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Letter from the Editor

A belated happy 2021 to everyone and hoping that you are all safe and well. As February is the month of St Valentine, you will see a bit of a "love" theme in this edition...and I think we could all use that right now!

We are excited in school to be thinking about spring and all the things we can do with our Kingsdale community gardens. Our focus this year will be to plant things in the garden boxes which will attract birds, butterflies and bees. Many species are dwindling and we will be teaching the Eco Freako team, plus the student body, how to add to or improve the environment in order to redress these balances. Nurturing nature at its best!!

As usual Kingsdale is a hive of activity...gym has been outdoors with lots of snowshoeing, sledding and even orienteering to keep the kids busy. Thanks to Mr.C and Mrs. C for their hard work and creativity 😊 Students have been learning about black history and its importance in our community.

Check out in this month's Kingsdale Times some new articles which we hope will become permanent additions...

Kingsdale Kindie Korner
Eco Freako news
Challenge of the month
Artist's Corner

If any of you have suggestions about things you would like to see in the newspaper, please email me sbartletto2@lbpearson.ca and we will do our best to include your ideas. Please share the Kingsdale Times with everyone you know...this is our community newspaper and we want to reach you all!!

So, happy Valentine's day to all our readers...stay well and take care.

With love and virtual hugs....





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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

You may know that February is black history month. It is a time when we can learn about black history.

Why only February?

When I think about black history month I think, why only February? Black history is important to learn about in any month of the year. But, there is a reason behind it. February was chosen because Abraham Lincoln's birthday is on the 12th of February and Frederick Douglass passed away on the 20th. They were both very important people in history because they were trying to abolish slavery.

What is an abolitionist?

An abolitionist is someone who wants to abolish, or get rid of something....in this case....slavery. Some abolitionists you may know are William Still, Harriet Tubman, and Harriet Beecher Stowe.

What was the Underground Railroad?

The Underground Railroad was neither Underground nor a Railroad. Underground meant 'safe' and Railroad meant 'path'. Runaway slaves would use it to get to the Northern states of America, or later in history, Canada.

Thank you for reading and I hope you learned something new today!

-Maggie

Craft of the Month

By Mykaela O.

Bioplastic

Now before you say what's bioplastic? Let me tell you what it is. Bioplastic is a kind of plastic, which, when you throw it....it turns into something like dirt, but it doesn't stick to anythinga bit like slime but not exactly the same!!

Ingredients

Cornstarch
Water
Oil
Food colouring (optional)

Steps

Pour your cornstarch into a bowl, then add your oil. Pour in the water and lastly the food colouring (food colouring is optional)
Now you can put it into your microwave for 30 seconds on high.

When it's done, start kneading it like playdough then put it in a bowl for one day to dry and then it is ready to play with!!!

ENJOY

This month's events present...

Happy Valentine's Day! ❤️❤️❤️
Mackenzie C.

It's Valentine's Day this month and it's time to get in the spirit! Instead of having just one day to celebrate...let's make February Valentine's Month!!!! Give out chocolates, hand out cards and spend the day with someone special. As we should all know, Valentine's Day is on the 14th (which is on a Sunday) and at our school we have a special event on the 12th (which is a Friday.) You get to wear purple, pink or red. It should be really fun because pink and purple are not normally in our uniform (which is red, white and navy blue!)
So that's all for This Month's Events!

I really love Valentine's Day as it is special to me. Spread the love and kindness for Valentine's Month



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Artist's Corner



This Month's talented artist is Leah T. in Grade 6. Such Beautiful art Leah!!!

WINTER JOKES!!!!!!!

BY MISS LIA'S CLASS 😊❤️❤�

What comes at the end of Christmas day?
The letter y!!!!

What do snowmen eat for breakfast?
Snowflakes!!!!

What does a Polar Bear do on a computer?
They surf the winternet!!!!

What does Santa suffer from when he gets stuck in a chimney?
Santa "claus"trophobia!!!!

Where do snowmen love to dance?
At a snowball!!!!!!!

February movie of the month

"Ruby Bridges"

Rated 5 stars. Suitable for ages 10 and over.

The movie is actually a true story. Ruby's real name is Ruby Nell Bridges. She is now 66 years old.

