



Kennetcook District Elementary School Newsletter

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February is upon us. We have a very busy month with lots of activities. We are looking forward to a great February

Winter Carnival

The week of Feb 24-28 will be Winter carnival at KDS. The week will have Theme days, a Pancake breakfast, and an Activity trip to Rath Eastlink Center in Truro. More details will follow

Morning arrival

Classes start at 8:45 a.m. Children should not be at the school before the doors are unlocked and supervision starts at 8:25 a.m. We ask for your cooperation in this manner as it is a great safety concern.

Dismissal



As you are aware, dismissal time for all students is 2:35. The end of the day can be busy with many students packing up and heading to buses. **We ask that parents not arrive to pick up their child prior to 2:35.** Every time a student is picked up early it disrupts the teacher and the entire class. Students usually need help to get organized and ready to go home and that means their teacher has to stop teaching and attend to one child to prepare them to go home.

We also request that you make every effort possible to have afterschool arrangements organized with your child before they come to school.

Bus Notes

We understand that there are *extenuating circumstances* when your child must take a different bus home or be dropped at a location other than their usual stop. In this event, please include **the name and address and phone number** for where their stop will be that day. We cannot assume that the bus drivers know the names and addresses for stops other than their assigned route - they need specific information as to where they are dropping your child. We also need to ensure your child's safety and that they are arriving at the designated location. Thank you for your support.

Home and School Group

Next meeting is Monday February 3 at 7:00 pm. Members from the Home and School group have volunteered to assist and support the Pancake Breakfast on Feb. 25 for the students.

School Advisory Council



On Monday February 3 we will be hosting our next meeting. Meetings for the SAC are open to the public. Please feel free to come by and hear about the various issues affecting the school.

Allergies and Anaphylaxis

Many children have allergies; some may be life-threatening. Several children in our school have a potentially life-threatening allergy (anaphylaxis) to foods, predominantly peanuts and nuts. Peanuts are the leading cause of anaphylaxis, which can result in death.

Our school board has a policy in place to help protect children with life-threatening allergies. We feel the best way to reduce the risk of accidental exposure for these students is to respectfully ask for the cooperation of the parents/guardians within our school community to **avoid sending peanut butter or products with peanuts or nuts listed in the ingredients to school.** Nutella is also not considered peanut free. We can all play a role in providing an environment that is safe and healthy for all our students.

Dates to Remember

- Feb. 3 SAC meeting 6 pm
- Feb. 3 Home and School Meeting
- Feb. 5 Learn to Skate Gr. 2
- Feb 12 Learn to Skate Gr. 2
- Feb 17 Heritage Day (No school)
- Feb 18 PD day (No school)
- Feb 24-28 Winter Carnival theme week
- Feb 25 Principal Pancake day
- Feb 27 KDS Trip to RECC (Truro)

Volunteer Packages

If you plan to volunteer in the classroom or on a field trip, you will need to fill out a package and have it processed before volunteering. Processing can take up to three weeks, so it is important to complete it early. Please call, send a note or drop by the office to pick up a package

Gr. 2 Learn to skate

Gr. 2 students are participating in the Learn to Skate program offered by the Municipality of East Hants. There are 3 sessions offered for the students at the East Hants Sportsplex. The February sessions are the first two Wednesdays of the month.

Students in Action

