

Kingsdale Korner: November 13th, 2017

Remembrance Day Assembly: This solemn assembly was well represented. The speaker was a former Greendale student, Nicholas Dolmat who spoke very eloquently... our students were truly engaged.

The courtesy crew (Mrs. Suzannah) did their wonderful job and the audience was really well behaved. Mrs. Sandra King's presenters (Suraya, Maia and Samantha) did really well with their bilingual speeches....the choir was amazing and ended with a song that Mr. Billings White had taught the whole school. The minute of silent went by in total silence. Every student had a Poppy and held a small Canadian flag. Thank you to Mrs. Sandra B, Mr. Peter Craigmyle, Mr. Peter Chan and Mr. Bromby for all of their help with a special thank you to our three dedicated Staff: Mrs. Sandra King, Mr. Billings White and Mrs. Suzannah.

I was quite impressed to read many of the poems and comments that students expressed when conveying their feelings or thoughts on peace, war and the War Veterans. Great work teachers and parents.

Parent /Teacher Interviews on Fusion- We will soon be opening our session on Fusion so that you can secure a 10 min appointment for your child /children. Both the English and French teachers will be meeting with you at the same time.

Staff Update: Mme Yara will be back at school tomorrow. Mme Carosielli, Mme Yacoub and Mrs. Boyle are on a leave. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Constable Khobee Visits: Class visits continue this week.

Terry Fox Assembly: An assembly will be held soon, where our total tally raised will be unveiled.

Fundraisers- Leucan Money Boxes, Shoe Boxes Drives, Food Drives, Toy Drives, Bake Sales, and Scholastic Book Fair etc: Please note that all of these initiatives are on a voluntary basis.

School Fees- Gentle Reminder-Please try to pay as soon as possible. You can contact me if you would like to make any arrangements.

Students must arrive to school on time: We are asking for your support in making sure that your child arrives in school for the morning walk. Your child/ren end up missing the Homeroom rituals on a daily basis. It can cause them unnecessary stress and anxiety when they aren't at their desk when class begins.

Music Classes- Please send in your money ASAP for Recorders and Mouth Pieces etc.

Acts of Kindness Recognition: Please remind your children that if they receive one to bring it to the office.

School Recycling Initiative- Recycling Batteries: Your children can bring in all types of batteries (except Car Batteries) that we will be recycling. Join us in saving our planet. Thank you Miss Suzannah and Student Council.

Lost & Found: It is stemming to be a continual problem. Many clothing and other items are lost without names.

Learn Quebec- This is such a great free tutorial tool. www.learnquebec.ca/ . Many students use this in Cycle 3. You simply follow instructions and your child receives online free tutoring.

H&S Corner:

TCBY (preorders only) is Wednesday Nov 15th.

A special fundraiser is happening Monday, Nov 20th from 6pm to 9pm at 10000 Villages. Come on out and do some holiday shopping - a percentage of all sales from that evening will fund activities for the kids.

Registration for the 2nd Annual Holiday Craft & Vendor Fair continues. Please email kingsdalehomeandschool@gmail.com for more information.

If you are interested in joining one of the subcommittees but were unable to be at our last meeting, please send us an email. The next H&S meeting will be **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.**

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Benefits of a 10 mins walk in the morning...if your child walks to school already an added 10 minutes will add wonders.

- 1. It Promotes Heart Health**
- 2. It Improves Brain Function**
- 3. It Eases Depression**
- 4. It Improves Bone Health**
- 5. It Burns Calories**
- 6. It Helps You Breathe Easier**
- 7. It Increases Mindfulness**

Lyons Street in the Morning-Parking-Drop Off Zone-Blocking of the sidewalk. I wanted to inform you that I have had to advise the SPVM about these recurring issues. (I can't be present in that area every morning) Our students... Your Children are at risk of being hit by a vehicle when you park..stop where you aren't supposed to etc. We do not have access to a Crossing Guard. I know that together we can make Lyons Street a safe one.

Lyons Street:

I would like to share one of the many emails that I receive from our Kingsdale Parents.

I have noticed that you have put many notices in the weekly emails regarding stopped cars and no-parking zones on Lyons Street.

However, I do not believe that parents are heeding your reminders.

Lyons Street becomes a one-lane street due to parents parking on the both sides of the street, never mind the NO-parking signs clearly indicating as such.

My concern is that I almost hit a child the other day as his parent stopped where he shouldn't.

This morning, I could not even get onto Lyons street as both sides were blocked.

Why is there not more police presence in the neighborhood ticketing the lazy parents who cannot drive 50 more feet onto Juneau street where they can park?

Why are there not teachers or staff asking parents to move their cars?

This is for everyone's safety; children, parents, and peoples' cars.

Additionally, when I do drop my kids off in the morning as I encourage them to do the walk, they cannot get past the throng of parents and children blocking the entrance to the yard.

Might I suggest that there be more staff involvement or parent volunteers who will alert others when they are parking or standing where they are not supposed to be.

Thank you for your support in this as I am sure all children and adults deserve a safe drop-off zone. A concerned Parent.

Have a great week!

Lucy Glave