



March NEWSLETTER

Last month my focus was on attendance and I am pleased to say that we did see an improvement with students arriving on time. We had a few less students waiting at the front door while announcements were playing which is very good and teaches students that punctuality is important. Unfortunately, there was a glitch and some families received letters who shouldn't have, specifically students who were told

to be off. I am so sorry for this and please know that those letters were not filed in your child's Ontario School Record.

As you have all heard there have been changes to our protocol for sick students. It is very important that you understand these changes - **Students with new or worsening symptoms of COVID-19, as outlined in the school and child care screening tool, even those with only one symptom, must stay home until:**

- They receive a negative COVID-19 test result.
- They receive an alternative diagnosis from a health care professional.
- It has been 10 days since their symptom onset and they are feeling better.

The provincial school screening tool has been updated to reflect these changes:

<http://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

It is important to note that if your child OR an adult has symptoms, all other parents and siblings in the household must quarantine until that person receives a negative COVID test result, or an alternative diagnosis. This means that all siblings even if they attend a different school, will be sent home. If anyone in your household tests positive, was not tested, or has not received an alternative diagnosis, the symptomatic individual must isolate.

We know that it takes all of us being vigilant to keep our community safe. Thank you for your on-going support.

Stay well,

- Mrs. Ostapek, Principal

Kids Help Phone

This has been a stressful time for adults, and we need to remember that it is stressful for children as well.

Sometimes they need to talk to someone who is not mom, dad, or their teacher. We encourage you to share with your children and teens: **Students: need to talk? Get help 24/7 at kidshelpphone.ca or 1-800-668-6868, or text 686868.**

KEEP OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY SAFE



Do not come to school if...



You or someone you are in close contact with have travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 days



You have been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19



You have any of the following symptoms

- Fever
- New or worse cough
- Shortness of breath
- Difficulty breathing
- Sore throat
- Headaches
- Diarrhea
- Unexplained fatigue/malaise/muscle aches
- Chills
- Runny nose/nasal congestion without known cause
- Nausea/vomiting
- Pink eye (conjunctivitis)
- Difficulty walking
- Abdominal pain
- Decrease or loss of sense of smell or taste



Help Stop the Spread of COVID-19
www.kprschoools.ca

Inclement Weather Reminder

- when ALL buses are cancelled across the entire board, ALL schools will be closed for the day
- when ALL buses are cancelled within a specific geographic region of the board, such as the Municipality of Clarington, Northumberland County or Peterborough County, schools in that region only will be closed for the day
- and, finally, if ALL buses are cancelled for a specific school or group of schools, only that school or group of schools will be closed for the day.

When only a few buses are cancelled, or buses are delayed, schools will remain open.

Schools will provide learning for students to work at home on these days in a variety of ways, either through previously assigned or new work through the classroom teachers' regular communication platforms, based on the age and grade of the students. Virtual elementary and secondary school programming on snow days will continue as normal.

We will inform families of school closures on snow days in several ways, including local news media, on www.kprschoools.ca, through our social media channels (@kprschoools on Twitter and KPR Facebook).



Scent Sensitive & Peanut Reminder



We ask for your help in keeping our school a scent sensitive and peanut free place for all to enjoy.

Some examples are: scented hairspray, bounce sheets, certain deodorants, essential oils and scented hand sanitizer.



NO DOGS ALLOWED

Kindly keep your dogs (both small and large) at home or off property if you are picking your child up. Dogs must be kept away from our students as some are very afraid while

others may have allergies. Please spread the word and help us keep our students safe.

Instructional time is valuable, even the last few minutes.

If you are picking your child up at 3pm we will not be calling into classrooms and disrupting the final moments of instructional time. We ask that you wait outside until the bell rings.



Remember to send a water bottle each day. We do not have extras and students may not use our water fountains but can fill their bottles at the filling station.

For Your Information



Kindergarten Registration 2021-2022

If your child will be 4 by December 2021, register [online now](#) for Kindergarten starting in September.

When completing the on-line registration, create an account using your email address. Then complete the fillable fields, providing the information requested. Submit the form to be reviewed by the school. The secretary will check the form for completeness and accuracy. The form may be sent back and forth between parent/guardian to ensure it is complete.

Finally, verification documents will need to be provided once schools are open and secretaries are able to book appointments.

- Birth certificate
- Proof of address
- Citizen verification
- Custody documents (if applicable)



School Council will meet again on Tuesday March 16th at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome to join our virtual meeting. Please contact the school Chair for information: Julie McLean jmaddison@icloud.com



Please welcome our Trent University Teacher Candidates to our school for the next few weeks. They will follow the same safety protocols that all KPR employees do. We look forward to learning from them and guiding their learning as they work towards certification.

Stay well, Stay safe, Stay kind 