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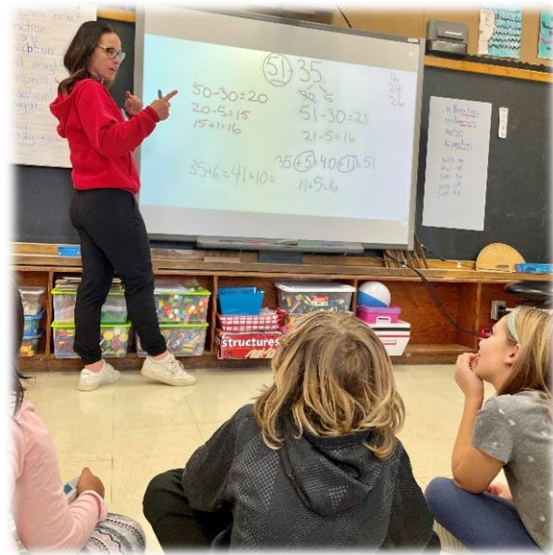
A Few Words from the Principal

December 2023

Did you know that teachers at King George VI regularly lead students in **Number Talks**? These typically take 5-15 minutes and are based around carefully selected and purposeful computation problems. The goal of a **Number Talk** is to build students' understanding of numbers and help students to become more flexible with their math thinking. It also gives students a chance to practise explaining their thinking, which provides teachers with valuable insights.

Number Talks foster communication and encourage a growth mindset. Students share ways they might solve each problem; sometimes their strategies and solutions are correct, other times they are not – regardless, students develop a growth mindset and learn through both correct and incorrect responses. Sharing their strategies allows students to:

- ✓ clarify and communicate their thinking
- ✓ investigate and apply mathematical relationships
- ✓ build a bank of efficient and effective strategies
- ✓ make decisions about choosing effective and efficient strategies for specific problems
- ✓ consider alternative strategies to test their mathematical logic



We need families to help at home! By simply discussing mathematics and related strategies when you come across real-life, everyday problems, children develop their mathematical understanding and can show off the strategies they are learning at school. Be sure to give children time to **explain how** they came to their answer or solution to a problem - you may be surprised by the logic of their strategies!

As we approach the end of 2023 and the beginning of 2024, there are plenty of exciting things to look forward to this holiday season and into the New Year! Please join us for our **Holiday Celebration**, a performance for King George VI families and guests, on **Wednesday, December 20, 2023 @ 12:00 p.m.**

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 November & December:

December 4-6	Volleyball Playoffs, Boys & Girls @ Errol Road PS
December 8	Spirit Day – Wear House Team Colours (Red OR Black)
December 15	Spirit Day – Wear House Team Colours (Red OR Black)
December 15	Pizza Lunch (Boston Pizza, 1 st Break)
December 20	HOLIDAY CELEBRATION – 12:00 p.m. (Parent, Guardians, and Guests Welcome!)
December 21	Sloan’s Trip – Kindergarten through Grade 8 – DRESS WARMLY!
December 22	Last Day of School – Winter Break Begins
January 8	Back to School
January 10	School Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

School Council

Thank you, School Council, for your recent fundraising efforts – with the support of our incredible community, MacMillan’s raised **\$2,386**, and our Bazaar earned **\$1,200!** We appreciate all the hard work that you do to support King George VI School and its students.

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 (2nd Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 p.m.) and engage in special events and projects. Our next meeting will be held on **January 10, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.** New members welcome!

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

Through December, students and staff will discuss **responsibility**, what it means, why it’s important, and how it can lead to a more safe and caring school community. Responsibility is doing the things you are supposed to do and accepting the outcomes of your actions.



A responsibility may mean doing a task that you are expected to do – to finish your schoolwork and put forth your best effort, or to take out the garbage; it’s your responsibility to do your best at school and contribute to chores at home. Responsibility might also be the way you are expected to act – when you are playing outside at recess, you do so in a way that won’t hurt yourself or others; it’s your responsibility to have fun in a safe and courteous way.

Please continue the conversation at home – discuss ‘responsibility’, read books showcasing responsibility as a theme, review chores and other ways children can be responsible at home and school, and highlight how they themselves demonstrate responsibility.

Knight's Corner

Our school has a weekly segment on our announcements called *Knight's Corner*. It's a chance for students to show off their skills in singing, sports, dance, artwork, and more. We're always in awe of their talent, and we look forward to seeing what they have in store for us! Sometimes we film these talents at school, however, if you have clips of your child's talent from events outside of school, we welcome those as well. Recently, we featured a remarkable dance solo by one of our students at her recital. We invite you to submit a brief clip (+/- one minute long) to Mrs. Van Wolde (amanda.vanwolde@lkdsb.com).

Congratulations to **Knight Award** recipients (Delilah, Dylan, Leo, Manav), as well as our **Character Award** recipients who demonstrated Respect through the month of November.



Remembrance Day Assembly



Sarnia Sting School Game

Grades 3-6 had a blast at the Sarnia Sting School Game on November 7th.



Volleyball Teams

Congratulations to all our student-athletes who represented King George VI so well throughout this year's Volleyball season! Thank you to coaches: Mrs. Holmes, Mme Petrucci, Mrs. Randall.

