

# King George Public School

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**Tom Smith**  
**Principal**



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**Vice Principal**

## From the Principal's Desk

May 2012

Dear Parents,

We are now entering into the second last month of the school year. Where has the time gone? As usual, we have a very busy schedule for the coming month. Do make sure to check the calendar to keep up on everything.

There are a few items that need to be mentioned. One has to do with our efforts to keep the playground clean and safe for your children. I am sure there are times where you have noticed garbage on the yard. We do schedule classes to be in charge of cleanup throughout the year. It has a greater importance at this time of the year as the use of the playground during the day and the evening is much increased. We take reasonable precautions to ensure the safety of your child when they are picking up garbage. They are instructed to **NOT** pick up glass or needles. While this is not regularly present on the playground, there are times when this is evident. Our Custodian routinely checks the outside each morning and especially after weekends to collect those items that could be dangerous. Students doing cleanup are also improving their own living environment. It is a good lesson on responsibility.

Do note that children like the playground. As a result some try to get to school early to play. Parents need to know that the school begins formal supervision of the playground at 8:40 AM. As a result, we ask that your child come to school at that time. We have heard from some concerned community members regarding unsupervised children early in the morning.

One requirement that all schools have regarding safety is to hold four fire drills and two lockdown drills, split before and after Christmas every year. We did complete our drills before Christmas and are now planning to do so to finish the year. The two fire drills will likely happen on good weather days between now and the end of the year. The lockdown drill is specifically scheduled for some time on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May. We don't specify the time, but by giving you all

the date, we are hoping that nobody panics when their child comes home talking about a lockdown. A real lockdown is a serious event and we need to be well prepared to make it work. Our hope is that there will never be a life threatening situation that warrants a real lockdown.

Respectfully,

Tom Smith  
Principal

### Important Dates:

May 1—Track & Field—Gr. 4-8

May 2—Education Week Gala at the Sanderson Centre—Glee Club

May 4—TV2 Denmark Visit

May 7—11—Education Week

May 8—14—Book Fair

May 8—Junior Chess at St. George

May 9 DPA-a-thon

May 10 Literacy Night 4—6 PM Air Bands at 7 PM

May 11—Spring Gardening Orders Due

May 23-25—Grade 6 EQAO

May 29—31—Grade 3 EQAO

May 30 Regional Track Meet

May 31—Pop Can Drive ends



# School Council

At our May 1st meeting we welcomed Grand Erie District School Board Chair, Rita Collver and Vice-Chair David Dean.

Our School Health Nurse, Joe Kranz and Brant County Health Unit Dietician, Jen Strome, presented the results of King George School's Nutrition Checklist. The school was presented with Nutrition Education Resource Bin. The next step in participation in the Healthy Bites program is to identify a priority area and commit to a project. We will discuss ideas at our next meeting and make a decision about our continued involvement in this project for the 21012-2013 school year.

We have had a good response to our request for volunteers to assist with the daily Snack Program. Lisa Harding is coordinating our new volunteers.

Kickoff envelopes and information regarding the May 9th DPA-a-thon fundraiser have been sent out! Thank you to Sarah Mackenzie and Sarah Atfield for pulling this event together.

The pop can drive will come to an end May 31st. No cans will be collected in June.

Next Council meeting is June 5th, at 6:30 PM in the school library. Everyone is welcome to attend; we would love to see some new faces with fresh suggestions and ideas.

Thanks for your continued support, King George School Council.

## Notes From Your School Health Nurse...

### Exploring the World through the Arts

Singing, painting, drama or playing an instrument doesn't just keep your children busy, it also has a positive effect on your child's emotional, intellectual, physical and social growth. Allowing children to be creative improves their ability to communicate their feelings and lets them learn not only about themselves, but also about the world around them.

This year, the theme of education week is "Arts for All". Here are some ways that you can support your child as they set out to explore the world through the arts:

**Availability:** Make art opportunities available to your child. Don't pressure your child to do any one particular thing; let them choose what they would like to do.

