

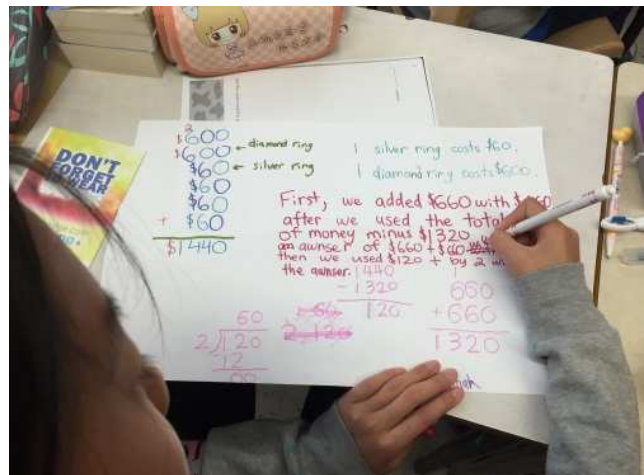
UPDATES FROM KNOXDALE PS AND KCSC

CURRICULUM CORNER

At Knoxdale PS, we are always looking at how to support and further student learning using high yield instructional strategies. The picture below is taken in a kinder class where students recorded their “wonderings”. This strategy encourages students to think, reflect and also allows for personalization in their learning. This strategy can be extended to use across the grades as well. For example, in Math while looking at a set of numbers or even at a word problem, students can be asked “What do you notice” and “What are you wondering?”. These questions do not have one right or wrong answer, and therefore, allow students to take risks in their responses. When students share what they “notice” and “wonder” they build their understanding collaboratively and can often approach the problem from different perspectives.



At Knoxdale, we believe in collaboration in all aspects of school. Collaboration can be powerful across the curriculum, however, particularly in Math. When students work

