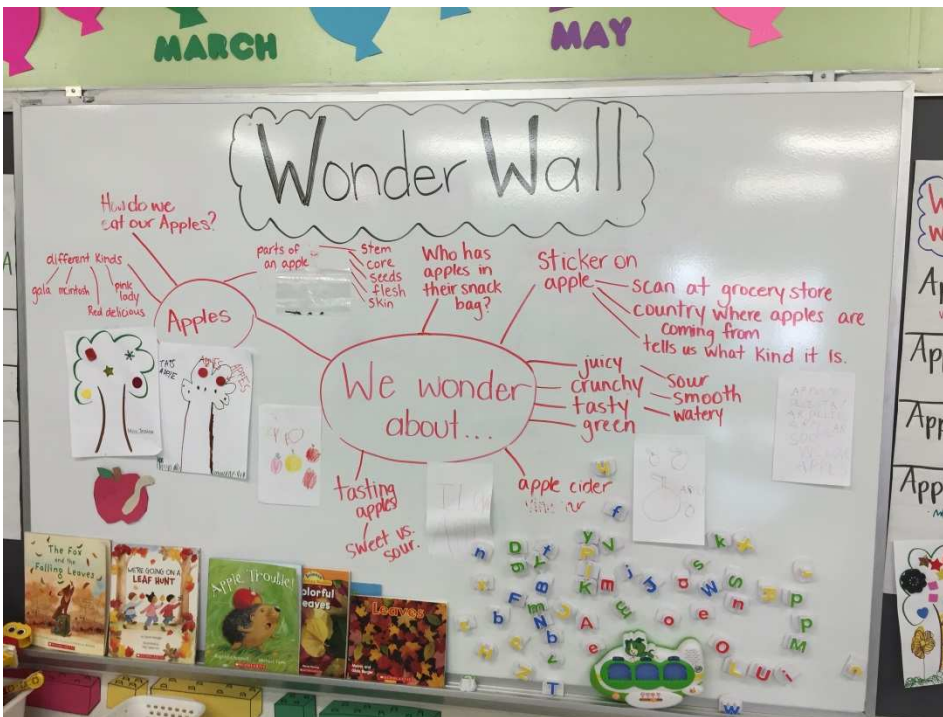


UPDATES FROM KNOXDALE PS AND KCSC

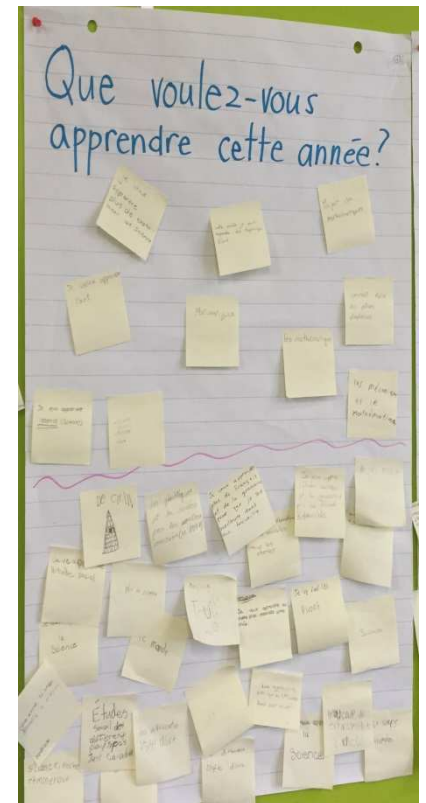
We have been enjoying amazing autumn weather and have enjoyed plenty of activities outside as well as inside the school. Cross-Country Running, Soccer, Recycling Club, and Glee Club are just some of the highlights.

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. This is evidenced in the picture on the right wherein students were asked the question "What do you want to learn this year?". We continually strive to raise the bar for our students by creating authentic, engaging and meaningful learning experiences.

MONARCH BUTTERFLIES

Three classes are participating in a project with Monarch Without Frontiers. One has already had a monarch butterfly hatch from the chrysalis, and was released into our butterfly garden in the nature center. Two classes have had all their caterpillars turn into chrysalis, and now students are just waiting the 7 to 18 days until the monarch butterflies will hatch. - Mme Muller



Dear parents,

We are here to talk to you about Monarch butterflies, these are not just ordinary butterflies they are nature's best friend. Sadly these butterflies are in danger and we need your help to keep these wonderful butterflies alive.

In Mme. Muller's class there were real life butterflies. Here are some of the things we learned.

