

King George Public School

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Tom Smith
Principal



Deb Skoretz
Vice Principal

From the Principal's Desk

September, 2011

Welcome back to the new school year! The school year has started smoothly and students are already working well. Our numbers are up (approx. 380), so we will be requesting a new teacher. This may or may not happen as there are similar requests throughout the system at this time of year and there are only so many available teachers to fill the requests.

If we do receive a new teacher, it will mean a reorganization of the school. This means that some students will be moved from one group to another, etc. It can be a stressful time for students, so your help in calming them at home would be welcome. We will keep you apprised of any developments in this area. Our summer program, Camp SAIL, was a resounding success. The feedback from students and parents was very positive. My thanks go out to all the parents and students who actively involved themselves in the program and to Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Michael, Laura Michael, Mrs. Blake and all the great people from the YMCA who made the day-to-day process of the program work so well. This was a pilot program with funding from the Province. We were very pleased to be selected to run the pilot and the Camp SAIL teachers/supervisors and a few parents will be presenting their feedback to the Board later this month.

This year is our first with full-day every-day Kindergarten. We have three classes and over 70 students registered. This bodes well for the future of this school.

We have been handing out this year's agendas. The agendas are our primary method of communicating with parents.

Please read the front matter of the agenda. It has several pages of information about the workings of the school and covers things like school bell times, homework, discipline, rules about electronics and prohibited items, and many other items of interest. We request a payment of \$5.00 for each agenda. This is below our cost, but we do want to make these accessible to all. Please send your payment to the classroom teacher. While this will not cover our total expenditure, it will help to defray the cost to the school.

A number of forms etc. are being sent home during the first week of school. Please take the time to read these over and respond where necessary. One form talks about your giving permission for students to leave the school grounds during second nutrition break. Another offers very inexpensive personal student insurance for the year. Please consider this. Other forms check for changes in your living or contact information. We do need up-to-date information so we can connect with you quickly if needed.

There is a feedback form in this newsletter. Please send us your thoughts and I will respond in the next month's newsletter. Newsletters this year are planned for the first Friday of each month. It is our hope to make this deadline regularly so all are informed in a timely manner.

Respectfully,

Tom Smith



Meet Your King George Staff 2011-2012

Please note that our staffing and grade assignments may change due to higher enrolment numbers.

Mr. Tom Smith	Principal
Mrs. Deb Skoretz	Vice-Principal
Mrs. Rebecca Nutbrown	JK/SK
Ms. Jennifer Claydon	JK/SK
Mrs. Sarah Atfield	JK/SK
Mrs. Patti Clarke	Grade 1
Mrs. Tara Erb	Grade 1/2
Mrs. Esther Davis	Grade 2
Mrs. Karen Michael	Grade 2/3
Mrs. Debbie Boswell	Grade 3
Mrs. Michelina Pitts	Grade 3/4
Mrs. Dawne Janes	Grade 4/5
Mr. Steve Watts	Grade 5
Mrs. Laura Miedema	Grade 6
Miss Jackie MacMillan	Grade 6
Ms. Lindsay Harper	Grade 7
Ms. Hillary Terdik	Grade 7/8
Ms. Carrie MacMillan	Grade 8
Mrs. Courtney Rahn	LRT
Mrs. Kathleen Buchanan	Library/Prep
Mr. John Giles	Jr./Int. French/Prep
Miss Jaqueline Eggleton	Jr. French/Prep
Mrs. Val Tansley	EA
Mrs. Sue Moriarity	EA
Mrs. Denise Kingswood	EA
Mrs. Michelle Pasek	EA
Miss Carol Brotherton	E.C.E.
Miss Kimberley Mailloux	E.C.E.
Mr. Dave Lumax	Intinerant Attendance, GEDSB
Ms. Susan McCracken	On-site CAS Support
Mrs. Christina O'Grady	Secretary
Mrs. Trudi Flaman	Secretary
Mrs. Brenda Jackson	Day Service Custodian
Mr. Allan Monette	Lunch Supervisor

Items of Interest

September, 2011



School Council Meeting

Our first meeting will be held Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at 6:30 pm in the School Library. All interested parents are invited to join us. Come prepared to talk about ideas to make King George a better place for our students and staff.

Meet the Teachers Event

You are cordially invited to our annual "Meet the Teachers" event on Thursday, September 22. The evening will run from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to the gymnasium at 6:30 p.m. for a brief address delivered by Mr. Smith. Following this, teachers will host two classroom sessions. Hopefully, this will enable family members to visit their children's respective classrooms.

Calling All Volunteers . . . Get Your Police Record Check!!

Information about obtaining a current Police Record Check will be available at our "Meet the Teachers" event on Thursday, September 21.

A Police Record Check is valid for two years. If you just obtained a Police Record Check last year, you will be able to start volunteering right away!

Our Parents' Council have graciously agreed to reimburse the cost of a Police Record Check for any person who volunteers at least three times in this school year.

Student Accident Insurance

Watch for information coming home regarding a LOW-COST policy from an outside agency.

The "Limited Plan" provides coverage for school days only and can be purchased for **\$3.50 per year per child** and includes **a 10-year unlimited dental benefit feature.**

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Did You Know . . .

This year, with the financial help of Brant Food For Thought, donations of food and volunteers from Friendship House, along with other charitable donations of various kinds, King George School operates a **daily nutrition program**. The program will begin the week of September 19th. Through the ongoing dedication of parent volunteers like Lisa Harding, as well as King George staff and students, nutritious snacks are made available to all children during the first nutrition break, ensuring that none of our students are too hungry to learn. In order to operate successfully, we need not only appropriate funding, but support in the form of volunteer time. Our nutrition program benefits all students at King George. If you are able to help, either with a charitable donation, or by volunteering some of your valuable time, we welcome any and all support you can give.

To learn more about our nutrition program, and how you can help, please call the school (752-7486). I would be happy to speak with you about the work we are doing.
With thanks, Mrs. Skoretz

Milk Sales



White and Chocolate Milk

will be for sale during

First Nutrition Break

(11:10 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.)

at a cost of

\$. 75 each

Milk sales will begin on September 19.

Please Note:

There will be no sales on the "Free Milk" days provided by our Nutrition Program.

If students wish to donate to the Nutrition Program on "Free Milk" days, small donations would be greatly appreciated.

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A Gift for our Junior Students:



The New Life Pentecostal Assembly has graciously donated 20 Adidas bags with a selection of school supplies designed to assist the junior student. These will be distributed to students as needed. We thank the New Life Pentecostal Assembly for their gift.

Word IN THE Square
A Family Literacy Festival



Word in the Square **A Family Literacy Festival**

Sunday October 2, 2011

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Harmony Square Brantford

Free entertainment and activities for the whole family

In conjunction with Culture Days-A free interactive celebration of
Canadian arts & culture

Visit www.familyliteracy.ca or www.culturedays.ca

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We Want Your Feedback!

Once again, we would like to encourage you to share your thoughts and feelings with us using the Feedback column that appears at the end of each Newsletter. Our feedback column is very helpful to us. It helps us keep the lines of communication open with you, our school community. Knowing what you think helps us make informed decisions that take into account your perspective. Please take the time to respond regularly with your feedback. We are looking forward to hearing from you!



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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: _____