



Kenner Intermediate School
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September 2019 Newsletter
 Daring to Dream – Willing to Work – Striving to Succeed



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Administration’s Message

We are thrilled to welcome everyone new and returning to Kenner Intermediate for the 2019-2020 school year. We hope that all families have had a great summer and built fond memories through new experiences. The staff are very excited to see new and familiar faces and look forward to getting to know all the students in the months ahead.

While there will be a variety of digital tools used in classrooms this year, one we would like to highlight once again is a piece of software called Edsby. This software tool allows for communication between teachers, students, and families. It is used by many teachers to report progress and give feedback to students. It allows teachers to assign individual work to students and enables students and parents to track their growth. Families that are new to our school will be receiving access information shortly through an email invitation. In order to do so, it is necessary for the school office to have your email address on file, which can be included when returning the student verification form that has been sent home. Once we have collected this document, you will receive an invitation to register. Please look for an Edsby invitation in your email shortly if you have not already received one.

As we embark upon a new year together, families are encouraged to review Kenner Intermediate's Code of Conduct policies, which have been posted on our school website and Edsby pages. We have reviewed these items with students at our welcome assembly, so each learner will have a clear understanding of our expectations while at school and during school activities. Please note that every student is expected to participate in all activities during the school day. We will be emphasizing the theme "*Opt-in to Everything!*" in our conversations with students as a reminder that all activities, ranging from physical education to class trips should be fully attended.

We understand that it is a busy time of year, but if anyone has questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact with the Kenner Intermediate school office. We are all active in the lives of our students and are working towards building a successful and enjoyable year for all learners. If you need to come into the school during the day please use the front door, as the others will be locked once classes begin.

Jennifer Knox
Principal

Jason Huffman
Vice-Principal

Kenner Intermediate Staff 2019-2020

- Principal - Jennifer Knox
- Vice-Principal - Jason Huffman
- Secretary – Karen Heath
- Special Education Resource Teacher – Nadera Gage
- Music/French/Arts – Jessica Rustage-Johnston
- French/Arts – Julie Small
- Grade 8 - Tara Sharpe
- Grade 8 - Chris Veno
- Grade 8 - Sean Hazeldine
- Grade 7/8 - Laura Luloff
- Grade 7 - Reinout Westbroek
- Grade 7 - Bob Hall
- Grade 7 - Deryck Robertson
- LLS Teacher – Kris Simpson
- LLS Support Staff – Rob Hendren
- LLS Support Staff – Linda Brady
- LLS Support Staff – Sharleen Walsh-Gareau
- Whole-School Support Staff
- Maria Brovedani, Gina Green, Marcus Healey

Character Trait for September: Optimism

I have a positive attitude. I see challenges as opportunities. I think, speak and act to make the world a better place. I have hope for the future.

Kenner Families and Staff Meet & Greet (Open House)

We are thrilled to announce that Kenner Intermediate will be holding a meet and greet event for families and staff on **September 26th from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** In addition to speaking with your child's teachers and staff, we will have an inflatable bouncer, activities and food (free of charge). This is a great opportunity to get to know your child's teachers and have some free fun with your family. We encourage everyone to attend!

School Council Meeting

Please join us for the first School Council meeting on Wednesday, September 18th at 6:30 in the Library at the back of the school. All are welcome and no commitment is required. We hope to see you there!

SPC Cards and Kenner T-Shirts

SPC cards and Kenner t-shirts will be on sale beginning Tuesday, Sept 17 to Thursday, Sept 26. Cost for each item is \$10. Parents may pay by using School Cash On-Line or forward cash/cheque payable to Kenner Intermediate. T-shirt sizes are S, M, L and X-L.

Student Registration Verification Sheets

These forms will be sent home with students this week. Parents are requested to review the information contained in these sheets, indicate any corrections on the sheet and return the form to their child's teacher. Also, please complete and sign page 2 which is the Information Release Form. All forms need to be returned even if there are no corrections to the information.

School Photos

School photos will be taken on Thursday, September 19 by Edge Imaging. Students will receive proof packages approximately 2 – 3 weeks after photo day. Retakes will occur on Wednesday, October 23.

Kenner Intermediate Newsletters

Our newsletters are distributed on a monthly basis. The newsletter is posted to Edsby and our school website kennerintermediate.kprdsb.ca.

Kenner Intermediate Competes!!!

The KPR Board Intermediate **soccer** tournament will be on Wednesday, September 25th. Kenner is hoping to send both a boys' team and a girls' team to this competition. Tryout sessions will be this week!

Our **cross-country** runners are looking forward to the North Cardinal meet on Wednesday, October 2nd. Top

runners who qualify at this meet may go to the KPREEA meet on October 10th. Stay tuned for tryout details.

GRADE 8 GOAL SETTING

Our Grade 8 students have recently started a whole division goal setting challenge, called 'Couch-to-5km'. As part of their Physical Education/Daily Physical Activity programs, students will be training 3 times per week on the track, with the aim to complete a 5km walk/run. A completion celebration will be planned after the 9-week program. Please ask your student about this new, exciting grade activity! Go Grade 8's Go!

FREE KPR Parent Conference October 19

Calling all parents and caregivers: join us the morning of Saturday, October 19 at Port Hope High School for KPR's free, annual Parent Conference! Dr. Michael Ungar, world renowned expert on building resiliency in children and youth, will talk about The Risk-Taker's Advantage: How to Make Kids More Resilient by Not Bubblewrapping Them. Take advantage of this rare opportunity to hear his engaging advice, while also enjoying free child minding, light refreshments and information booths staffed by local organizations serving families. Stay tuned for more information and registration details later in September at www.kprschoools.ca

Violence Threat Risk Assessment

The KPR Board is committed to providing safe learning environments for all. When students behave inappropriately, principals use progressive discipline to change behaviour. When student behaviours pose a potential threat to safety or serious harm, KPR's Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) protocol helps principals take immediate steps to protect student well-being. While such incidents are rare, the VTRA outlines how we work with local police, mental health providers and community agencies to keep students safe. [Read more about the protocol](#), including notification requirements, in the Safe, Caring and Restorative Schools section of kprschoools.ca. As always, student safety is our first priority. Should you have any questions, please speak with your principal.

Upcoming Events

Sept. 17	Fall Frenzy - afternoon
Sept. 18	School council, 6:30, Library
Sept. 19	School photos
Sept. 25	Soccer tournament
Sept. 26	Kenner Families & Staff Meet and Greet
Sept. 27	P. D. Day
Oct. 2	Cross-country meet



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