

# King George Junior Public School

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**November Newsletter 2015**

November is only a few days away! The first two months have been busy and routines are in place. This week Grades 1 – 6 attended an assembly to review expectations to keep everyone safe. Read some of the reminders they mentioned on Page 2 of this newsletter.

**Terry Fox**

Thank you to all who supported our Terry Fox Run/Walk this year. We have raised just over $1200 for the Terry Fox Organization. There is still time to make donations on-line.

**Cross Country**

Congratulations to Hadley on competing in the Cross Country City Finals last week. She did a great job of representing King George and once again beat her personal best from last year!

**Halloween Parade**

As I prepare this newsletter the weather forecast is that we will be outside for the parade this year! Students will be outside by 9:15 am to parade around the school yard. Please join us outside.

For safety reasons costumes should not include any weapon type props or masks that cover the face.

I am sure that we will see lots of Halloween treats next week. Please remind children to put wrappers in the garbage cans and to bring treats that are nut free.

Safe trick or treating!

**Remembrance Day Assembly**

Please join us on Tuesday, November 11th for our Remembrance Day Assembly. The assembly will be starting at 10:45 am following recess. Thank you to Robina’s dad for arranging for Captain Christopher Wattie to come to King George and speak to students prior to our Assembly.

**King George Craft Show and Business Fair**

**Only 15 spaces left!!**

If you, or anyone you know, is interested in being a vendor at the event, on Saturday, Nov. 28 (10am - 2pm), let Jodi Crawford know at [kgcraftshow@gmail.com](mailto:kgcraftshow@gmail.com) ASAP. Spaces are only $50 (+ $10 if you require a table).

There is still available space for student crafters. If your crafty kid would like to make their own money (and have fun!) without paying out anything, they need to sign up for a **student craft table!**

And, if you'd like to volunteer in any capacity, to help raise funds for your child's arts programming experience at King George, please contact Jodi Crawford at [kgcraftshow@gmail.com](mailto:kgcraftshow@gmail.com).

**Student Safety**

This past Monday due to a reported incident in the community King George was put in Hold and Secure mode by Toronto Police Services. A letter was sent home on Monday.

There are 4 different threats to school safety that we are prepared to respond to:

1. Hold and Secure – A response to a threat in the general vicinity of a school but not on or near school property. Students remain inside, all exterior doors are locked and the school operates as usual inside the building.

2. Lockdown – A response to a serious emergency situation where the threat is inside, on or very near to the school. All interior doors are locked and staff/students remain in their location.

3. Shelter in Place – A response during a hazardous environmental situation when it is safer to remain inside (e.g. a gas leak in the neighbourhood). Usually windows are closed, fans are turned off and the school operates as normal inside the building.

4. Fire Alarms – We have had 3 fire drills this year including one supervised by the Toronto Fire Department.

For numbers 1 – 3 it is The Toronto Police Services that determine what mode were are in.

If you have questions with respect to these procedures please call me.

**Extra-Curricular Activities**

Due to a continued withdrawal of services by the Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario the following clubs will be postponed as of Wednesday, October 28th until further notice:

First Lego League Club

Library Helpers

P.A.L.S.

The Chess Club will continue on Thursdays at lunch under my supervision and The Hockey Academy will continue under the supervision of TDSB school administrators.

For the latest information on Labour Negotiations please check the TDSB website.

**Grade 1 – 6 Assembly**

On Monday I held a Grade 1 – 6 Assembly to review expectations for keeping King George a safe place to be.

Students provided the following ideas for keeping everyone safe outside:

* No swinging from the tree branches
* No tackling/wrestling
* Only one person at a time on the monkey bars
* No tag on the playground equipment, in the hallways or washrooms
* Line up when the bell rings
* No climbing fences
* Inside voices once you enter the school

Students were reminded that when they have problem with another student they are to use their words first and if their words are not working to go to an adult.

**Bullying Awareness Week**

The week of November 16th is Bullying Awareness Week. On Monday, November 16th Groove EDGEucation will be at King George. Groove EDGEucation, “uses dance and music as a tool that supports learning and develops physical, mental, social and emotional health”. Kindergarten and Grade 1 – 3 students will each participate in a 45 minute Character Education Dance Experience and Grades 4 – 6 will participate in a 75 minute Full Character Education Experience (dance and a speaking/ discussion portion).

Teachers will also have an opportunity to participate in a 30 minute workshop to support what was learned at the student workshops.

Thank you to the Parent Council for supporting this experience.

**Parent Council**

Please see the attached envelop about Parent Council Fundraising.

The next Parent Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 10th at

6:30 pm. An Agenda will be sent out prior to the meeting.

Future Dates:

January 19th

April 12th

May 17th

June 21st

For more information about King George Parent Council: [tinyurl.com/kgcouncil](http://tinyurl.com/kgcouncil)

**PIAC**

Each year the Toronto District School Board Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) holds a Parent Engagement Conference. Their 9th Annual Conference will be held on Saturday, November 19th at Earl Haig Secondary School. Please go to [www.tdsb.on.ca](http://www.tdsb.on.ca) for more information and to register.

