KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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March 2020 Newsletter

Daring to Dream – Willing to Work – Striving to Succeed

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Administration's Message

Spring? It that you? As we enter the month of March, we know that the end of winter is near and warmer weather is just around the corner. It also marks our transition to the home stretch of the 2019-20 school year, which always evokes a range of emotions.

During this time, which is often the busiest of the year, families and students are reminded that responsibility, work ethic and organization are extremely important traits to continue to develop in our remaining time together. As teachers work to collect assessments and introduce final units of study, it will be increasingly necessary to put forward best efforts to ensure all students are successful on their final reports.

As the snow melts, students are asked to ensure that bikes, scooters and skateboards are not to be ridden on school property and are the responsibility of students if they wish to bring them. Please ensure that proper footwear continues to be worn and that your student has a pair of closed-toed running shoes for gym activities.

Please contact the school by phone or email should you have any questions, comments or concerns. We look forward to continuing to support each student in the months ahead!

Jennifer Knox — Principal
Jason Huffman — Vice-Principal

Indigenous Self Identification

The Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board is working to promote voluntary, confidential self-identification program with local Indigenous communities and families with First nation, Metis or Inuit ancestry. If you would like your Indigenous heritage to be noted at the school, please reach out to the office and request that an identification brochure be sent home with your child.

Personal Electronic Devices

In order to maintain our focus on education, students have been reminded that cell phones are not permitted during the school day unless they have received permission to use them for instructional purposes. Devices must be stored in lockers when they are not being used and all students should have a working lock to secure their items safely. Thanks for your support!

Attendance Matters

Attending school regularly is extremely important for your child's social, emotional and educational development. It also builds habits that sets kids up for success, both in school and in life. Kids who miss a lot of school can suffer in the long term from significant gaps in learning. Did you know that 11 absences at this point in the school year means your child has missed 10% of their learning? Regular attendance also offers opportunities to build strong peer relationships and build confidence. Parents/caregivers can prepare children for a lifetime of success by making regular school attendance a priority. Here are some tips on how:

- Establish and maintain daily habits, such as finishing homework, getting a good night's sleep and building a solid morning routine
- Schedule medical and dental appointments at the end of the school day or on PA days
- Plan vacations during non-school days
- Talk about the importance of school attendance every day. Be sure your child knows you do not approve of them missing school
- Communicate with the school often to monitor attendance, academic progress and address concerns
- Don't let your child stay home unless they are truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of stomach and/or headaches can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home. If your child seems anxious to go to school, talk to school staff and/or your family doctor. If there is a specific issue that is causing them to not want to attend, speak with school staff as soon as possible so we can work together to solve the problem

Character Trait for March

Honesty - I am sincere, truthful and trustworthy.

Dates to Remember

March 13-20	March Break
March 23	Classes resume