Ruby was a little black girl, very smart in school but could not go to a good school because she was a black child living in the Southern United States in the 1930's.

Ruby is funny, kind and thoughtful. She was the first black person ever to go to a white school (they called her bad names). Her school is called "William Frantz Elementary school."

She was an American and her teacher's name was Mrs. Henry. Her teacher supported and helped Ruby to learn despite the people of the town being hateful towards her.

Through persevering and people stepping up to help, Ruby continues to go to school which eventually helps other colored children go to white schools.

The movie makes you think how mean and prejudiced people can be. Gacia



"There's no such thing as bad weather, only unsuitable clothing." Please remember your snow gear!



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CHALLENGE OF THE MONTH

By Jamal and Kaleb

We thought we would combine two very high interest things this month for our brand new section... "CHALLENGE OF THE MONTH!"

They are...Minecraft and Valentine's Day!!!!

So... if you have Minecraft at home here's what you can do..

Make a Minecraft structure with a definite Valentine or love theme!!

Take a photo of your creation and send it to me in a google doc **BY FEBRUARY 28TH** at sbartlett02@lbpearson.ca with your name and grade.

There will be a **prize** for the most imaginative idea and the winner will be announced in our March issue of the Kingsdale Times!



Basic Pizza Dough

By Mykaela Obiri

Being able to turn out perfect pizza dough is a basic skill that every good Italian cook master. This dough is quick to make and is perfect for kid's lunches.

Ingredients

- 1 cup water (heated to 115 degrees f)
- 1 tsp.honey
- 1 ¼ -oz. Package active dry yeast
- 2 tsp extra- virgin olive oil plus more for serving.
- 3 cups bread flour, plus more for dusting.
- 1 tsp salt to taste

In a large bowl stir together water, honey and yeast and let it sit until foamy (About 10 min) Add flour and salt and stir until a rough dough forms. Move to a lightly floured surface and knead until smooth. Cover it with a towel and let rise in a warm spot until doubled in size, (about 45 min)

Divide dough into 4 balls and cover with a towel. Let it sit in a warm spot for another 30 min.

Press out flat about ¼ inch thick and place all your toppings.

Bake at 350 degrees for about 20 minutes.
Enjoy!!!!

ECO FREAKO NEWS!!

Just a reminder about our green initiatives at school... We collect batteries for recycling (not car batteries lol) so you can send them in with your kids and we will take care of them.

We encourage everyone to bring a reusable water bottle and not the plastic bottles of water.

We have "POWER HOUR" each day during lunch hours where we turn classroom lights off as we don't need them. We are trying to do our small part to save energy.

"LOVE YOUR ENVIRONMENT!"
THE ECO FREAKOS





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Home & School News

The Kingsdale Home and School would like to wish you all a Happy Valentine's Day and invite you all to our next meeting on Feb 23, 2021 @ 6:30pm via Zoom. All are welcomed to join and participate in conversation and share ideas. Send us an email so we can provide you with the email invite and Zoom link.

Although it has been an unusual year, we remain dedicated to enhancing our children's education and wellbeing by promoting parent involvement, students, educators and the community at large.

To date, despite regulatory constraint, the home and school has contributed toward:

- Welcome back treats for all staff members
- Sponsored 2 books per classroom across all grade levels (English/French)
- Managed the ordering & distribution of Uniform Orders
- Provided a holiday treat per student
- Provided a Valentine's Day treat per student
- Continue to support teacher initiatives

Rest assured, we continue to act as a voice for parents and remain committed to our community.

For more information or you would like to become a voting member, please send an email to kingsdalehomeandschool@gmail.com or visit us on Facebook.

Stay in touch by following us on Facebook

Kingsdale Home and School

Current events!

By Hawa

The attack on the Capitol building.

On January 6, 2021 rioters who have been supporting the United States former President Donald Trump..... Attempted to overturn the 2020 presidential election and stormed the U.S Capitol. This is the building where many of the government workers in America work.

Thousands of people who support Mr. Trump marched from Pennsylvania Avenue to the Capitol. Many stormed into the building to disturb the people who were counting votes because they didn't agree that Joe Biden won the election and they were angry.