**Community Boards**

Thank you to Samantha, Alexandra and Tyler for assisting with refreshing the bulletin boards at each of the entry doors. You are welcome to check the information boards either after entry in the mornings or dismissal at the end of the day. Please feel free to post information on these boards.

**Subway and Pizza Orders**

For those students who do not like Subway or Pizza we would like to stop sending you the monthly order forms. When you receive the November form for Subway and/or Pizza please fill in your child’s name/room number and a write NO across the form.

**Hockey Academy**

Last Friday morning Lauren, Yianno, Samantha, Hadley and Alexandra were at King George at 6:30 am to take the bus to the Mastercard Centre to participate in the W6 Hockey Academy for Grade 5 students who have never

played organized hockey. They all said that had a great time! Each school in our Family of Schools may send 3 or 4 students to this 8-week program. This is our 4th year participating and we were fortunate to be able to send 5 students.

**Office Lunch Helpers**

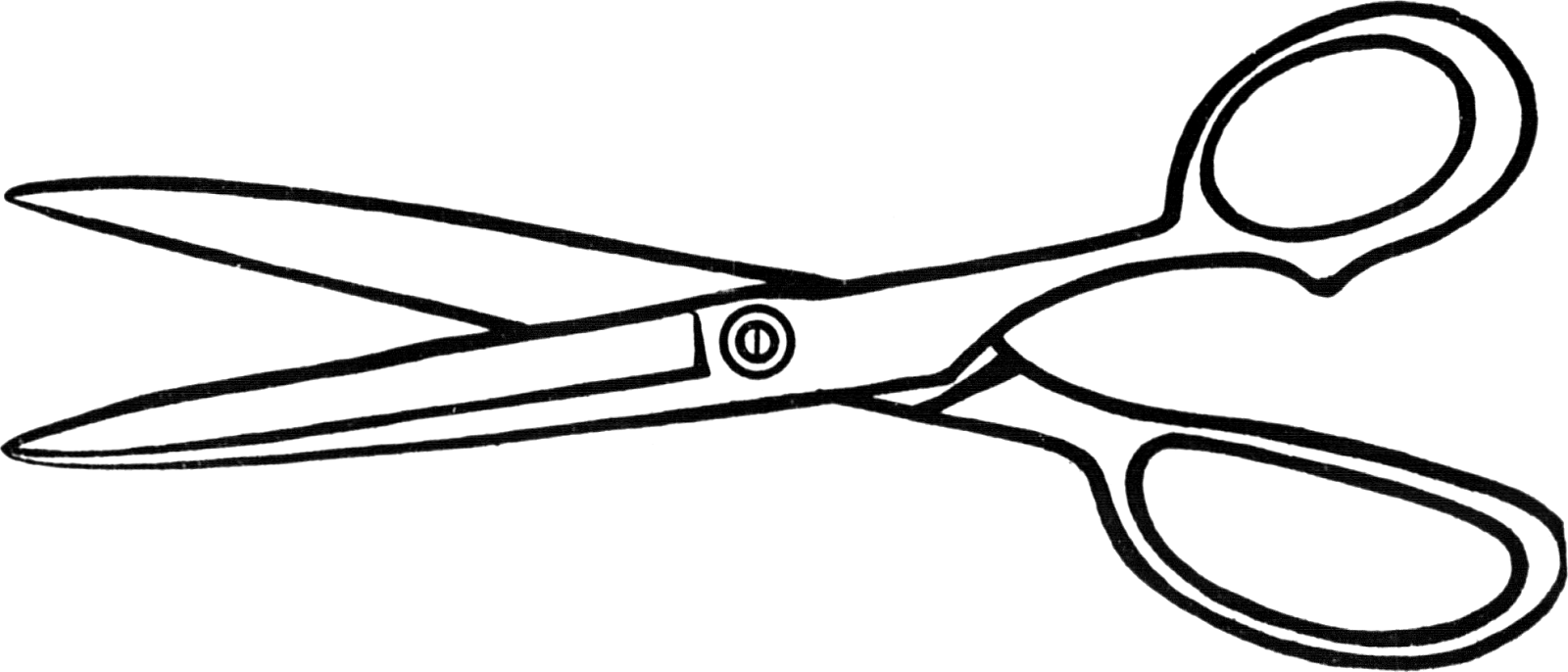
Starting Monday, November 16th Grade 5/6 students will be assisting in the office during the lunch hour. Students will only cover in the office when I am in the school and follow these expectations:

* Students **will not** open the front door unless an adult is present in the office.
* No student will be signed out or in unless I am in the office
* All injuries must be reported to me
* Students will work in pairs and be provided with a script for answering the phone and responding to the door bell

Grade 5/6 students will require parental consent to take on this responsibility.

**Black Creek Pioneer Village Passes**

Thank you to David’s mom (Grade 6) for donating 6 free admissions passes for Black Creek Pioneer Village (to be used by the end of December 2015). I will be holding a draw for one family to win the 6 passes next Thursday morning. If you would like to be entered in the draw please fill out the ballot and send to the office by next Thursday.

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| **Black Creek Pioneer Village Passes** |
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| **Draw will take place Thursday, November 5th** |