They start off as a very small egg, and then comes out a small yellow, black and white caterpillar.

Now we have a caterpillar! It can only eat milkweed -it tastes gross! After eating a lot of milkweed they get into a "j" formation then it sheds it's skin four times and becomes the chrysalis.

The warmer the temperature, the faster it will hatch. When it hatches it has to dry off its wings and after a while it can fly but if it hits its wing on something it will have trouble flying. This is why they are in danger in Mexico. They are cutting down trees and now the butterflies have trouble finding a habitat to lay their eggs and if they can't lay their eggs then there will not be as many monarchs.

These amazing butterflies fly to Mexico and it takes them one generation to get there and it takes them three generations to get back. It is amazing how much courage these little butterflies have to fly all the way to Mexico.

Us humans use a plane or a car depending where you live and if you are lucky you may see a monarch butterfly. It was a really fun experience teaching you all about monarchs!!!

By Lauren B. and Jaina A.



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PARALYMPIC WELCOME HOME!

On Thursday, September 22nd, Mme Muller and Monsieur Cameron's classes had the exciting opportunity to attend the Paralympic Welcome Home Celebrations on Sparks Street in downtown Ottawa. It was so nice to see the students give a huge and enthusiastic welcome home to these special athletes. Bravo Knoxdale !!



ROLLING RAMPAGE

Mme Desjardins' and Miss Highmore's students, were invited along with 2000 other young students and up to 40 schools to be guests on Thursday morning, October 6th, 2016 to visit on the front lawn of Parliament Hill for the 10th Annual Rolling Rampage on the Hill.

This is a celebration of Paralympic Sports, this event features the best Paralympic wheelchair racing athletes from around the world. The Canadian Foundation for Physically Disabled Persons has dedicated itself to promoting the vast, unheralded wealth of talent and ability in Canada's disability community. Sports and Canada's paralympians, in particular, have always believed that people with disabilities are every bit as gifted and accomplished as their able-bodied peers. The Rolling Rampage connects these athletes with the enthusiastic audience that they deserve.

In conjunction with this celebration, they invite elementary schools to attend, learn about Paralympic sports and have fun competing in coed relay events to promote sport, fitness and Paralympic sport awareness. Our students represented Knoxdale in the Grade 5 and Grade 6 categories. The Grade 5 Co-ed team of Melanie, Nigel, Avery and Hugh grabbed a 3rd place ribbon.

Way to go Eagles!!!



ONLINE FRENCH HOMEWORK HELP

In partnership with several school boards in Canada, Voila Learning, has live French teachers provide Online Homework Help in French to thousands of students.

What? Helping students with their French homework.

When? Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, from 5pm to 8pm.

Voila Learning teachers will be available for your children in French as they work through their daily homework. For more information, please visit: VoilaLearning.com

Be Like Terry!



We just wanted to take a second to send out a big Knoxdale Eagle thank you to all the parents, grandparents, family members and

friends who support our amazing School Run participants. These students are directly responsible for helping share Terry's message of hope, courage and determination.

This year was a record breaking year for the Knoxdale Eagles. Students crushed the previous record by almost \$2000, raising a grand total of \$5854.30. Students really enjoyed using the pledge sheets, asking long distance family members for on-line donations and emptying out their own piggy banks. We hope you are as proud of them as we are!

SPORTS AND CLUBS UPDATE

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING 2016

Congratulations to the Knoxdale Eagles' Cross Country Running Team who competed in their regional meet at Sir Robert Borden High School on October 13th. The team performed very well with all runners competing extremely well in spite of very difficult weather conditions. Thank you to teachers; Ms. Charron, Monsieur Herbert, Ms. Nel and Monsieur Cameron for coaching the team and taking them to the meet.

Thank you as well to all of the extremely helpful parent volunteers. Bravo les aigles!!

SOCCER

We have had a lot of interest in our soccer teams this year! Tryouts began in September for both the girls' and the boys' teams. We have 50 girls and 52 boys participating in tryouts this year. We are very pleased to see so many students involved. Unfortunately, we will only have approximately 15 spots on each team- it was a hard decision for the coaches! Both tournaments will be taking place on our adjacent soccer fields (Trend Arlington Fields), as such, the students will not need a field trip form as the field trip form that was signed with the beginning of the year forms covers access to these fields. The tournament for the boys is scheduled for Monday, October 24th and the tournament for the girls is scheduled for Tuesday, October 25th. A thank you to M Montserrat, Mrs. Ziade and M Charette for helping out with teams! Volez les aigles!