Rioters then vandalized the building for several hours. Dozens of people were injured during the attack. Later on, Mr. Trump posted a video on Twitter calling the rioters "great patriots" and told them to "go home in peace" but the damage was already done... It's sad when people can't accept the truth about something and get violent.



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Teacher Feature #2!

Hello! This month's second teacher feature article will be about one of Kingsdale's Physical Education teachers... Mr. C! Here are the questions he was asked!

How long have you been a teacher?

"I have been a teacher for 6 years now."

If you hadn't been a teacher what would you have been?

"A fire-fighter, they get to fight fire! And sleep on bunk beds, they're full adult-hood!!"

Do you have any pets?

"Yes! His name is Baxter. He's half German Shepherd and half Labrador"

What is your favorite food?

"I like all foods, but what I'm best at making is probably ribs."

Where was your best vacation spot?

"Probably Hawaii, it was for my Honeymoon."

Which age do you like teaching best?

"I like teaching all grades because everyone has their own Personality and their own levels."

Do you have any hobbies?

"I like doing sports like volleyball and curling."

What's your favorite tv show?

"First, The Simpsons, second is "How I met your mother" and lastly is "Query."

Would you like to change your job?

"Nah, I like being a PE teacher."

What kind of movies do you like?

"Action, adventures and Jurassic Park."

Book of the Month

Henry's Freedom Box

Henry's Freedom Box is a story about a little boy that is a slave. His master gets sick and then he has to go to another one that is his master son. He is mean and hits him with a stick.

Then one day when he went for a walk humming to himself, he bumped in a girl called Nancy who was a slave too. They married and raised a family but then his family got sold in a market. He was sad so with help from friends, he mailed himself to Pennsylvania where his friends were and where slaves were free.

There was no slavery and he finally got a birthday which was the first day of his freedom.

Gacia K.

Livre du mois pour février

By: Gacia K.

La Vie Secrète des Bonhomme de Neige.

La vie secrète des bonhommes de neige a été créée en 2005.

Caralyn Buehner a écrit le livre et Mark Buehner l'a illustré.

Tout sur le livre!

Quand les enfants vont dormir, le bonhomme de neige prend vie, il boit du chocolat chaud et il fait de la luge.

Les enfants pensent que leurs bonhomme de neige ne prend pas la vie mais les enfants ont découvert que leurs bonhomme de neige peut prendre la vie, mais seulement quand il fait nuit.

Vous pouvez également lire le livre, c'est un très bon livre.



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GRADE 5 STUDENTS WERE ASKED TO WRITE ABOUT THEIR HERO OR HEROINE...LAYLA H. WROTE ABOUT HER SISTER, HAYAM, WHO GRADUATED FROM KINGSDALE LAST YEAR. HERE IS LAYLA'S ESSAY.

MA HÉROÏNE : MA SŒUR HAYAM

Bébé prématuré, HAYAM était née à 28 semaines de gestation (12 semaines plutôt). Elle pesait 997g (moins d'un kilogramme).

Au départ, Quand bébé Hayam est née, elle utilisait un appareil CPAP (un type d'assistance respiratoire) pour l'aider à respirer, ça ne donne pas d'oxygène, mais ajoute une pression pour aider. Hayam à développe les muscles pour ouvrir et fermer ses poumons afin Qu'elle puisse respirer toute seule.

Le 17 mars 2006, le médecin a décidé que les poumons de Hayam sont capables de fonctionner normalement. Il a retiré le CPAP et il a ordonné que l'infirmière doit rester avec ma soeur Hayam au cas de détresse respiratoire. Quand l'infirmière a quitté la pièce, ma soeur Hayam a commencé à manquer d'oxygène, car ses poumons étaient encore très faibles, elle était en détresse respiratoire, sur le point de mourir, mais Dieu merci, elle a été sauvé à la dernière minute.

7 ans après, Hayam est avec l'infirmière qui l'a assisté pendant son séjour à l'hôpital : Elle a dit que Hayam a combattu pour vivre... Elle est une héroïne (photo 2).

Ça c'est ma héroïne Hayam, elle a 14 ans maintenant et elle est en secondaire 3.

