



Autumn Excitement

October, 2011

Newsletter

Kingsley Primary News

Principal's Message - Julie Middleton

Respect is the character trait that we will be focusing on this month at Kingsley School. Respect for self and others is important to instill in our students and the Leadership Team will be acting out a story based on this characteristic. As I believe in the importance of modeling for our students, respect is a quality that all staff members display and demonstrate to each other, students and families of Kingsley. We encourage all of our students to converse, work and play together in a respectful way. This beckons back to the Kingsley Code of Conduct in which all of the principles are based on this fundamental requirement for respect.

Thank you to so many who attended our Curriculum Night. If you could not attend, now you should have received a curriculum package. Within each package is a list of long-range objectives specific to each

grade, assessment methods to be implemented, as well as a list of resources being used. I also included a Volunteer Form that I ask that you return indicating your willingness to volun-

"Reverence is an emotion that we can nurture in our very young children, respect is an attitude that we instill in our children as they become school-agers and responsibility is an act that we inspire in our children as they grow through the middle years and become adolescents."

- Zoe Weil

teer in any manner from being a Board Member to helping to plan the Halloween Party to coming into the classroom to present a skill or hobby. We value parental feedback and I hope that some individuals will take ownership of some Kingsley traditions such as the Halloween Party and

the Gala as these important fundraisers are wonderful ways to build community spirit. Thanks to Mike Morton for speaking on behalf of the Board to explain the role of Board Members.

Also included in that package was an excerpt written from the perspective of a child who has a food allergy. Thank you to Sandhya Kohli for her presentation about food allergies. I do want to mention that a dairy allergy is actually not an obvious type of allergy because dairy appears in almost everything, from crackers to cookies. Dealing with various allergies combined with the Healthy Food Act is why we are asking parents to provide food for their own child(ren) to minimize risks for others.

Please take the time to return your Volunteer Form and I look forward to working with you in whichever capacity you choose.

Grade Two/Three News with Ms. Brantley

September is wrapping up and everyone in the Grade 2/3 class is settling in well. We have been enjoying the novel *Jacob Two-Two meets the Hooded Fang*, by Mordecai Richler, along with a collection of shorter stories exploring friendship and kindness. It's been a great

month and we've had a great time getting to know one another. October is filled with the changes of fall, and this month the grade 2/3 class will be exploring the growth and changes in plants and animals. The trip to the farm will fit nicely with this theme.

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Kindergarten News

Mrs. Mead and Ms. Beasley

It was great to see so many of you at our Curriculum Night. We enjoyed sharing our plans for the year, and displaying some of your child's wonderful work for you to see.

This month, Kindergarten students will learn about apples, seasons, migration and hibernation, and will be participating in many sensory, visual arts and sorting, patterning and graphing activities around these themes. Nursery Rhymes will be a focus for language learning, and later in the month we will introduce our "Estimation Jar". Watch for a letter of explanation and schedule.

On Thursday, October 6th, we will be taking a trip to the apple orchard at Orchalaw Farms (with grades JK to Three). We will be leaving at 9:10 am sharp, and returning at approximately 12:00 noon. Please let us know if you would like to join us as an adult volunteer. Students must dress for the weather, as we will be outside all morning. Knapsacks, water bottles and morning snacks are not required that day.

Grade One News

Ms. Florio

As the weeks zoom by we are enjoying our time together as we learn and grow in Grade One. It was a pleasure to meet with so many of you at Curriculum Night and have a chance to show you what your children have accomplished in the short time we've been together.

In language arts we are currently working on our individual "ABC" books. This project will last the majority of the first term and I hope to have the books completed in time for the winter holiday. As well, we have already read *The Magic Finger* by Roald Dahl. The class enjoyed the book so much that they've asked to have it circulate from home to home so they can read it a second time.

Children will be provided with an apple and water at the orchard.

On Monday, October 31st, students may come to school in their Halloween costume, if they wish. We will be having a parade at 9:05 am, and students will take their costumes off before we go outside to play, so please ensure regular school attire is worn underneath the costume, or brought to school in a labeled bag. For the safety of all students, play guns, swords and other "weapons" are not permitted at school. No Halloween food will be distributed.

Readers will go home on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and are also due back on the following Tuesday, Thursday or Friday. If your child is enjoying the book and wants to keep it a little longer, please write us a note and put it in the folder. "Join In" books (yellow duotangs with a poem or activity inside) go home on Fridays and are due back on Tuesdays. Letters and artwork go home often. We regret that readers can only be sent home in the blue "Take Home Folder" to protect this valuable and im-

We have just started a novel study on *Russell and Elisa* by Johanna Hurwitz, another book that they are completely absorbed in.