GLEE CLUB

Glee Club has been practicing again this year and meets one time per week on Thursday afternoons. Additional practices may be needed as we get closer to performance dates. We have approximately 50 members from grades 3 to 6 who are now preparing for our Remembrance Day Ceremony being held at the school in the Greenbank gym on November the 11th. Students are asked to wear red, or white clothing or school clothing as part of the Glee club when performing. If you have an opportunity to purchase school clothing this year, it would be ideal for Glee club performances as well.

We will be performing at the Holiday sing-along in December as well as our year end evening show, Artscape during Education week. As we approach these events, the Glee club will post detailed information onto our website.

Glee club members will be given the website information for Glee club at our next practice. We do not want to make the site public to non-gee club members given we post all of our upcoming songs onto the site and would prefer not sharing our special selections until the shows. Please ask your child to share the web site slip with you so you can log on together and practice.

We look forward to learning new songs and performing together this year.

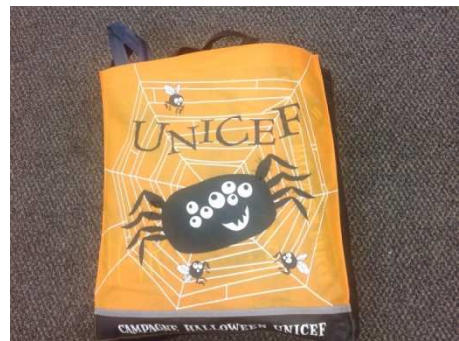
'Gleefully' yours,
Mme Glenn and Mrs. Jackson Kelly

HALLOWEEN CRAFT CLUB

The Halloween Craft Club has been busy preparing crafts for sale next week. The money raised will go to [Child Haven International](#). This organization helps needy families and orphans in India, Nepal, Bangladesh and Tibet. We will be

selling Halloween magnets (50 cents), Ghost pins (1\$), Unicef bags (1\$), raffle tickets for guessing the number of jelly beans or gummy worms in a container (each ticket 25 cents). There will also be a few other items for sale. Please send money with your child for this fundraiser on

Wednesday next week. We will be selling Wednesday, October 26th to Friday the 28th. Thank you to School Council who has provided the materials for the club. - Mme Muller



UPCOMING CLUBS AND SPORTS

The following clubs and sports will be starting up in November- more information to come!

Dance Club, Spirit Club, Comic Club and Bordenball (house league and competitive).

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Every fall and spring we practice our emergency procedures. Over the last few weeks we have held three fire drills and a lockdown practice.

ATTENDANCE LINE

If your child is going to be absent or arriving late, please call and leave a message on our 24-Hour Attendance Line at 613-828-0010, Ext. 500 or you may e-mail the school at

knoxstudentabsence@ocdsb.ca . If the busses are cancelled and the school is open please call and advise us that your child will be staying at home.

BUS SAFETY AND EVACUATION DRILLS

On Monday October 24th, bus riders will participate in OSTA's bus safety and evacuation program. The evacuation practice requires a certain amount of physical exertion and participants might be prone to injury due to a pre-existing condition. The drill is an opportunity to ensure that the driver and students understand what accommodations will be required to safely evacuate a bus in an emergency. Similar to a fire drill, the support of your child's safety during the drill exercise needs to be paramount. We will need to identify those students who require special consideration and determine how best to support them during the drill. If there are concerns please contact Mr. Powers at the school. Student can complete only the in-class portion of the safety exercise.

COOLER WEATHER

The temperatures are dropping and the days are often a little wetter. It's time to bring out our warm and snuggly clothes. Students are outside during the day and when dressed for the weather are much happier.

LOST AND FOUND

We have many items in our Lost and Found! We have been encouraging students to check it for missing items. At the end of every month, we will be donating unclaimed items to a local charity. If you have not yet checked the lost and found, please do so before next Friday.

HALLOWEEN CELEBRATIONS

Halloween is coming soooooon! If your child wishes they may wear a costume to school. Please do not send any masks or weapons, as these are not permitted for safety reasons. We would also ask that you refrain from sending special treats as we are an allergy aware school. This year we will be having a door decorating contest in addition to our stroll through the school where students will have an opportunity to show their costumes.

