

Keele/Mountview News

DEC. 1, 2018

"LET'S LEARN TOGETHER!"

Character trait of the month:

Kindness and Caring

Important Dates:

Please see calendar attached

Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that it is already December! December is always a very busy and exciting month at our school. The TDSB recognizes December as Kindness and Caring month. You will see throughout this newsletter many examples of ways we can demonstrate both kindness and caring for those around us. I want to thank everyone for their ongoing generosity whether it is supporting our fundraising initiatives, Winter Clothing Drive, Winter Clothing Swap, Sock Drive or the Holiday Food Drive. We greatly appreciate all your support and these initiatives really speak to the caring community we are all a part of.

It was great to see so many families at our Parent/Teacher Interview night. We hope you had the chance to ask any questions you may have had about the progress of your children.

Please make note of all the important dates in December so you don't miss out on the exciting things that are happening.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank both Elsa Testempasis and Amanda Robinson on their new positions with the TDSB and for all they have done to support our school community. Both Elsa and Amanda have been wonderful Office Administrators at Keele and Mountview for many years. While we are sad to see them go, we know that these new opportunities are very exciting for them. They will be missed!

I hope that everyone has a great month of December and a wonderful holiday season!

School Improvement Goals

Achievement – Increased student engagement through inquiry-based instruction that is both relevant and meaningful, focusing on the development of the global competencies to inspire our students to be problem-solvers, creators, and critical-thinkers.

Well-Being – That every student be given intentional opportunities to build and strengthen positive relationships with both peers and a caring adult.

Equity – The identification of barriers that exist in our school that limit the effectiveness of the inclusion of all our learners. Promotion of the belief that all students can be successful under the right conditions.

A huge thank-you to our School Councils

On behalf of our staff, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the School Councils for their very generous donations in support of our student learning opportunities. Both Keele and Mountview have tremendous School Councils who do great work supporting the school in a variety of ways. We also recognize that fundraising initiatives are dependent on the support of all parents. For those of you have had your children participate in pizza day, popcorn day, or the annual Fun Fair, your support has been tremendous. We as a school are grateful.

The Keele School Council has allocated a significant portion of the fundraising money to support our school technology plan, Raz Kids, School-wide performances, outdoor gym equipment, and light tables for each of the kindergarten classes. Mountview School Council also purchased 6 new Chrome books and a laptop cart to support student learning at Mountview.

Thank you very much for your ongoing support!

Mountview School Council

Greetings Mountview families,

It is hard to believe that we are almost half way through the year. With all of the exciting things happening at our school time has been flying by.

Our welcome pizza party, Fall fair, costume swap and garden projects all contributed to a successful fall season. This fall also saw the integration of new curriculum programs including Switch-A-Roo and Discovery STEM, both of which support inquiry based and collaborative learning. We are pleased to let you know that council voted to approve the purchase of more Chromebooks and charging hubs which will make technology more accessible in our classrooms and support our emerging tech focus.

We would like to thank the members of our transition team who have been busy behind the scenes diligently working on our move to Runnymede Collegiate Institute. A special thank you to Sandra Tondat and the team from RCI who attended our general meeting to answer all of the questions from our community. Sylvia and Pam will continue to keep us up to date as the transition progresses.

Looking toward to the holiday season, there are many exciting things on the horizon. We are eagerly anticipating our Green Team Holiday Pop-Up Shop, the school wide trip to Mary Poppins, our upcoming friendship assembly and our Holiday concert which will be held at RCI this year. All of these are shaping up to be wonderful events for our community. If you would like to get involved and have not yet signed up to volunteer, please take a peek at our [general sign up](#) for these events, as well as for Eve's Bondar photography challenge, to get involved in our events and in the classroom.

As always, if there is any way we can support our community or if you need to reach us, please contact us at mountviewco.chairs@gmail.com.

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season.

Melanie Sutherland & Dianne Haddad
Mountview Parent Council Co-Chairs

Keele School Council

The Keele Winter Gear Swap and Bag2School clothing drive on 22 November supported the school's commitment to the environmental 3-Rs: Why buy when you can reduce and reuse? Why chuck it when you can recycle *and* raise funds for the school? Well done, and thank you all.

For those with first to eighth-graders, save the date, the Holiday Concert will be on Wednesday 12 December in the gymnasium at 6pm.

Our next Council meeting will be Wednesday 9 January 2019 at 6:30PM, and we welcome all parents/guardians to attend.

Along with the brisk weather, kids have more clothes, extra shoes and little bits to lose. Please reduce your aggravation and the mass of articles in the lost and found: label articles of clothing, lunch bags & boxes, and water bottles. If your child can carry it to school or take it off at school, your child can lose it at school.