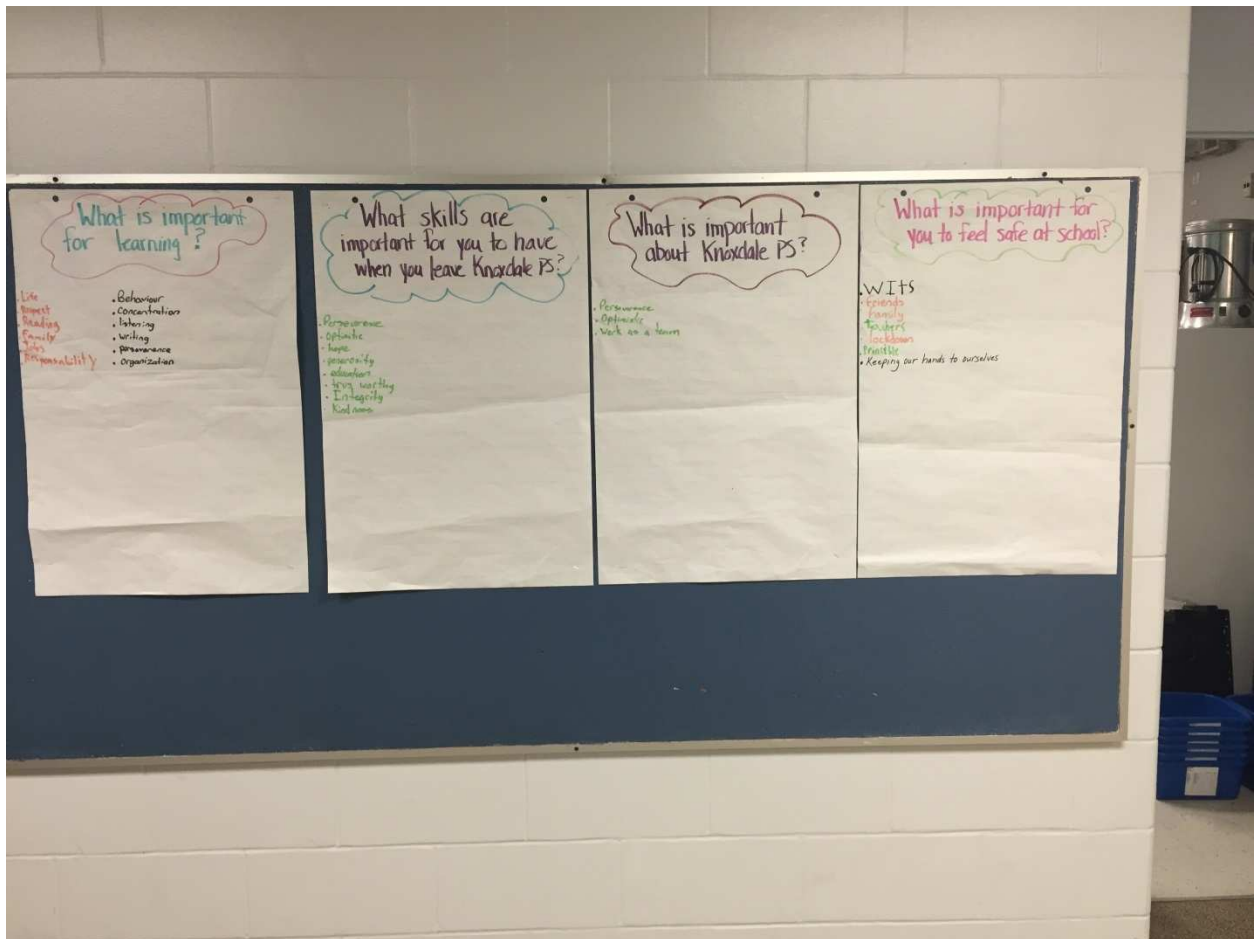


collaboratively to solve problems in Math, they benefit from hearing different approaches and strategies to solve problems. In the photo to the left, the chart paper posted represents each group's work to solve one problem. Although difficult to see from the picture, each group looked at multiple strategies to

solve the problem. The picture above highlights the importance of not only being able to manipulate numbers to solve a problem but also the importance of being able to explain your thinking on how the problem was solved. This is evidenced in the picture above where the students are explaining (in writing) the steps that they went through to solve the problem.

OUR COMMUNITY OF CHARACTER

In our last update, we shared that the primary students have been learning how to be “bucket fillers” which was launched at our September assembly. The September assembly for our junior students was slightly different. The junior assembly had the students using the mentor text, The Important Book, to spark a discussion about what is important in different areas of our life (i.e., at school, for yourself, for your family etc.). Students then worked collaboratively to brainstorm things that are important at school (i.e., What is important for learning?, What is important for collaboration?, What is important at Knoxdale? etc.). We have now posted these boards around the school for them to become interactive. We welcome you to record your thoughts on the boards and students and staff will be adding to them as well starting next week.



REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

Our students participated in a powerful Remembrance Day ceremony on Wednesday, November 11th. Our ceremony gave all of us an opportunity to honour those who have given their lives, those who have served and continue to serve in order to defend the human rights, democracy and freedom we hold dear. Thank you to the following for their contributions: Mme Glenn, Mme Trudel, M. Cameron and his class, The Knoxdale Glee Club, Mme Zarecki, Mme Charron, Mrs. Jackson, and Mrs Ziade with M Shepherd's class.



Important Information Regarding Child Care for November 20th

Please see the message below from the OCDSB. Parents who have children in the EDP program have received this message via email directly.

Please be advised that the Extended Day Program operated by the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board will be cancelled on Friday, November 20th, 2015. Please be advised that the OCDSB extended day program will not be able to offer full day child care on November 20th, a scheduled professional activity day. The continuing sanctions by OSSTF support staff have made it extremely difficult to ensure an accurate registration process and this creates a serious impact on our safe arrival process. We understand the difficulties this will cause for parents, but cannot proceed when we are unable to assure the safety of all of our students. The cancellation applies to all EDP programs operated directly by the OCDSB. Those sites which are managed by a third party operator will continue to operate.

LOST AND FOUND

We hope that all families will have a chance to look through the lost and found next week . On Friday afternoon, we will be packing them up and donating them to a local charity and/or a school in need.

PARKING LOT SAFETY

Unfortunately, we are noticing an increase in poor driving habits by some in our parking lot, which is a safety concern for our students and staff. This increase is particularly noticeable on days when the weather is not favourable and traffic volume increases. While the vast majority of drivers using our parking lot are courteous, patient and understanding of the need for care, a few are driving too fast, not following instructions from staff, or exiting the lot through the entrance. Our parking lot is one way

throughout, has no left turn sign at the end of the drop off lane, has one distinct entrance and one distinct exit. Our staff are out there to protect your children and do this work diligently everyday. I thank you all in advance for your cooperation and care while using our parking lot and drop off lanes. I also thank you for considering alternative drop off locations such as Banner Road, the Trend-Arlington tennis parking lot or at the church across the street.