NOTIFICATION TO DECLINE TRANSPORTATION

From time to time we have students who for various reasons may not utilize their assigned space on our school busses (for example students who are in our Extended Day Program). Conversely, we have students who have applied and are waiting on a space (empty seat) on one of our busses. We are asking parents to consider declining transportation privileges if their child(ren) may not be riding the school bus this school year. If this is acceptable to your family, then could you please visit the OSTA website at <http://www.ottawaschoolbus.ca> to locate and complete the form entitled '*Notification to Decline Transportation*'. In doing so, a space becomes available for another student to have transportation privileges. We have also attached a copy of form to this email message for your convenience. Thank you for considering

Knoxdale Community School Council (KCSC)



32Nd Annual Knoxdale Public School Craft and Bake Sale

Please come out and join us **TOMORROW, Saturday October 22nd from 9:30am-3pm** for the 32nd Annual Knoxdale Public School Craft and Bake Sale brought to you by the KCSC.

Prizes will be awarded for the Most Creative Baked Goods, Most Appealing Baked Goods, Best Parent/Child Joint Effort, Best Holiday Creation and others too.

We will be offering a fabulous lunch of soup, chili, hotdogs and sandwiches for sale. Get started on some holiday shopping at the same time by visiting the Creative Hands (Professional Craft Guild) craft fair. A quick reminder that the parking lot will be very busy and to please bring a re-useable bag to tote home all of your treats!

If you have any questions, please send an email to kcscraftbake@gmail.com. See you there!

Project Playground Update

The Eagles' Nest Playground Committee would like to thank everyone who came out to support the project at this year's Meet the Teacher Night. It was a wonderful evening and we managed to raise another \$350.00 for the project. We also wanted to thank everyone who helped get the word out by delivering flyers in their neighborhood. We have a received multiple additional donations as a result. As always for more information, or if interested in family or corporate sponsorship please check out <https://knoxdaleplayground.wordpress.com/> .

meeting

KCSC November Meeting

When: Tuesday, November 1st, 2016

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Where: Knoxdale Public School Library, 2nd Floor

All are welcome! Please come out to hear what is happening in your school. We will have reports from the Chair, Principal and Vice Principal. 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. Thank you!

knoxdalecouncil@gmail.com. Monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month with the exception of September and January (no meeting).



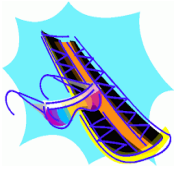
The Samko & Miko Toy Sale is back in Ottawa November 9 -13th at the EY Centre.
Get some holiday shopping done and help project playground at the same time!

It's very easy and only requires 2 steps:

**Step 1: When you are checking out ask them to stamp the back of the receipt for
The Knoxdale Public School fundraiser;**

Step 2: Keep a copy of your receipt and send the original receipt into school.

The Toy Sale will donate **10%** of all Knoxdale families' purchases back to the playground project. For more information check here: <http://www.samkoandmikotoywarehouse.com/ottawa-toy-sale> and watch for the flyer coming home in the next couple of weeks.



Ski and Skate "Swap & Sale" ~ NEW THIS YEAR!
November 17th to 19th

Your KCSC is excited to bring a new event to our school community; the Ski and Skate Swap & Sale! Need to up-size your kids' ski equipment? Want to trade in your downhill gear for cross-country skis? Bring in your gently used skis, boots, skates etc. and price them to sell while shopping for the gear that you need. A percentage of sale proceeds will be directed to KCSC and will support the playground renewal project. A fun ski movie will be shown and snacks will be available for sale. Please stay tuned, full details on equipment drop-off, pricing process, and sale times will be coming to you shortly!



Thanks to you, our Volunteers!

Thanks to all who completed the KCSC Volunteer Survey (blue sheet) and indicated your interest in coordinating or helping with an event this year. We had a record response! Thank you! Sincere thanks to Angela Wordley who has kindly offered to fill the position of Volunteer Coordinator this year.

We are still looking for leadership in the positions of Vice Chair and Fundraising Coordinator (new) on our executive. We would be happy to provide more information about these roles if you are interested. Please contact us at knoxdalecouncil@gmail.com.



Mabel's Labels Fundraiser! The personalized labels make excellent stocking stuffers and are terrific for all types of belongings. To place your order, visit www.campaigns.mabelslabels.com and search for Knoxdale Community School Council. **KCSC will earn 20% from the sales.** You should have received a small bookmark-sized flyer in your child's backpack with a bit more information. Samples and flyers are on the KCSC bulletin

board in the Knoxdale lobby.