With thanks for 2018 and best wishes for 2019,

Joeddi and Greg (Council co-chairs)

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Remember Them



On November 9th, students, staff, and parents gathered for our Remembrance Day assembly. The assembly was a beautiful tribute to those who sacrificed so much for our freedom. Students in Ms. Gordon-Norman, Ms. Carlyle and Ms. Tobe's class contributed wonderful performances that added so much to the assembly. A huge thank-you to Mr. Hoisak and Mr. Simone for organizing the assembly and to our ceremony hosts, Student Council members, Bella and Jessica.

Grade 8 Shoebox Project

The students in Ms. Gordon-Norman's class decided to make a difference in their community by organizing a Shoebox initiative to support women in our city who are currently living in shelters. The students challenged classes to bring in items to give to those in need. Kindness in action!

Neptune Day

One of the highlights of the school year is our annual Neptune Day. This year was bigger and better than ever! One of the highlights was our students who demonstrated their synchronized swimming talents. These students performed so well that they have been invited by the Olympian Synchro Coach to participate at their annual Christmas Show on December 13th at 6pm. We are very proud of our students who participated. Thank you to all the parents who came out to support this event, and a huge thank you to our Aquatic Instructors, Harri and Nikki, for all their hard work.

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Mountview now has its own Twitter account! @MountviewTDSB



Safety

The safety and security of our students is always of paramount importance. For this reason, we are reminding parents of the following procedures:

- Yard supervision does not begin until 8:30am. Please do not send your child before this time unless they are part of a supervised activity
- When driving your child to school or picking them up, please do not enter the school parking lot. We are encouraging as many families as possible to walk to school as it is better for our health, the environment, and reduces traffic congestion. If you are driving, please be very careful around the school and school buses.
- If you need to pick up your child before the end of the school day, please check in at the office and sign your child out.
- If your child is biking to school, please ensure that s/he follows the law and wears a helmet.
- Please remind your child to never walk or bike-ride through our parking lot. It is a busy place and not safe for pedestrians.

As winter approaches, we know that severe weather will be part of our daily lives for the next several months. While traffic safety is an important matter all year long, the winter is a good time to be reminded about safety. For those walking, please wear appropriate footwear to reduce the chance of slipping and please watch out for icy sidewalks. For those driving, please take extra care on the roads, especially around the school.

Keele and Mountview are proud EcoSchools



We are so proud of maintaining our Eco-schools Gold Certification for a fourth year in a row! Every school community member has done their part to ensure a greener school community.

Keele/Mountview is having its second annual Pop Up Holiday Sale. This sale will be in the library on December 17-18th during school hours as well as Monday afterschool until 6pm and Tuesday morning at 8am.. The purpose of this event is for students to participate in the holiday season by independently selecting and purchasing a gift for someone, as well as raising awareness of reusing and recycling. Each item will cost 25 cents. Families will be asked to bring in gently used gift items for both children and adults. Examples of gifts could be books, toys, costume jewelry or home décor items.

Boomerang Lunch Update

Last year our Eco Report identified waste as an area that our school community needs to address. Starting on Monday the Recycling and Garbage bins in the lunchroom will be replaced by a liquids bin. Students will be able to empty drink containers, but all other waste will be put back into their lunch bags to go home. We appreciate your support as we teach our students the importance of taking care of our planet.

Annual Sing Along in High Park – December 2nd

All are welcome to attend this event to welcome in the holiday season. From 3:00-3:25pm there will be a sing along hosted by the Keele/Mountview Choir at the Grenadier Restaurant. There may even be a special bearded visitor making an appearance...



Appropriate Weather Clothing

As the colder weather approaches, please ensure that your child(ren) come(s) to school dressed in appropriate clothing and apparel to be outside for recesses. We ask that you send your child with a pair of indoor shoes that may remain at school for the duration of the winter season. Please label clothing with your child's name so that we can return misplaced clothing more easily.



Lost & Found Clothing Bin



The Winter season is upon us! This season results in many misplaced coats, gloves, boots, hats, scarves and other assorted items. The lost & found bin is located in the front foyer near the VP office. At the end of each term, unclaimed items will be donated to charities and clothing banks. Please clearly label boots, snowpants, jackets and/or smaller items so we can return them to the student.

Supply Lunch Room Supervisors Wanted!



Interested in helping with student supervision? Seeking experiences working with children for your resume? Looking for part-time employment? Our school and neighbouring schools continue to look for responsible adults to join the TDSB as occasional Lunch Room Supervisors to replace employees every once in a while. If interested in becoming a supply lunchroom supervisor at our school, contact Mr. Hoisak, VP at the school for more information and next steps to join our team!