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**A Few Words from the Principal**

**April 2024**

**SAVE THE DATE: 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual King George VI Spring Celebration on Thursday, May 23, 2024,**  
from 4:00-7:00 p.m. - we hope that you'll join us! More details to follow...

On April 8, 2024, a **solar eclipse** will be visible in our region. The moon will start to pass in front of the sun at approximately 2:00 p.m. and, at approximately 3:15 p.m., the moon will obscure almost all of the sun, eclipsing the sun. The moon will then continue to pass the sun until the solar eclipse ends around 4:30 p.m. During this period of approximately 2½ hours, it is not safe to look at the sun without proper eye protection. To do so could result in harm to your vision, including retinal burns, blurred vision, and temporary and/or permanent vision loss.

The safest way to view a Solar Eclipse is by watching it via a live stream:

<https://www.exploratorium.edu/eclipse/livestream>.

Additional resources can be found here:

[Solar Eclipse Safety - Lambton Public Health](#)

[Solar Eclipse Safety | The Canadian Association of Optometrists](#)

[2024 Total Eclipse - NASA Science](#)

[The best places in Canada to see the 2024 total solar eclipse | Space](#)

Please also note that the Lambton Kent District School Board made the decision to change the Professional Activity Day (PA Day) scheduled for Friday, April 26, 2024 to Monday, April 8, 2024. The decision is due to the number of direct safety concerns associated with the Solar Eclipse, which will affect the region. For more information, please see [February 13, 2024 press release](#).

Visit King George VI on Facebook – it's a great way to get a sneak-peek into our terrific little school. Call, email, or pop by anytime – my door is always open. (adam.carswell@lkdsb.net)

Warmest regards,

## Dates to Remember in April & May:

April 1	No School – Easter Monday
April 8	PD Day
April 10	School Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. in the Learning Commons
April 12	Spirit Day – Wear House Team Colours (Red OR Black)
April 18	Domino's Pizza Day – Orders Due April 11 on School Cash Online
April 19	Spirit Day – Wear Your Favourite Hat!
April 23	Dental Screenings (JK, SK, Grade 2)
April 24-26	Grade 8 Outdoor Education Trip to Muskoka Woods
April 30	Monthly Character Assembly
May 1	King George Talent Show Extravaganza @ 9:30 a.m.
May 3	Spirit Day – Wear House Team Colours (Red OR Black)
May 8	School Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. in the Learning Commons
May 12	Mother's Day
May 15	Gauss Math Contest
May 17	Spirit Day – Wear House Team Colours (Red OR Black) Domino's Pizza Day – Orders Due May 10 on School Cash Online
May 20	No School – Victoria Day
May 21-24	Scholastic Book Fair – Learning Commons
May 22	Track & Field Meet – King George VI
May 23	Spring Celebration @ 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
May 24	Spirit Day – Wear Your Favourite (School-Appropriate) Beach Attire!
May 28	Girls' Soccer Tournament
May 29	Boys' Soccer Tournament FDK Picnic for NEW Families – More Information to Come
May 31	Spirit Day – Wear House Team Colours (Red OR Black) Monthly Character Assembly

## School Council

School Council is an integral part of our King George VI community and has a track record of being a dynamic, positive, and productive team. Among other things, School Council's objective is to ensure accountability, make recommendations to the school, and engage in fundraising activities. Parents and guardians are encouraged to participate in School Council's monthly meetings (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 p.m.) and engage in special events and projects. Our next meeting will be held **April 10, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.** New members are always welcome to attend!

## Student Attendance

Each day at King George VI offers valuable learning experiences, so maintaining regular attendance is critical for student success. Although it's nearly impossible to attend every day of school, excessive absences can create learning gaps. Developing consistent morning routines helps to ensure that students arrive on time and then begin their day without the stress that often accompanies a rushed morning.

## Character @ King George VI

Throughout the month of April, students and staff will discuss **resilience**: what it means and why it's important to intentionally teach students how to build resilience. Angela Duckworth's book, Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance, outlines years of research suggesting that grit is a stronger predictor of high achievement than intelligence or talent. By fostering a strong sense of belief in oneself, a growth mindset, and encouraging children to push through obstacles and persevere, they will be well-positioned to learn from mistakes, overcome barriers, and reach their goals in spite of setbacks.



Congratulations to **Knight Award** recipients from February (Sawyer, Tanner, Mason, Alex) and from March (Layne, Scotia, Bailey, Lincoln).



**Character Award** recipients demonstrated **inclusiveness** through the month of February, and **citizenship** through the month of March.



**DO (Defy the Odds) Gibson** spoke about Black History, encouraged us to follow our dreams, taught us how to rap, and even performed a freestyle rap based on random student-selected words (pizza & giraffe). Thank you, School Council, for making this presentation possible.



## Indigenous Education – Nibi's Water Song

King George VI students recently reflected upon the importance of water in our lives: we learned about its availability to ourselves and others throughout the world, the ways we need and use water, and most importantly, how we can care for our water to ensure that we keep it clean, safe, and abundant. After reading Nibi's Water Song, students created artwork both at school and at Canatara Park Beach; some students also wrote about water in their lives.



**Family Games Night, Bridge Building STEM Activity, DEAR (Drop Everything And Read), Indigenous Puppet Show**

