

SEPTEMBER 28, 2021

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT and EVENTS

- Outline of current staffing and class sizes: 15 homeroom classes (primary = 20, junior 23 – 29, intermediate = 27)
- New staff this year includes Wayne Van Sickle as .36 French, Gen Drake in Kindergarten, Marion Wells in grade 1, Samantha Germaine .56 in grade 7, Natalie Szagala in grade 5, Brittany Elik in grade 5/6, Elaine Littlejohn as ECE in Kindergarten with Andrea McCaffrey, Stacey Sutherland (ECE) has returned to be with Gen Drake and Sarah Anderson (ECE) to be with Sarah Steffler
- A big thank you to Tammy Douglas who filled in as .56 grade 7 until Samantha was assigned
- Support staff this year is Nikki Dubroy, as CYW and Tina Lalonde, Mary Ihasz and Alex Massicotte as EAs
- We continue to be down .25 SERT, but support staff have been great to support students
- Julia Rick continues to be our Mental Health Clinician, with us every other Friday
- Continue our partnership with the YMCA in our building as we share space
- Started year with two P.A. Days, dedicated to Mental Well-being and Knowing our Learners: Building Equitable Learning Communities <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E6F5tx2gVUK> (Equity and Diversity focus)
- CREATING BRAVE SPACES: Seeing one another, recognizing our gifts, how to be an anti-racist (take action vs passive)
- “Initiative” for September, with “Responsibility” to follow in October as part of Character Matters initiative at KPR
- Tuesday September 28th is workshop for grades 5 – 8 for focus on Anti-Racism/Homophobia
- Wednesday September 29th is recognition of Ryan’s Day – focus on Concussion Awareness
- Thursday Sept. 30th is also KPR’s recognition of Orange Shirt day – supporting Indigenous Awareness, part of Truth and Reconciliation (Melody Crowe supporting us at the Board level)
- October 7: Visit with Superintendent Maliha 9:30 a.m.
- October 12: Staff and Parents with “Colour Blind” workshop followed by students on Oct. 14th
- Mascot being put up on gym – preparing quote this week

STUDENT WELLNESS & SAFETY

- KPRDSB Return to School Plan/Mask Policy
- Fire Drill Friday, Sept. 29th @ 2:10 p.m. (A/B groups), October 6 @ 10:20 and then surprise!
- Health and Safety – excellent shape – Donna and team have everything “up to snuff” – much of excess furniture removed to warehouse this week – tidier and safer for students
- Tree company came to take out dead trees, cut back on branches in the yard
- Request from board to redo parking lot lines, etc. to make safer
- Mental Well-being a focus from the board this fall
- Nurse Ryan from Durham Regional continues to support Dr. Emily Stowe and visits regularly

EXTRA-CURRICULAR & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- New games painted on tarmac in all areas for students
- Picture Day Sept. 23
- Terry Fox Walk Sept. 24th – Toonies for Terry (Murru/Steffler/Luke-Hewitt/Lalonde) – raised over \$1 200 (goal)
- Book Fair – Nov. 15-28 (A.J.)
- Butterfly/Pollinator Garden with Monsieur Wayne Van Sickle to be installed this week with students (garden by flag pole)
- Field trips will be available when Volunteer protocol consolidated/ Tournament guidelines provided by the board (K. Papaleo is rep)
- Kinders using bikes Fridays/bring own helmets
- Spirit Wear due Oct. 22
- Healthy Hunger (Subway, MON; Popcorn WED; and Booster Juice, FRI) well-received

