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December 2020 Newsletter

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December and Winter are Upon us

As we head into our last month of the 2020 calendar year and prepare to usher in 2021, a big appreciation and recognition goes to our students for their efforts leading up to their progress report. The Learning Skills section of the reports cards/progress reports really examine the way your child engages in the learning process. In many ways it is a measure of how they apply themselves, not just in areas of the curriculum but also as members of our school community. Thank you to parents and teachers who connected either virtually or by phone with teachers regarding achievement for their child(ren). As the weather turns colder please make sure that students dress for the weather.

Covid-19 Screening Assessment:

Please make sure that you are daily doing the Covid-19 Screening Assessment for students. We thank you in advance for keeping our King George Community Healthy and safe. The screening tool will tell you if you should be going to school or monitoring potential symptoms. Below is the link.

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

Student Arrival

Kindly remember that students can enter the school at 8:30 and should not be arriving prior to that time. Your help in ensuring this allows us to support student safety that much more. Students arriving late need to sign in at the office and King George staff will escort the younger students to their classrooms in order to limit classroom interruptions.

Parent Council and Home and School - Virtual Meeting December 8th, 6pm. Please email Alicia Blonde at liciarae@hotmail.com and we will make sure that you receive an invite to this meeting. Everyone is welcome.

Virtual Book Fair: Dear Families,

King George is pleased to offer a Virtual Book Fair this year!

Our book fair will run from November 30th to December 11th. Families are able to purchase books online using the link below and have the books shipped right to your door! All purchases earn rewards that can be redeemed for Educational Resources for our school. Happy Reading!

King George Public Schools Book Fair Link:

<https://bookfairs-canada.myshopify.com/pages/5153588>

WATER BOTTLES – Please remember to send students with water bottles each day. Fountains are closed but our water filling stations remain open to allow for water bottle filling in order to help keep our students hydrated.

STUDENT COUNCIL CHARACTER INFORMATION

Students have enjoyed celebrating our Kings Rule Awards virtually in their classrooms. Students have received awards for Kindness and Inclusion. On Dec 4th, we will be giving out our next award called Never Give

Up. Special Days Dec 15th Random Acts of Kindness Day Dec 16th Red and Green Day Dec 17th Fun Winter Sweater Day Dec 18th PJ Day(no stuffed animals) .

School Messenger

On November 18th, Lambton Kent District School Board implemented an automated attendance messaging system for King George VI . The system will notify parents/guardians if your child has been marked absent and the school has not been notified of the reason for the absence. To follow-up, we will contact the parent/guardian phone numbers and email addresses that we have on file and ask that you call the school to confirm the absence and provide the reason. You can help by ensuring that the school has your most updated contact information and by notifying the school office in advance if your child will be late or absent. Please note: School voicemail messages are checked regularly. **Please contact the school office if your** child(ren) are going to be away so that we can insert this directly to our attendance system to make sure our calls are as accurate as possible.

Holiday Break

The last day before the Holiday Break is December 18th and classes will resume again on Monday, January 4th, 2021. On behalf of the entire King George Staff, we wish our students and their families a wonderful and healthy holiday. Continue to stay safe and see you in 2021!

School Playground

Please be advised that our playground equipment is now closed and will not re-open until the Spring. The Ontario School Board Insurance Exchange advises the closure of school playgrounds due to the following reasons:

Freezing temperatures - At temperatures below 0 deg. C, very few types of protective ground surfacing remain resilient enough to offer any degree of protection to a falling child - regardless of depth. If the ground cover is frozen, the play equipment is NOT safe for use.

Snow build-up - Snow can cause two problems on a play structure - first, it can make play surfaces very slippery; secondly, it can create suffocation hazards if the openings at the end of tube slides or similar structures become closed in by drifting snow.

Ice or freezing rain - As noted above, ice or freezing rain can make play surfaces, hand grips and stairways very slippery, increasing the risk of slip and fall injuries.

Clothing - Winter clothing is much different than normal clothing. Synthetic materials, such as nylon, reduce sliding resistance, particularly on plastic slide beds. This can increase the travel speed on this equipment to a dangerous level, and if combined with frozen ground cover can increase the chance of injury. Winter clothing is also very bulky and is more likely to have drawstrings or hooks and clips which can become entangled in components of the equipment. Please remind your child to not use the school equipment outside of school hours during the winter months.

Important Dates

Dec 15th Random Acts of Kindness Day

Dec 16th Red and Green Day

Dec 17th Fun Winter Sweater Day

Dec 18th PJ Day (no stuffed animals)

December 21st to January 3rd Winter Break

January 4th Return to School.