**Practice Area:** Set aside a safe space in your home where children can practice their chosen craft.

**Encourage:** Encourage children to try new arts and to express themselves by being creative.

**Attitude:** Have a positive attitude towards the arts and try not to have unrealistic expectations of your child's abilities.

**Praise:** Focus on the creative process and not on what the end product looks like. Praise your child for working hard and not giving up when faced with a challenge.

**On Thursday, May 10, 2012, come join us for**

## **\*Family Literacy Activities**

(Games, Scrapbooking, Storytelling, Technology)

Located throughout the school from 4:00-6:00

## **\*Scholastic Book Fair**

Located in the library until 6:30p.m.

## **\*Family BBQ**

(Hamburgers and hotdogs served by M & M Meat Shop)

Located on the playground from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

## **\*Airbands Concert**

(Entertaining performances by Grade 7 & 8 students)

Located in the gymnasium at 7:00 p.m.

**Tickets \$1.00/person age 5+**

**Amazing Door Prizes Available To Be Won**

# King George Happenings

## Rotary Classic Run

Congratulations to Running/Walking Club members who participated in the Classic Run on Sunday, April 29, 2012: Violet R., Mackenzie L., Ju Y., Tracy O., Lynn C., Joel H., Christopher T., Kayla J., Abriana R., and Sara E.. The top boy, Joel, crossed the finish line at 27 minutes and the top girl, Sara, at 30 minutes. Thanks goes out to participating staff members Mrs. Skoretz, Ms. Nutbrown and Ms. Claydon. An extra thank you to Ms. Claydon for organizing our weekly run/walk and registering us for the event! The Running/Walking Club meets Mondays and Thursdays after school.



## Regional Heritage Fair

Grade 7 and 8 students of King George did a fantastic job at the Regional Heritage Fair in Dunnville on April 25, 2012. They brought back 6 awards for their projects:

Tracy - The French Award  
Tori and Keanna - Ontario Historical Society Ribbon of Excellence  
Tanisha - Dunnville and District Heritage Award  
Nick and Caine - Bell Homestead Award  
Jenn W - Wilson MacDonald Award

Congratulations for a job well done!



## Primary Soccer League



Mrs. Michael and Ms. Smith have organized this soccer league for students in Grades 2 and 3. Games are played on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. Come on out to cheer them on!

# Year-End Trips

Throughout the year our students go on many field trips. The trips in May and June are often, but not always, to attend curriculum-related events outside of the city. Increased prices for gasoline has meant an increase in bussing costs. Monies raised through fund raising such as the DPA-A-Thon, Family BBQ, special food days etc. are used to keep costs manageable for families.

JK/SK—Twin Valley Zoo and Mohawk Park  
—June 25

Gr. 5—Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto  
—May 28

Gr. 1— Butterfly Conservatory in Cambridge  
—May 30

Gr. 6—Toronto Zoo—June date TBA

Gr. 2— African Lion Safari in Rockton  
—June 19

Gr. 7 & 8—Overnight Trip to Toronto  
—June 18-19

Gr. 3—BCI Arts Workshop—June 6

Gr. 6-8—Toronto Blue Jays (46 students)  
—June 13

Gr. 4—Knights of Valour in Ancaster—May 2

## Milk Bag Mats

At Harmony Church's Breakfast Club, our students became aware of the milk bags for mats project. A group of women weaves the bags into sleeping mats for Third World Countries. They get together on Wednesday mornings. A number of our students have taken a real interest in the project, making morning announcements and bringing in milk bags. It takes 350 bags to make an adult mat and 200 to make one for a child. We hope to be able to have some students take part in the actual creation of mats next month.



Reminder:  
Milk for Sale  
White and Chocolate  
Both Nutrition Breaks





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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!**

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**Concerns :**

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**Recommendations:**

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **(for draw).**

*You can also give us feedback through our new website:*

[www.kinggeorgeschool.synthasite.com/feedback.php](http://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:** \_\_\_\_\_