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## Parent Information & News at KKSA

Hello KKSA Parents & Guardians,

This week marks the first official cycle of formal instruction. The grades 6's have made an excellent transition to the routines of rotary. The grade 7's are working well with their new teachers and are enjoying many outdoor learning opportunities, like connecting site based dance to their lessons in Geography. The grade 8's are proving to be excellent role models. Many have taken on responsibilities such as being office helpers and supporting with the morning announcements. Other students are helping to manage and organize the sports equipment bin that goes outside during lunch recess.

### Good News

The grade seven classes are preparing for their overnight trip to Etobicoke Outdoor Education Centre. This is an excellent opportunity for students to bond with one another and forge new friendships in their class grouping. They will participate in a range of outdoor challenges that are linked to their curriculum.

The teachers work hard to develop extensions to their learning that continue on when they return to school.

### Upcoming Dates

**Thu, Sep 17, 3:15-4:30pm**

Fall Yard Clean-up

**Fri, Sep 19, afternoon**

Kids Free Choice (KFC)

**Sep 21-23**

Grade 7 trip

**Sep 21, 6:45-8:00pm**

Parent Council Meeting - Pizza  
& Refreshments will be served!

**Tue, Sep 29th**

Grade 7 & 8 Immunization  
Clinic

The great weather is allowing for our extended use of the outdoor classroom. Students also often eat lunch outside which allows for extended physical activity time.

Clubs and Activities have started up already and the cross country club is in full swing. Additionally, teachers are offering extra support in mathematics two mornings a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:00 AM. Student Parliament will be meeting later this week to share information with those that may be interested in running for election.

## Fundraising

Two students visited me last week to seek approval for a petition that they wanted to circulate. The students want to lobby the government in the hopes of leveraging funds to support Arts Education. They feel that our school should be used as a model for other school environments. This led to our discussion around how monies in our school are used.

At KKSA we do not receive any additional money to support Arts programming. We are creative in our spending and choose to focus on the arts. We rely on our fundraising dollars to help pay for some of the varied experiences that we offer our students. This can be costly. We work hard to keep costs down and to offer different learning experiences each term.

When we fundraise at KKSA your money goes to:

- purchasing new technology that is used by ALL students including cameras, ipads, laptops, projectors, etc.,
- offsetting the cost of special performances and guest speakers
- purchasing specialized materials used in visual arts
- purchasing songs and new materials used in the vocal music program
- supporting our ECO Schools Program
- expanding the circulation material in the library
- offsetting the costs of transportation for clubs and sports activities

We are launching our major fundraiser next week at which time, all the details will be sent home with your child. We are happy to tell you that it does not involve selling magazines (or anything else for that matter). Stay tuned for details!

## Affordability

No child is ever excluded or left behind. If for any reason you are unable to

participate in an initiative or activity being offered at the school, please speak with me directly either via [email](#) or drop by the school any time.

## Parent Council

Your voice makes a difference! Come to a Parent Council meeting to find out more about your school, connect with other parents and to explore various options of how you can support the KKSA community. No act is too small and everyone is welcome! Even if you work full time, we have many ways to be involved on your own time. Our first meeting will be held next Monday, September 21 at 6:45 PM at the school and we will be serving **pizza and refreshments!** We look forward to seeing you then!

## Kid's Free Choice (KFC)

This Friday students will participate in an elective afternoon where they select from various activities that will be hosted by staff members. The purpose of this event is to allow students to work with different people that have a common interest. Ultimately, we continue to work on ensuring that our grade 6s are comfortable in their new environment and the grade 7s and 8s continue to explore new friendship groupings.

Activities will vary from stop-motion animation and yoga, to music mashup and improv, just to name a few. Each student will identify their top two choices and staff will create balanced groupings.

These events replace our gender based activities that have been held in past years. We feel that an emphasis on areas of interest is a more inclusive way to divide students. We feel that it is important to listen and respond to the feedback of our students.

## Clubs

- *Cross Country - Mon, Wed (before school) & Thu (after school)*
- *Student Parliament - Information Meeting*
- *ECO Club - stay tuned!*
- *Math Support (all grades) - Tue & Thu 8:00am*

Thank you for taking the time to read this week's newsletter and please don't

hesitate to contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns.

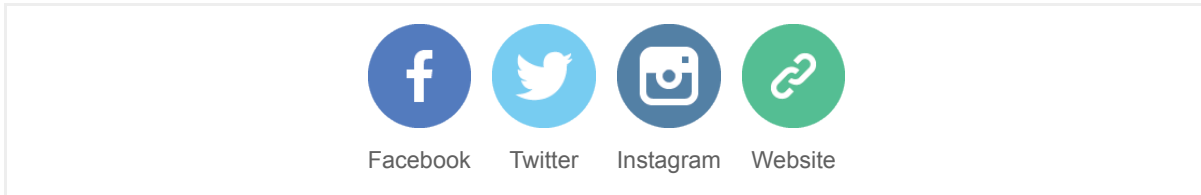
Please note the following important attachments:

[KKSA Council Nomination Form](#)

[Administration of Medication \(for students attending grade 7 trip\)](#)

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