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January 2020 Newsletter

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Welcome 2020:

Best wishes for 2020 to all our students, parents, guardians and community. Here's hoping the Holiday Season brought you much enjoyment and rejuvenation.

Our focus for 2020 will continue to be on mathematics school wide, specifically maintaining effective instruction that is academically engaging and authentic for students. A very large component of the instruction we provide is based on the skills our students will need in the future that awaits them; a future that is ever evolving. It is a very exciting time especially for the opportunities this holds for our students to demonstrate creativity and collaboration.

As always we are grateful for the community spirit that exists here at King George. Go Kings!

Parking and Morning Drop Off:

In the interest of student safety and efficiency it is of the utmost importance that there be no drop off near the double lined cross walk on Delaware. This area is designated for student crossing only. Lines of sight are comprised when cars stop and our students cannot see if there are cars coming. We'd very much like to build independence in our students while incorporating safety into these efforts. We need your help to support this through safe parking and drop off practices. Thank for you for making this a reality!

Christmas/Winter Dinner:

King George was treated to an incredible Christmas dinner on the Wednesday before the Break. Ham, mashed potatoes, carrots, corn, buns and cupcakes rounded off the terrific spread organized and served by our school council and volunteers. It was a remarkable display of community spirit, a fantastic opportunity for students and staff to share food and laughter and a big confirmation of the giving spirit that exists at King George.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who gave up their time to make this possible. It was a terrific gathering of parents, grandparents, guardians and trustee Ruth Anne Dodman.

Food Drive and Mitten & Hat Tree

What a tremendous outpouring of generosity we saw from our school in these areas. Our Christmas Train of decorated boxes was filled with a multitude of canned goods that went to the Salvation Army to support families in need. Also a Christmas Tree was decorated with hats, mittens and socks from top to bottom. A thank you to everyone who took the time to give, in turn making the world around us a better place.

Basketball:

Both our boys and girls basketball teams are underway at King George. We thank all the students who came out to be a part of the team! Looking forward to some great Kings' basketball action in the new year.

Bingo- Come support King George Bingo fundraisers at Riverview Bingo Palace Saturday Jan 18, 8 & 10 pm, Tuesday Feb 18, 6 & 8pm, Saturday Mar 28, 8 and 10pm.

Lice Checks:

Following each major break, school wide head checks are performed to check for lice. This helps us to control the spread should we have any cases in the school and to help treat those that we may find. It is worth noting that anyone can accidentally come into contact with lice and it certainly need not be connected to cleanliness.

CKSS Tours:

Grade 8 parents and students are invited to CKSS' Annual open house on Thursday, January 16 at 6:30. Students are asked to go to the West Gym and Parents are kindly asked to go to Myers Gym.

JMSS Tours:

John McGregor Secondary School is having their Grade 8 Open House for students and parents on Wednesday, January 15th. It runs from 6:30 until 9:00 p.m. Students will meet in the Larry Lahey Athletic Centre and parents convene in the Fergie Jenkins auditorium at 6:30 sharp.

Report Cards

Our first term report cards will be sent home on Friday, February 14th. These report cards will cover areas of achievement, growth and areas to focus on for the remainder of the year.

KinderSTART:

King George is once again very pleased to offer our new to Junior Kindergarten students a registration event on Tuesday, February 4th. KinderSTART is a one day event for students who are turning 4 in 2020 and will be joining our Full Day Kindergarten in September.

Not only is KinderSTART an opportunity to register your child for the upcoming school year, it also is a chance to meet our current FDK teaching staff! There will also be areas set up to get tips on healthy living and immunization for your child(ren.) You are also encouraged to bring younger siblings (18 months – 3 years) to participate in the Ages and Stages developmental screening. We very much hope to see you and your child at the school between 9:00 – 5:30 on February 4th !

School Council:

The next school council meeting will take place on Monday, January 13th at 6:00. All are most welcome.

Playground Safety:

Playground equipment will be closed until further notice. Playground equipment is not safe to use in freezing temperatures or when it is wet or with snow build-up. The equipment will be placed "off-limits". Parents and children who usually use our equipment after school are asked for their own safety not to use the equipment after hours.

Student Absence Routines:

On behalf of the office, we very much appreciate the morning calls and messages that we receive notifying us of student absences. This helps significantly with our safe arrival program, assuring we are accurately accounting for student attendance. Calls to the absence line can be made at any time, should you know of a student absence. Thank you for your help in making our attendance process as streamlined as possible.

Harvest Fresh/Pizza

As a reminder, our hot lunches will continue on our first Monday back (January 6th) and will continue to be served at 1:00 for those who placed orders.

Important Dates

January 6	School resumes
January 13	Parent Council Meeting - 6pm
January 13	CKSS visit for grade 8's
January 15	JMSS Open House – grade 8's 6:30-9:00 pm
January 16	CKSS Open House – grade 8's 6:30- 9:00 pm
January 18	Bingo Riverview Bingo Palace 8 pm & 10 pm
January 24	Skating
January 27-29	Tawingo – Grade 7
January 31	PA Day- No School
February 4	KinderSTART
February 14	Skating
February 14	Term 1 Reports home
February 17	Family Day
February 21	Graduation Photo Day

