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Parent Information & News at KKSA

October 14th, 2015

Dear <<First Name>>,

CHANGE IN DATE - PARENT COUNCIL

Due to the Federal Election we are rescheduling our Parent Council meeting. We will meet on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 6:45 PM in Room 108. Please join us if you can. We will be electing the executive council member for this school year. [See agenda attached.](#)

Staffing Update

I have completed interviews for the Grade 8 teaching assignment. I am in the process of checking references before making my recommendation to the Board. Mr. Bush was one of the candidates interviewed. I will continue to keep you updated as I move forward in this staffing process.

Upcoming Dates

Tue, Oct 20th

Subway Lunch (not for those on alternate weeks)

Parent Council Meeting at
6:45pm

Thu, Oct 22nd

Pizza Lunch (including those on alternate weeks)

Tue, Oct 27th

Grade 6 Parent Evening

Thu, Oct 29th

Photo Day

Fri, Oct 30th

Halloween Dance - PM

Social Media

Dealing with social media and children is a personal decision made by individual families. We

strongly encourage students to limit the personal information that is posted on social media. We cannot limit the access to social media but need families to take an active role in monitoring your child's activities. Last school year we hosted a speaker that encouraged students to be more conscious of their behaviour when using technology. We are exploring hosting a similar session to keep parents apprised of some the challenges that our students can encounter when online.

Extracurricular

Softball

We are excited for our baseball team that will be playing at a tournament on Friday. These students have worked hard with Ms. Yuzbasiyan and Ms. Cohen in preparation for this event. We have several student coaches that are also working with the team this year.

Cross Country West Conference Semi-Finals

Congratulations to the students that are moving on to this event on Thursday, October 15. They have been training hard and I know that they will represent KKSA well at this event. We wish all our students the best of luck at this meet!

Grade 6 Meet & Greet

I am looking forward to chatting with many of our grade 6 families as the Parent Council assists in hosting a "Meet and Greet" evening. This event is for adults only and will allow you to meet a few new friends and learn a bit more about our school environment. Please [click here for the Evite](#).

Equity and Inclusivity/Safe & Caring Schools

Over the course of the next few weeks staff will be receiving education and training to help support a student in our school community that is transitioning their gender. We will work with Board professionals to support staff and students. We are very fortunate that KKSA is a very inclusive and supportive environment. It is a human right, to ensure that we are tolerant and accepting of individuals. We share this information with you, recognizing that it may become a topic of conversation in your homes. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you too would like additional resources to support your child in these discussions.

Grade 8s

As we enter the season of high school applications and Open House events, please remember that students will need to be provided with a note to sign out and attend these day-time events. We will work with our guidance councillors and staff in supporting students through the application process ahead.

During these high school preparations, we encourage both parents and students to visit the Toronto District School Board website to get any information regarding high school, such as high school information session dates:

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/HighSchool/GoingtoHighSchool/OpenHousesandInformationNights.aspx>

and an electronic copy of the "Choices For Nine" booklet:

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/HighSchool/Guidance/Choices.aspx>.

Please note that, on the website, you will also find any information regarding high school, from specialized programs to course selection types.

Accessing additional high school information:

Go to www.TDSB.on.ca

Click on "High School" (you will have access to a variety of links providing information about high school)

At school, the students will be guided throughout the application process to ensure that all requirements are met and that information is shared. Our guidance councillor will be visiting the classrooms on a regular basis.

If you have further questions please contact our guidance counsellor: Sue Bryer (416) 394-7660 ext 20040 or at sue.bryer@tdsb.on.ca

SPECIAL DONATIONS

Ms. Cohen is looking for donations of the following, for her art room projects:

- Stuffed animals
- Barbie/Ken dolls
- Old games, game pieces
- Toys (especially ones we can deconstruct)
- Beads and beading materials

Many thanks...we will be upcycling these items in both art and eco club. You can email Ms. Cohen at beryl.cohen@tdsb.on.ca.

Teams & Clubs

Monday

- *ECO Club*
- *Art Club*

Tuesday

- *Math Support – before school*
- *Basketball Practice – before school*
- *Me to We Club – lunch*
- *Cyber Club – lunchd*

Thursday

- *Math Support – before school*
- *Basketball Practice – before school*
- *Dungeons & Dragons – lunch*
- *Improv Club – lunch*
- *Drama Club – lunch*
- *Glee Club – lunch*

Friday

- *Ukulele Club – lunch*

- *Yearbook Club – lunch*
- *Drama Club – after school*

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.

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