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A Few Words from the Principal

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February is typically a “slow” month in the scheme of a school year...but not at King George VI!

We hope you enjoyed **Family Game Night**! A special thank you to *Michelle Murray* for taking the lead on planning of this special evening, and to you, parents and guardians, for *partnering together* to support student learning at King George VI. Back at our September Open House, we discussed the importance of a *literacy & numeracy rich home environments*: practising site words and math facts, reading to/with children, talking about math as a family, and playing games – anything to engage your child(ren) in learning, especially when it’s disguised as fun! This evening was just that – families coming together to have fun (and eat pizza!) and engage in critical thinking, problem solving, math, and language. Thank you to *School Council* for supporting this new event through a *Parents Reaching Out* grant. What a fantastic community!

Congratulations to our inaugural **School-Wide Spelling Bee** champion, Lincoln (Grade 4), who will represent King George VI at the regional competition in Windsor the weekend of March 25. Congratulations to *all participants*, too – it’s harder than it looks to stand on stage in front of hundreds of audience members and maintain the focus to spell such tricky words; you all did a fantastic job and should be incredibly proud of yourselves.

Pizza Lunch will be available again in March. Orders are **DUE March 16** for **DELIVERY March 24**. All orders must go through School Cash Online, and our due date is firm.

We wish you all a safe and joyful March Break with family and friends! Remember to check out **King George VI on Facebook** – it’s a great way to get a sneak-peek into our terrific little school. Please call, email, or pop by if you have questions or concerns, or to just say, ‘Hi!’ – my door is always open. (adam.carswell@lkdsb.net)

Warmest regards,

Dr. Adam Carswell, Principal

School Council

King George VI School Council will have its next meeting in the Learning Commons at school on **Wednesday, April 12 @ 6:30 p.m.** If you would like to attend, please reach out so that I can share the agenda when it's ready.

Thank you to School Council and our parent/guardian community for some incredible February fundraisers (The Great Valentine's Day Cake Raffle, Pasta Fest @ Dante Club, and Hot Lunch). Thank you, also, for support of our Family Game Night through the *Parents Reaching Out* grant, and for your contribution of Tim's Hot Chocolate during our Winter Carnival.

Character @ King George VI

Through March, students and staff will discuss **citizenship**, what it means, why it's important, and how it can lead to a more safe and caring school community. At our assembly, we reminded students that we are a school community full of citizens. But what makes a **good** citizen? First, good citizens **accept** one another for who they are and embrace their differences. Second, good citizens **respect** one another, and even when disagreements do occur, good citizens are peaceful problem solvers. Finally, good citizens **do their part** within their community – they lend a helping hand when and where they can to improve their community for all its citizens. I couldn't be more proud of our King George VI community and all of its amazing citizens – including our parents and guardians!



Indigenous Education School-Wide Focus: "My Heart Fills With Happiness" by Monique Gray Smith



Students and staff read the book, then reflected about what fills their own hearts. Discussions and follow-up work reflected the book's themes: nature, family, culture.

February **Character Award** recipients, recognized for *inclusiveness*.



February **Knight Award** recipients,
recognized for *hard work & kindness*.
Congratulations, Olivia, Hudson, Eli, and Lukas



Caribou Mathematics Contest Winners:

Om, 1st Place in Board, Grades 7 & 8
Lukas, 1st Place in Board, Grades 5 & 6
Mason, 3rd Place in Board, Grades 5 & 6



Mrs. Menheere's class dazzled us with an impressive performance at this month's assembly.





Enjoy this sample of February Facebook posts: Spelling Bee, DEAR Day, Winter Carnival, Games Night, Free Throw Competition, Classroom Highlights, and more!