



# King George VI Public School

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## October 2020 Newsletter

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### **Principal's Message:**

It is hard to believe that the first month of school is over! Our students have settled nicely into their classes, and new friendships have been established. Our students have shown remarkable efforts with new school protocols and procedures related to COVID-19. Thank-you to our entire staff for working so diligently with our students, and to our custodians for their efforts with frequent cleaning. Thank-you also to our parents/guardians for speaking to your child(ren) about the importance of wearing masks, frequent hand hygiene, and the need to maintain social distancing while at school. We appreciate everyone working together on these important COVID- 19 initiatives to help keep our school community safe.

### **Parent Council:**

The next parent council meeting will take place on Tuesday October 13 time to be announced. Everyone is welcome to this virtual meeting. This meeting will see all those who have been nominated be acclaimed (should there be less than 14 who are nominated) or will be voted in (should there be more than 14) Following this, our executive will be voted in. Just a reminder, that all nomination forms are due by Wednesday October 7<sup>th</sup>. See election Information attached to the Newsletter. To attend the Virtual Meeting please email Alicia Blonde at [liciaae@hotmail.com](mailto:liciaae@hotmail.com)

### **SAFETY OF YOUR CHILDREN @ King George.**

1. Parents are reminded that if they do not want their child to participate in photographs/videotapes/films, they are to notify the office in writing.
2. For safety reasons we have changed the signs around the school to indicate **NO DOGS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY.** We want to provide a safe environment for our students, staff and school community. We can never predict how a dog will react near other dogs. We are asking that you respect our rules for the safety of our school community.
3. Parents are reminded that when visiting the school, they must ring the bell and office personnel will come to the door to help you out. Presently parents are not allowed in the building due to Pandemic restrictions.
4. During October and November, all students will participate in various safety drills. Teachers and parents are asked to remind students that these are practice drills only. These are all procedures to help keep your child safe here at King George.
5. Students arriving late or leaving early need to be signed in/out at the office.
6. Please review Stranger Danger with your children and ask them to report anything suspicious immediately to the office.

## Reporting Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school, please continue to call the school at **519- 354-2440**. When you leave a message, include the first and last name of your child, his/her teacher, and the reason for your child's absence and when he/she will return to school. Our answering machine is available 24 hours a day for reporting absences. Thank-you in advance for your assistance with reporting any absences. Your calls and notes are of great assistance to Mrs. Goodall.

## Orange Shirt Day

Thank-you to everyone for participating in Orange T-Shirt Day in recognition of survivors of Residential Schools and to those students who never returned home. Our educators used a variety of resources to help our students learn more about the significance of this day. Our work towards increasing our knowledge about Indigenous Education will be ongoing throughout the year.

## Student Accident Insurance

The LKDSB does not provide accident insurance coverage for student injuries. Families may wish to voluntarily purchase an insurance plan to provide supplemental coverage. Learn more at: [insuremykids.com](http://insuremykids.com) or call 1-800-463-5437.

## Online Platforms -See Saw/Google Classroom

Our teachers have all set up online platforms for communication/school work purposes. If you need this information, please contact your child's teacher. We encourage everyone to be set up with the online platform for your child's class in the event that our school/board has to move to remote learning at anytime.

## Terry Fox School Run

Our students and staff will honour the memory of Terry Fox by participating in our annual Terry Fox Run at the school. Our classes will be participating at different times to respect social distancing. Thank-you for considering to donate funds online to support cancer research.

## Moving Between Learn at Home and Face to Face Instruction

Just a reminder for families wishing to transfer between face-to-face learning to Learn at Home or transfer from Learn at Home to face-to-face instruction must contact their principal according to the following timelines:

- **Fall date: Families notify school by October 22. Student begins new program type on November 16.**
- **Winter date: Families notify school by January 12. Student begins new program type on February 3.**
- **Spring date: Families notify school by March 30. Student begins new program type on April 20.**

Students moving between program delivery choice (i.e. face-to-face learning or Learn at Home) should anticipate changes in teacher(s). If space is available, the LKDSB will attempt to accommodate all requests sooner than the dates above; however, this will vary from school-to-school and grade-by-grade and may not be possible. Transportation delays may also occur.

Please note: Parents/guardians will have limited opportunities within the school year to switch their child's school experience between face-to-face instruction and Learn at Home instruction (or vice versa).

## UPCOMING DATES

Monday Oct 12<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving , Friday Nov 20<sup>th</sup> Pa Day, December 21-Jan 4<sup>th</sup> Winter Break, Tuesday February 2<sup>nd</sup> Pa Day, Monday Feb 15<sup>th</sup> Family Day, March 15-19 March Break, Friday April 2<sup>nd</sup> Good Friday, Monday April 5<sup>th</sup> Easter Monday, Monday May 24<sup>th</sup> Victoria Day, Friday June 4<sup>th</sup> PA Day, Monday June 28<sup>th</sup> Last day.