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A Few Words from the Principal

March 1, 2022

Despite the cold weather and snow we've been having, there's never been a more fitting application of the expression, "*Never a dull moment!*" than here at King George VI! February has included many exciting learning opportunities, community building activities, and adventures:

- ✓ we celebrated the important roles Black Canadians play in our history and society, and the contributions they continue to make in Canada and around the world
 - ✓ we launched our new Seaway Kiwanis Builders' Club where intermediate students will build leadership skills through service to their school and community
 - ✓ we learned about and celebrated the Olympics and our Canadian athletes (thank you Mr. Bouma for hosting our very own KGVI Olympics in the Learning Commons)
 - ✓ we've officially kicked off basketball season – Go Knights! (thank you Mr. Raiger and Mr. Bouma for coaching)
 - ✓ we welcomed our newest little Knights during Kindergarten Registration
 - ✓ we dressed in pink shirts to celebrate kindness on Pink Shirt Day and Valentine's Day
 - ✓ we had fun dressing up for TWOsday 02-22-2022 (Mrs. Chambers and Mrs. Randall took it next level with, "two peas in a pod")
 - ✓ we launched our first student-initiated club: Dungeons & Dragons
 - ✓ we celebrated our 100th day of school (Ms. Boston's curlers were amazing)
 - ✓ we explored outside with snowshoes (Mrs. Latta overcame her fear of climbing in snowshoes, and I might've even raced a few of the intermediate students 😊)
 - ✓ we learned about coding and programmed robots in the Learning Commons
- ... and that's just the tip of the iceberg!

For more, please visit the [King George VI Facebook page](#) – you'll find it's a great way to get a sneak-peek into our terrific little school. Thank you to Mrs. Shaw for taking the reins on keeping our social media loaded with great content. Please call, email, or pop by if you have questions or concerns, or just to say, 'Hi!' – my door is always open. (adam.carswell@lkdsb.net)

Warmest regards,

Dr. Adam Carswell, Principal



Grade 6, 7, 8 Snowshoe Adventures



Two Peas in a Pod 2-2-2022



100th Day of School in Kindergarten



100th Day of School in SK/Grade 1



Grade 1 Measurement Centres

School Council

King George VI School Council had another productive meeting (virtually) on February 9, 2022. We have some exciting school community events in the works for this spring! When plans firm up, we'll let you know; in the meantime, please save the date: May 4th (May 5th rain date)! Our next meeting takes place (virtually) on **Wednesday, April 13, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.** – if you would like to attend, please reach out so that I can share the link and agenda when it's ready.

Term One Report Cards

We hope you've received and reviewed your child's Report Card and Kindergarten Communication of Learning, sent home Friday, February 18, 2022. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your child's teacher.

Count Me In! Census Information Gathering



March 1-25, 2022, the Lambton Kent District School Board (LKDSB) will launch the Count Me In LKDSB Student Census to collect information to better understand students and school communities in support of equity, inclusion, student achievement and well-being. The *Count Me In LKDSB Student Census* will reflect information about student populations and school communities to help identify systemic barriers and bias within the education system. It will help to ensure that the LKDSB is providing effective programming to support student success and well-being, as well as allocate resources to where they are needed

most. This voluntary student census will gather demographic information such as race, ethnicity, language, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, and home supports. Questionnaires for students will be sent to parent/guardian emails to complete with or on behalf of your child.

Kindergarten Playground

Upon my arrival at King George VI, I quickly learned about the school community's need for an improved outdoor play space for our littlest Knights – our kindergarten students. Of course, this will require a significant amount of funding; a team effort. The wheels of progress often turn much slower than we'd like, but rest assured, they are turning! Keep your eyes and ears open as plans continue to develop...we'll need all the help we can get! In the meantime, if you become aware of any grants or funding opportunities, I would be delighted to hear from you.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to our February Knight Award and Character Award recipients; we hope you display your certificates at home with pride!

Character @ King George VI

Throughout the month of March, 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. I encourage you to extend the conversation at home – speak with your child(ren) about inclusiveness and empathy, 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.



Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration for September 2022 is here. If you know anyone interested in registering their child, please let them know that registrations will be accepted online. Eligible students must be 4 or 5 years of age by December 31st, 2022.

Registration is as easy as 1, 2, 3

1. Find your school.
2. Complete the simple, safe, and secure online registration form.
3. Meet with our caring staff. (More information to follow on April and June dates where we will host incoming kindergarten students and their families.)

A Few Important Reminders

If your child is **absent**, please **call the school office** and let us know 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.

Please complete the Ontario COVID-19 School Screening before your child comes to school. Parents of students in kindergarten through grade 3 must also confirm via Messenger email or through your child's teacher, until further notice.

Beginning March 7, 2022, **students will remain outside on the school yard prior to the bell** before the school day begins at 9:10 a.m.

Dates to Remember

Friday, March 4, 2022	Spirit Day – Show KGVI Pride!
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March 14-18, 2022	March Break – No School
Friday, March 25, 2022	Orange Shirt Day – Every Child Matters
Wednesday, April 13, 2022	School Council Meeting
Friday, April 15, 2022	Good Friday – No School
Monday, April 18, 2022	Easter Monday – No School
Monday, May 23, 2022	Victoria Day – No School
Friday, June 10, 2022	PA Day – No School
Wednesday, June 29, 2022	PA Day – No School
Thursday, June 30, 2022	Summer Begins