SNOWHAWKS

Snowhawks ski registration for grade 5 & 6 students is now open! Sign up is first come, first served so guarantee your spot by registering early. Registration will close December 2nd. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

MOMMY'S YUMMIES

We have had requests for the menu for Mommy's Yummies to assist with online ordering. As such, you will find it as an attachment to this communication.

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.

CITY OF OTTAWA YOUTH NIGHTS

On Friday evenings, the City of Ottawa hosts Youth Nights at the nearby Leslie Park Public School. The program runs from 7-10pm, with a drop-in fee of only \$4. City of Ottawa Recreation staff will be onsite to coordinate interactive games and activities. This is a great opportunity for youth aged 10-14 to meet new friends and have some fun in the community. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Knoxdale Community School Council (KCSC) News & Updates

Pizza Night at The Parlour Pizza Kitchen

Wednesday, November 18th, 2015

Take a break from cooking next Wednesday and order a pizza! Stop in between hockey practice and piano lessons for a quick bite. Or come on out, buy some pizza and say hi to all your friends and neighbors from Knoxdale.

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3. Follow these simple steps and support the Eagles' Nest playground project.

1) Call The Parlour at 613-820-4444 to make a reservation to eat-in or to order take-out. 2) When you pay for your meal, make sure you mention "Knoxdale".

3) The Parlour will donate **20%** of the proceeds of your meal to the Eagles' Nest!

The Parlour is located in the Greenbank and Hunt Club Center (next to Tim Horton's) on Greenbank Road. Also, don't forget to check out knoxdaleplayground.wordpress.com for more information on the Eagles' Nest playground project. Thank you for your support!

KCSC Ski and Winter Equipment Sale & Swap

When: Friday, December 4th, 2015

Equipment Drop-Off: 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sale: 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Need to up-size your kids' skis equipment? Want to trade-in your downhill gear and buy some cross-country skis? The KCSC Ski and Winter Equipment Sale & Swap event is coming up on December 5th! Please bring in your used skis, boards, boots, equipment and skates and put a price on them! Shop for the gear you need! 15% of proceeds will be donated to KCSC in support of the Eagles' Nest playground project and 85% will go to the seller. We will be showing a fun ski movie in the gym and snacks will be available for purchase.

Please stay tuned....more information and details to come!

KCSC is seeking some volunteers to assist with this event. If you are able to help, please email knoxdalecouncil@gmail.com

KCSC December Meeting

All are welcome! Please join us!

Date: Tuesday, December 1, 2015

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Knoxdale school library, 2nd floor

We will be discussing upcoming events and will have reports from the Chair, Principal and Vice Principal. If you have anything you would like to discuss and have added to the agenda, please email knoxdalecouncil@gmail.com by Friday, November 27th, 2015.

KCSC Annual Book Fair and Used Book Sale

Just a quick note to inform families that the annual book fair and sale usually held in November has been postponed this year. A new date will be considered shortly so please stay tuned! We would greatly appreciate if you could please continue to set aside your gently used books for our sale.

FAMSAC and the Snowsuit Fund



The Knoxdale community is a kind and generous group that supports important causes all year. It is now time to launch our 'neighbours helping neighbours' initiative! Let's continue to make a positive difference in the lives of less fortunate families in our community by collecting non-perishable food items and winter wear for kids.

Please bring your donations into the school or send them with your children from December 1st – 14th, 2015.

- * Non-perishable food items
- * Gently used, clean snowsuits including jackets & snow pants
- * Gently used, clean hats, mitts, gloves, boots & scarves

Please don't forget to check the pockets!

Cash or cheque donations are also graciously accepted. Please make cheques payable to "The Snowsuit Fund" or "FAMSAC". Tax receipts will be issued for cheque donations over \$10.00; please ensure your name & address are on the cheque.

Thank you for continuing to help support our community friends and families. The students take great pride in this initiative and enjoy watching the snow gear pile up and the FAMSAC train grow!

Trudy Price, Coordinator

Kudos

The KCSC would like to sincerely thank Angela Wordley for organizing such fabulous Fall Family Fun Dance! A huge thank you to all of the parent volunteers and families that attended for such a successful and fun night! DJ Helen rocked the gym and the energy level could have powered Ottawa for the evening. All proceeds raised will go to enhancing our children's educational experience at Knoxdale. Looking forward to seeing you all again next year!