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A Few Words from the Principal

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Did you know that hands-on, open-ended science opportunities in K-8 schools are critical for establishing sound foundations for learning in high school and beyond? At King George VI, teachers provide students with a myriad of such opportunities, instilling a sense of curiosity about the world in which we live. Intentionally designing lessons that include open-ended questions and hands-on exploration is fundamental to scientific inquiry and engineering. By crafting such engaging lessons, teachers deepen children's intrinsic curiosity, spark their interest, and build upon their ability to reason. Children become "scientists" as they plan and carry out investigations, solve problems, create models, analyze and interpret data, construct explanations, and design solutions. These opportunities allow them to deepen their understandings of fundamental concepts over time, preparing them for high school and beyond.



Students pictured engaged in coding and robotics with Ozobots, design and build lemon batteries, and explore a variety of physics concepts with the mentorship of scientists thanks to our LKDSB *Adopt-a-Scientist* program. More photos on page 4.



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 February:

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| February 1 | Grad Photos Kindergarten Registration |
| February 2 | PD Day Kindergarten Registration |
| February 6 | Builders Club Induction Ceremony @ 11:10 a.m., parents & guardians invited |
| February 9 | 2 nd Annual King George VI Spelling Bee @ 9:50 a.m., parents & guardians invited |
| February 9 | Spirit Day – Wear House Team Colours (Red OR Black) Pizza Lunch (Dominos) |
| February 14 | Valentine's Day Cake Raffle |
| February 16 | Spirit Day – Wear House Team Colours (Red OR Black) DO Gibson – “ <i>Stay Driven</i> ” Assembly @ 9:30 a.m. |
| February 19 | Family Day – School Closed |
| February 21 | Family Game Night – 5:30-7:00 p.m. |
| February 23 | Spirit Day – PJs & Comfy Clothing |
| February 29 | 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 (2nd Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 p.m.) and engage in special events and projects. Due to Valentine's Day, our next meeting will be held on **February 7, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.** New members (or curious parents & guardians!) 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

Through February, students and staff will discuss **inclusiveness**, what it means, why it's important, and how it can lead to a more safe and caring school community. Inclusiveness is when we embrace others regardless of who they are; accepting that people can have different beliefs and values; going out of one's way to include another.

I encourage you to extend the conversation at home – speak with your child(ren) about inclusiveness, share stories of how you've demonstrated inclusiveness in your own lives, and brainstorm how your child(ren) can be more intentionally inclusive of others.



Knight's Corner

Our school has a weekly segment on our announcements called *Knight's Corner* - 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. We invite you to submit a brief clip (+/- one minute long) to Mrs. Van Wolde (amanda.vanwolde@lkdsb.com).

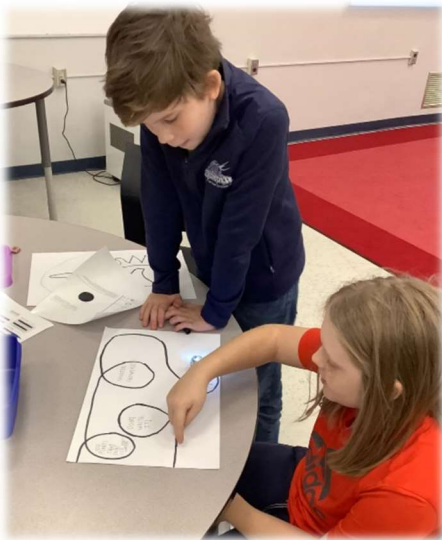
Congratulations to **Knight Award** recipients from December (Nancy, Audrey, Peyton, Mason) And from January (Margaret, Eddie, Arielle, and Jaxon).



Character Award recipients who demonstrated Respect through the month of November, and Integrity through the month of December.



More King George VI students engaged in hands-on science learning...



Sarnia Police Presentation on Social Media and Online Safety...



Builders Club winter food drive...



Winter fun at Sloan's and on the playground...





Sarnia Sting Visit...



Greeting cards designed with LED lights and watch batteries...

