school bus. Families and students can register to attend at one of the following sites:

School	Address	Contact for Registration
Holy Trinity H.S.	180 Katimavik Rd., Kanata	613-836-0502
**École élémentaire catholique Saint-Joseph d'Orléans	6664 rue Carriere, Orléans	613-488-2237
Sir Wilfrid Laurier S.S.	1515 Tenth Line, Orléans	613-835-2488
St. Mark H.S.	1040 Dozois Rd., Ottawa	613-721-5500
** École élémentaire publique Charlotte Lemieux	2093 prom. Belair, Ottawa	613-721-5500



Woodroffe H.S.	2410 Georgina Dr., Ottawa	613-821-1414
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\*\* French presentation sites

Parents/Guardians can find more information on School Bus Safety Awareness Day on our website at <http://www.ottawaschoolbus.ca/helpful-resources/school-bus-pedestrian-safety-day/>. A flyer is attached for your convenience.

### **Applications for Seat Availability**

Students who had been approved to access service under the Seat Availability provision for 2015/16 will need to re-apply for service for the next school year. The "**Application for Access to Empty Seats on School Bus Vehicles**" form is available on the OSTA website at [www.ottawaschoolbus.ca](http://www.ottawaschoolbus.ca). Applications will be accepted at Knoxdale from September 19<sup>th</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>. Please note that we do not anticipate having many empty seats (many of our busses were full this year and empty seats were not available on those routes). We highly recommend you look at alternate arrangements in the event that we cannot accommodate the empty seat request. Please note that empty seats are ONLY processed after October 1st.

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

Looking towards March 2017 school break and consider this first of a kind educational opportunity with parent vacation in the Caribbean! Please see the attached flyer for details.

## *Knoxdale Community School Council (KCSC)*



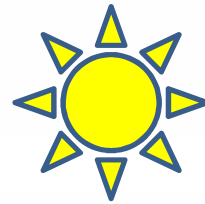
### **Message from the Chair**

It is hard to believe, but here we are in June at the end of another school year! We were so pleased to welcome many new families and faces to our monthly meetings and as volunteers for KCSC events and initiatives. We are already planning into the next school year and look forward to continuing with our family and community events for the benefit of our students and school.

I would like to sincerely thank the KCSC executive for all of your time and effort in support of the Council and our school. A special thank you to the school administration, teachers and support staff, custodial staff, event coordinators and volunteers for all you do in support of KCSC. I am privileged to work with such a great team!

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!

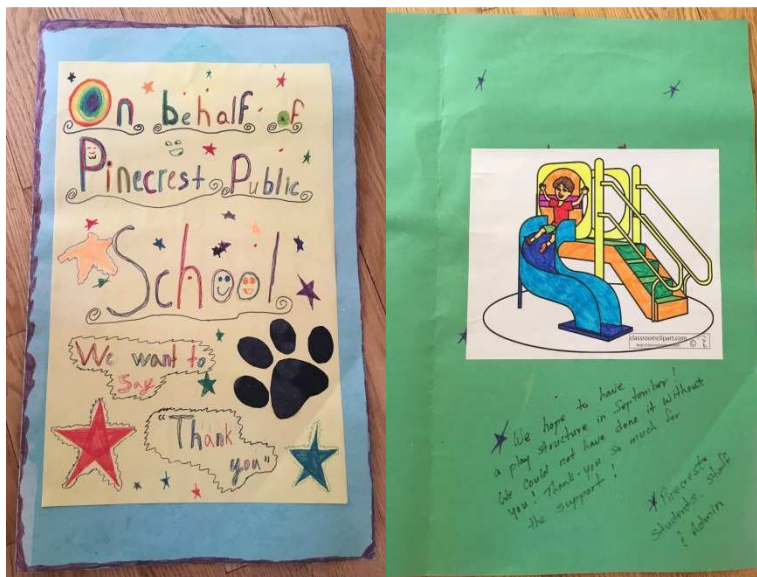
Sincerely, Heather Gordon  
Chair, KCSC



## Family Fun Picnic – Kudos and Thanks!

Wow! What a way to end the year! Our sincere thanks to all of the families in our community that came out to our annual Family Fun Picnic to enjoy such a beautiful evening. Despite the heat, we had record numbers and we appreciated your attendance - and patience - at this event. A huge round of applause to Alicia Ferguson for planning and organizing this event and a sincere thank you to the team of hard working volunteers and their efforts to keep the evening running smoothly! We would also like to sincerely thank the custodial team for all of your extra effort in assisting with set-up and clean-up; we couldn't have done it without you!

## Note of Thanks from Pinecrest Public School



This year, the KCSC continued to support our community by directing a percentage of our funds raised to Pinecrest Public School to help them 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 2016-2017 School Year

The election for the KCSC Executive will take place at our 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 for next year. We would be happy to provide you with more information about the KCSC at [knoxdalecouncil@gmail.com](mailto:knoxdalecouncil@gmail.com). You are welcome to become as involved as you wish!

## Eagles' Nest Primary Playground News

The Family Fun Picnic last Friday was a huge success! Great weather, great food, lots of fun, and we even raised some money for the Eagles' Nest Playground Project. Thank you to all the families that bought a balloon animal, a temporary tattoo, a loot bag, or made a bid in the silent auction. We were able to raise another \$750 for the project. We would like to especially thank all the parents and staff (and children of staff!) volunteers who provided all these fun activities. Without them, we wouldn't have been able to raise the money we did.

The Playground Committee had a successful year getting many new projects off the ground. Our sponsorship program is now active; we had a successful restaurant night and through the generosity of the school community, have been able to raise about \$5,000 to date. While the sun is shining, the calendar says the end of June and summer is almost here, September isn't that far away. The Playground Committee is already working to build on the foundation we laid this year so that we can make some significant progress next year. We will continue to meet over the summer and have some exciting and fun events

planned for September... stay tuned for more info and keep an eye on [knoxdaleplayground.wordpress.com](http://knoxdaleplayground.wordpress.com) as we update the fundraising thermometer, and upcoming events sections. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

## **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](http://www.campaigns.mabelslabels.com) and search for Knoxdale Public School. Remember that our children benefit as 20% of the proceeds are directed to KCSC!



## **Winter/Ski Equipment Swap and Sale - November 2016**

Don't give away your outgrown winter and ski equipment this summer, save it for our winter/ski equipment swap and sale next fall! Sell your gently used items and outfit yourselves for the coming season at a discount while supporting the school!

