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**A Few Words from the Principal**

**June 1, 2022**

June always brings about vibrant energy in the classrooms, hallways, and playground at school. Staff and students alike can taste summertime on the horizon, yet there is still so much to look forward to here at school: year-end field trips, class picnics, water days, track and field meet, lip synch performances, career fair, grade 8 vs teachers baseball game, Builder's Club induction ceremony and of course, grade 8 graduation. Let the good times begin!

As the weather warms and trips to the beach or backyard pool begin, please remember that children should always be supervised while in or near the water. Also, as bikes, scooters, and skateboards get dusted off after a lonely winter in the shed, basement, or garage, I'd like to remind parents and guardians about the importance of always wearing a helmet. We look forward to seeing our Knights back in September, healthy and happy after a *safe* summer!

I want to share my sincere gratitude for the warm welcome I've felt these past 5 months as our school's new principal – it's been such a pleasure getting to know parents and guardians, staff, and most importantly, our students. I've learned quickly how proud and passionate our community is to be part of King George VI School.

Finally, I'd like to express my sincere appreciation to the staff of King George VI, the foundation of our fantastic school. Their tireless efforts to provide students with the absolute best school experience possible is noticed by many. Please join me in wishing them a well-earned and wonderful summer as they rest, recharge, spend time with family and friends, and prepare for another action-packed school year for 2022-23.

As always, please visit [King George VI on Facebook](#) – you'll find 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, concerns, or to just say, 'Hi!' – my door is always open. ([adam.carswell@lkdsb.net](mailto:adam.carswell@lkdsb.net))

Warmest regards,

Dr. Adam Carswell, Principal

**Congratulations!**

Congratulations to our *Character Award* recipients for the month of April!



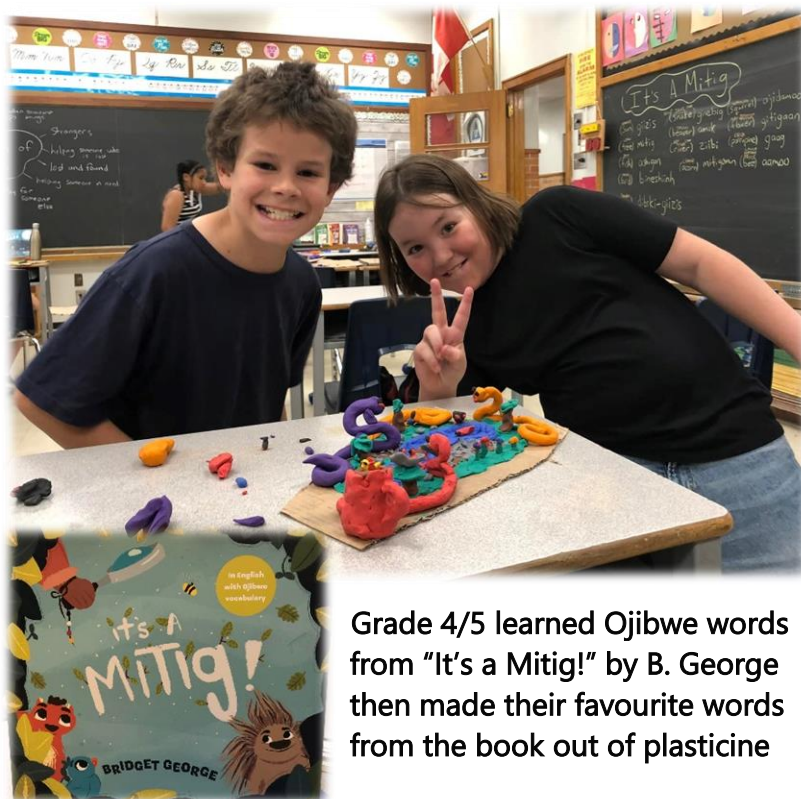
Congratulations to our *Knight Award* recipients; one each from Kindergarten, Primary, Junior, and Intermediate Divisions. We hope you display your certificates with pride!







Intermediate students hit the courts at the Sarnia Tennis Club



Grade 4/5 learned Ojibwe words from "It's a Mitig!" by B. George then made their favourite words from the book out of plasticine



Grade 4-8 marked their ballots, experiencing democracy firsthand



## Track & Field

We had a sunny (but windy!) day for this year's King George VI track meet at Northern – it was so nice to see our Knights giving their all out on the track, the jumping pits, and in the field. Thank you to our track and field coaches (Mrs. Boston, Mr. Raiger, Mr. Bouma) – please join me in wishing our track and field team all the best at the LKESSA regional meet June 7. Go Knights!



## June is Pride Month

King George VI is proudly flying the new Progress Pride Flag. The symbolism of the colours are:

black = diversity, brown = inclusivity, (black and brown also represent marginalized LGBTQ+ communities of colour), light blue and white are on the transgender pride flag, pink = sex, red = life, orange = healing, yellow = sunlight, green = nature, blue = serenity, and indigo = spirit.



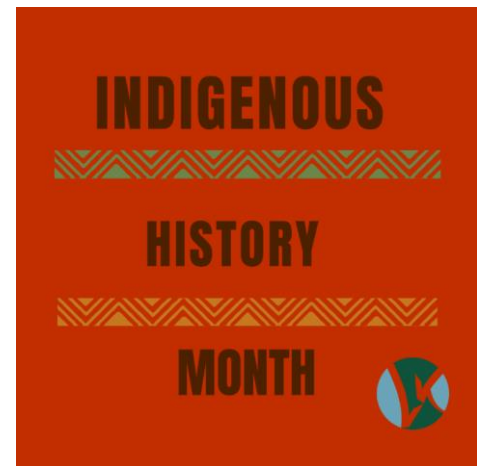
## Indigenous History Month

In June and every day, we recognize and celebrate the histories of the Chippewa, Odawa, Potawatomi, and Delaware Nations known as the Anishinaabeg and the Delaware known as the Lunaapew and that these peoples inhabited these lands at the time of written treaties, these being: Treaty #2; Treaty #7; and Treaty #29.

We also acknowledge the earlier Indigenous people that travelled these lands prior to 1790 in the time of the Wampum treaties.

It is through their connection with the spirit of the land, water, and air that we recognize unique Indigenous culture, traditions, and values. It is their belief that they are part of the land that sustains all life, and it is the sacred responsibility of all people to ensure that the environment remains protected.

Finally, we acknowledge that their inherent languages preclude any English/French meaning.



## Character @ King George VI

Throughout the month of June, students and staff will discuss **citizenship**. 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 – and yes, this includes you, parents and guardians!



## School Council

King George VI School Council met for its year-end social on May 26, 2022 to celebrate the successes our School Council has had this year – thank you to the Carsons for hosting! Thank you to all who've participated throughout the school year – School Council is such an integral part of our King George VI community. I encourage interested parents to consider joining our positive and productive School Council in 2022-23.

## A Few Important Reminders

If your child is **absent**, please **call the school office** and let us know or use **School Messenger** so we can report the absence appropriately in our system.

If you have **moved** or **changed phone numbers or email address**, please let the school know.

## Dates to Remember

Friday, June 10, 2022	PA Day – No School
Wednesday, June 29, 2022	PA Day – No School
Thursday, June 30, 2022	Summer Begins
Tuesday, September 6, 2022	First Day of 2022-2023 School Year

