

King George Public School

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Tom Smith
Principal



Deb Skoretz
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From the Principal's Desk

January, 2012

Dear Parents:

As we move into the Christmas season it is a time for families to enjoy one another and focus on being together. The staff of King George School wishes all a very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year.

There will be a PA day on Monday, January 16th. This means that students will not come to school that day. This day is to assist teachers as they prepare for the upcoming academic Report Cards. These will be distributed on Monday, February 6.

King George School has purchased new team jerseys. We are replacing the old ones as there are no longer enough and they are in a sad state of repair. The first team to receive access to the new jerseys will be our basketball teams. As an incentive to all members of our sports and inter-school teams, we have also purchased a number of black King George T-shirts. Each team member will receive - to keep - one of these T-shirts. They can be worn under the new jerseys, which are sleeveless. Of course, some students are selected for more than one team. In these cases, only one T-shirt will be issued per year.

Parking is still a situation in progress. We do anticipate that the new signage, etc will be passed through City Council in January. Once this has occurred, we will be informing all about the changes and the upgraded enforcement.

The school will be offering a range of presentations in January focusing on personal harassment and "good touch vs. bad touch". This is a program through the Sexual Assault Centre and is designed to help students understand their personal rights. Your child's safety is a major focus for us at King George and this is one more way to help promote a safe and positive environment.

Enjoy this Christmas time with your families. We all come back on Monday, January 9.

Merry Christmas,
Tom Smith: Principal

Important Dates:

Dec. 24 to Jan. 8 — Christmas Break

Jan. 9 — Back to School

Jan. 10 — Attendance Assembly
— School Council 6:30PM in Library

Jan. 11— Sexual Harassment Presentations
for Intermediate Students (AM)

Jan. 12 — Good Touch/Bad Touch Presentations
for Grades 1 to 3 (AM)
— Grade 8 Option Sheet visit to PJ (AM)

Jan. 16 — PA Day—No school for students

Jan. 17-20 — JK Parent Conferences

Jan. 18 — PJ Parent Open House—6:30 PM

Feb. 6 — First Term Reports

Feb. 28 — Good Touch/Bad Touch Presentations
for Grades 4 and 5 (AM)
— Sexual Harassment Presentations for Gr.
6 Students (PM)



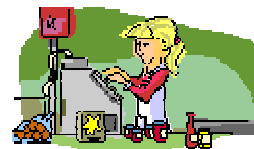
Community News and Partnerships



Thank you Walmart!

We received \$1000 through their Adopt-a-school Program. We used the funds to purchase 88 sets of headphones for use with computers.

Thank you to the members of New Covenant Church! They have been collecting Zehrs tapes and donating them to support our Snack Program. We have received a cheque for \$355.56. More tapes were recently submitted.



The Wish Closet ...

... a collection of gently experienced clothing, shoes, boots, coats, books, toys, linens and household items that are available for children, adults and families who "Wish" that they could have something they need.

And best of all, The Wish Closet is FREE of charge.

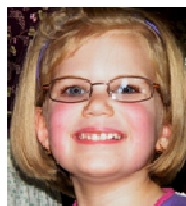
Let us help you today and one day, you can pay it forward and help someone else.

Location: Major Ballachey School, 105 Rawdon St.

The Wish Closet will be closed over the Christmas Break, reopening January 9, 2012.

- Monday 3:30 —5:00 pm
- Wednesday 9:30 am—12:00 pm
- Wednesday 4:00—6:00 pm
- Thursday 9:30 am—12:00 pm

“Pay It Forward”



One of our kindergarten students demonstrated an excellent example of a selfless act this month by donating her hair to make wigs for cancer patients. Amelia S. has waited a long time to have her hair cut and she wanted to donate it because her grandmother has cancer. We are very proud of Amelia for showing us the true spirit of giving!

A great big thank you to the Constable C. Pelletier and the Brantford Police Services! They have provided King George School with a number of winter coats, hats, mittens, and children's clothing. Please let us know if you know of a child who is in need of a coat this winter.



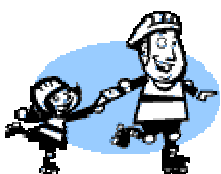
Thank you to the Grand Erie Elementary Occasional Teachers! They recently sent us several new winter hats and mitts to help keep our students warm during the upcoming cold weather.



Notes From Your School Health Nurse...

Warm Up to Winter with Active Fun for the Whole Family

The cold Canadian winter is here to stay for a few months, but there is no need to hide inside. Instead, go outside with the whole family and enjoy playing old games or trying out some new ones.



