

## March Newsletter 2016

It has certainly been an odd winter season this year. It has made recesses more of a challenge. Currently the field is unusable which limits students to only playing on the pavement area – not much space for a 120 students to move about safely.

So, until we either have a snow covered field or it is completely dry students will be divided in half to have one recess outside and one inside the gym to do some circuit training exercises.

In order to preserve what little grass we do have I am asking that before and after school students/families try to stay off the field.

### **Public Speaking Competition**

On Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> four students represented King George at the Royal Canadian Legion Public Speaking Competition. All four – Olivia A., Zoe BB, Isabella K. and Fynch S.) displayed confidence as they presented their speeches to a full room. Zoe placed third in the Junior Division and Isabella 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Primary Division. Congratulations to Fynch who came first in the Primary Division and will move on to the Zone Finals on Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **Pink Shirt Day – February 24<sup>th</sup> and International Day of Pink – April 13<sup>th</sup>**

Pink Shirt Day is a day of action, born when a youth in a high school in Cambridge, Nova Scotia was bullied because he wore a pink shirt to school. His fellow students decided to stand up to bullying; and hundreds of students came to school wearing pink to show support for diversity and stopping discrimination, gender-based bullying, homophobia and transphobia. (TDSB website).

King George acknowledged Pink Shirt Day this past Wednesday, but it all started with our Pods on Monday. Students met in multi-age groups to hear a story focusing on respect for oneself and others, discuss bullying (what it is and ways to prevent) and traced their hand on different colours of paper to be part of a Stand Up to Bullying Pledge display. It is a work in progress in the east hallway. Thank you to Ms. Van and her class for gluing all those hands onto the mural paper. It was great to see so many students and staff wearing pink yesterday!

### **Prologue to the Performing Arts – Grade 4/5/6 Faustwork Mask Theatre**

*The Faustwork Mask Theatre was really amazing. Christel Bartelse performed different mask features and it was spectacular. Christel taught us ways to walk, move, act and feel like a different person. Ms. LT and Ms. Lamoureux got to try on cool masks and we got to act out what the masked personality was. It was really fun. We learned a lot about masks and performing.*

*–Zoe B. Rm 4*

Students enjoyed this introduction to masks and will be going to Harbourfront at the end of March to create clay masks. Each student needs to bring a shoe box. Shoe boxes may be dropped off at Room 3 or 4.

### **TDSB Reads**

Congratulations to Joshua Q. in Room 3 for receiving a book from the TDSB *Just Read it* Program. He submitted a summary about a book he had read

### **I Can Cook Club**

*We made couscous, an apple pie breakfast, and toad in a hole. It's fun to learn about healthy eating. We learned how to use a knife, a cheese grater and a can opener safely. We have also been learning how to read recipes. I've been enjoying my time there.*

*-Cassie B. – Rm 3*

### **Wacky Wednesday Pajama Day!**

*Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> was Wacky Wednesday Pajama Day at King George. Students wore different PJ's, brought slippers and stuffies to school. It looks like everyone had a lot of fun! Get ready for Wacky Hair Day on March 9<sup>th</sup>.*

*- Karissa P. and Olivia A. – Room 4*

### **Young Women on the Move**

On March 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs. Lloyd-Thomas, Jia, Julia, Karissa and Zoe will attend TDSB's Young Women on the Move Event. "The overall objective for this fun and informative workshop is to guide all participants to a deeper awareness of the link between body-image and self-esteem (confidence), to explore who and what shapes their sense of self-worth and identity and most importantly to stand-up against a culture of body shaming." (TDSB Young Women on the Move)

### **Hockey Academy**

*The Hockey Academy was really fun. It gave a whole lot of unexperienced hockey players a chance to learn how to play hockey and improve their skating. There, me and my classmates learned new moves, how to control a puck, stick handle and other hockey skills. This program was for eight weeks, once every Friday for half a day at the Mastercard Centre, and only for grade 5's. The coaches were very friendly and I would love to do it again. On the last day we had a Hockey*

*Academy event where the southwest, north and the west all joined together for a fun day where we played tournaments at the Mastercard Centre and learned hockey fitness skills at Lakeshore stadium.*

*– Alexandra F. Rm 4*

*On Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> the 5 Hockey Academy students went to a Toronto Marlies game at the Ricoh Collesium. It was a great game and we all thought it was awesome to go to a free Marlies Game. The Marlies won 3 – 1 against the Binghamton Senators. Thank you to Ms. Kwiecinski for going with us.*

*- Yianno K. – Rm 4*

### **Chess Club**

There will be no Chess Club on Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. The final session has been changed to Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **DJ Lunch**

At last years' Spring Festival Silent Auction, Ben D. won a chance to DJ a lunch at King George. We are looking forward to hearing great music on Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> in the gym!

### **Message from Parent Council: Spring Festival**

It's time to start planning for the King George Annual Spring Festival! This year it will be Thursday, June 4th - Mark your calendars! This is King George's biggest fundraiser, and the funds raised contribute to an amazing school experience. We are looking for parents to help serve food, run

games, solicit donations and lots more! If you are interested in volunteering, please send an email to [kgparents@gmail.com](mailto:kgparents@gmail.com)

Future Dates:

Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>

All meetings are at 6:30 pm in the library. An Agenda will be sent out prior to each meeting and child care provided.

**\*\*At this time we do not have child care for the March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting and will confirm in next week's Thursday email either way.**

### **Upcoming Dates:**

Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> –Monthly

Subway Order forms sent home

Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup> – Parent

Reading Program Orientation -

8:15 am

Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Subway

Orders Due by 9:00 am

**Save the  
Date for  
Spring  
Concert -  
Thursday,  
April 21<sup>st</sup>**