King George Public School

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Tom Smith Principal



Deb Skoretz Vice Principal

September, 2011

From the Principal's Desk

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



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 <u>a **10-year unlimited dental benefit feature**</u>.

Items of Interest September, 2011

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



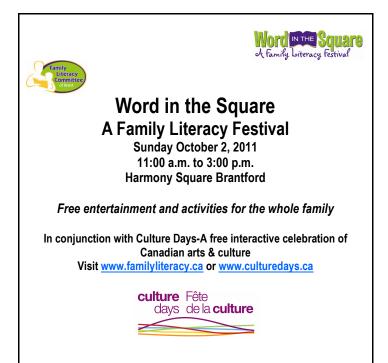
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A Gift for our Junior Students:



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.



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 help-ful 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!