Building a snowman, tobogganing, playing a game of hockey, going skating or a winter treasure hunt are all great activities that will get the whole family moving.

Before going outside, keep some of these safety tips in mind:

Dress warm and layer clothing. Don't forget a warm hat, mittens and boots!

Stay away from ponds and rivers. They may look frozen, but the ice may not be thick enough to support your body weight. Play it safe!

Pack a lunch and something to drink. It's easy to forget that in the cold air you can still get hungry and thirsty.

Wear Sunscreen. You can get a sunburn even in the winter!

Watch for frostbite. Kids get frostbite faster than adults. Go inside before you notice that your child's face, ears, hands and feet become painful, itchy or the skin changes colour.

For more winter-friendly activities visit the Brant County Health Unit at www.bchu.org or call the physical activity team at 519-753-4937 ext 457.

Nutrition Tidbits... Snack Attack?

Pre-packaged snack foods often cost more and are not the best healthy choices. Once in a while a packaged treat won't hurt, but plan to have a lunch meal with choices from the four food groups first, leaving room for only a small 'treat' item. Try changing some of your family's favourite recipes by making smaller oatmeal and chocolate chip cookies or whole grain banana mini-muffins.

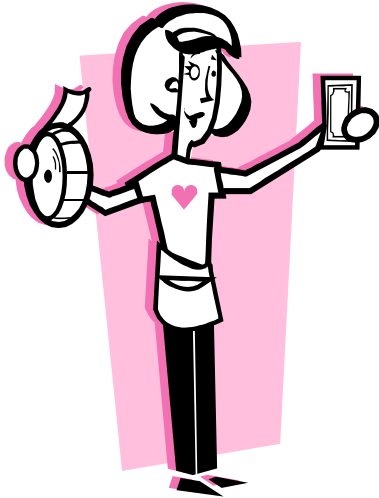
Information for Parents of children in Senior Kindergarten,

In January a letter will be sent home giving you information about the EDI [Early Development Instrument]. This is an assessment that is done every 3 years in Senior Kindergarten classrooms across the country. Your child's teacher will assess how ready your child is to learn at school. It is up to you whether or not your child gets assessed. We are asking that you watch for the letter and if, after reading it, you want something explained or you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher or any of the contact names on the letter that is coming home in January. We want you to have all the information you need to make an informed choice about your child's participation.

School Council

It was great to see so many families on December 14th for Canada's Got Talent: Christmas Edition! Thank you to our students and staff for the wonderful performance. Special thanks to Mrs. Clarke for writing and producing the show and Mrs. Erb for handling the sound system. We raised \$509 for the Snack Program through the 50/50, the raffle prizes, and a donation from one of our parents, Michelle Gregory.

Congratulations to our winners:



- Prize #1 — Margaret Crawford
- Prize #2 — Gord Cooper
- Prize #3 — Jory
- Prize #4 — Amberlee Brown
- Prize #5 — Melissa Cronk
- Prize #6 — Gayle Closs
- Prize #7 — Gord Cooper
- Prize #8 — Joey Tate
- Prize #9 — Gayle Closs
- Prize #10— Al Cooper
- Prize #11— George Closs
- Prize #12— Tina Berkely
- Prize #13— Sue Johnson
- Prize #14— Rachel Jones



50/50 Winner—Jennifer Watts

Next meeting Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 6:30 PM in the Library.



Feedback Feedback:

Congratulations again to Marissa M in Miss Harper's class. For the second month she has won the draw and will receive a free milk.

We received a number of very positive comments about our Christmas play evening. I know the teachers and students put a lot of work into their presentations and it was clearly enjoyed by all both in the afternoon dress rehearsal and in the evening performance. Congratulations to all our budding actors. Thank you also to all the parents, grandparents and other friends and relatives who came out to support their children.

We also received some very nice comments about our DARE Graduation evening. The gym was full of supportive parents. The students read out some of the top essays and refreshments were available for all at the closing of the evening. The DARE program is designed to help students resist peer pressure, particularly in reference to drugs and alcohol, and make good decisions.

Please keep sending in your feedback. We do read all entries and often get some good ideas or learn important information about the school and community.



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Feedback



We'd like to know what you think. Please specify compliments, concerns, issues etc. for comment and response in next month's newsletter. Fill in your child's name below to ensure you are entered into our draw for free milk!

Compliments:

Concerns :

Recommendations:

Name: _____ **(for draw).**

You can also give us feedback through our new website:

www.kinggeorgeschool.synthasite.com/feedback.php

We would like to connect with you online. Please provide us an email address so we can send you the newsletter and other updates right to your inbox.

Name: _____ **Child's name:** _____

Email: _____