In mathematics I am pleased at how well our first unit on patterning has come along. We have just begun a unit on numeracy and are learning about ordinal numbers, where we see them, how we use them as well as recognizing the written words for them (first, second, third etc.).

We have completed a social studies unit on rules, relationships and responsibilities and we will begin a science unit that involves daily and seasonal changes.

As a quick reminder, we have phys-ed on

portant classroom resource. To ensure your child's participation in the Kindergarten homework and reading program, and to facilitate communication between home and school, please ensure this blue folder is checked each evening and returned the following day.

We have begun our Friday morning Show and Share routine with the students. Many skills are taught and practiced with this routine, including speaking in front of peers using a clear, loud voice, being a polite audience member, taking turns, and asking thoughtful and relevant questions.

October Show and Share Schedule

- Friday, Oct. 7: Someone/Something your child is thankful for (a picture or item)
- Friday, Oct. 14: an item of clothing (e.g. sock, scarf, t-shirt) or other household item with a pattern
- Friday, Oct. 21: a fall leaf
- Friday, Oct. 28: an item that is a fall colour (orange, red, yellow or brown)

Mondays and Fridays. Please be sure to send proper gym shoes as we do a fair share of running activities. As well, at Curriculum night Ms. Middleton mentioned the new books that we purchased for our reading program. These are mainly the books that I send home twice a week in the homework folders. We would ask that you take care and remember to return them as it was a costly investment that we hope to use for some time to come.

We've had a great start and I look forward to watching your children discover new things in the coming weeks and months. If you have any questions or concerns please let me know as soon as they arise so that I may address them accordingly.

Grade Four/Five with Ms. Fegon

September was a busy month in the Grade 4/5 classroom. We began our novel studies and wrote letters to our pen pals. The students created artwork using complementary colours, and they designed posters for the food drive. In Math we have been working through the basic operations.

We will begin October with an informal book sharing. The students will have the opportunity to hear about the novels their classmates chose for their book report. The Grade Fours have been

learning about Canada's provinces and territories, bodies of water and physical regions. This month we will take a closer look at each province and territory. The Grade Fives have been learning about each of Canada's different levels of government. Our look at the provincial government has included general discussions about the upcoming election (eg. the parties involved, the voting process). The unit will end with a look at Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms. We will continue with Social Studies for at least the first half of the month and will then switch over to Science. The Grade Fours

will learn about light and sound, while the Grade Fives will focus on the properties of matter. Our next Math unit will be on patterning.

The Grade 4/5 class will be delivering the food that we collect for the food drive to our local fire department on Thursday, October 6, weather permitting.

Information regarding our Royal Winter Fair trip in November will be sent home later this month.

Just a reminder: our Social Studies test will be on Wednesday, October 19.

Coming Up

Running Club: starts October

Sept 28: Terry Fox Run

End of Sept: Thanksgiving food Drive until Oct. 6

Tuesdays until Nov. 22: Junior Engineers, 3:30 -4:30 pm

End of every month: Scholastic orders due

Oct. 6: Trip to Orchalaw Farm

Monday, Oct. 10: Thanksgiving

Oct. 27: Picture Day-Green golf shirts and uniforms!

Oct. 28: Halloween Party dependent on parent interest and involvement

Oct. 28: \$2 Dress-Down Day

Nov. 8: Royal Winter Fair (gr. 4/5)

Nov. 14: Photo retakes

Nov. 18: PD Day, no school

Nov. 25: \$2 Dress-Down Day

End of Nov: Winter Food Drive

Dec. 15, a.m.: "Seussical", Young People's Theatre

Dec. 16: Toonie Dress-Down Day

Dec. 16: Winter Concert 6:30 pm

Dec. 26 through Jan. 6/12:

Winter Holidays

Jan. 9: Back to school

Jan. 27: \$2 Dress-Down Day

Feb. 8 a.m.: "Wall to Wall Percussion", TSO trip

Feb. Fridays: Skating (gr. 1-5)

Feb. 17: P.D. Day, no school

Feb. 20: Family Day holiday

Feb. 24: \$2 Dress-Down Day

Mar. 1: Grad Photo (Gr. 5)

March Break:

March 9 through March 19

Mar. 20: Back to school

March 30: \$2 Dress-Down Day

April 6: Good Friday

April 9: Easter Monday

April 16: TSO concert-juniors

April 26: Toonie Dress Up Day and Photo Day-nice clothes, please

May 18: P.D. Day

May 21: Victoria Day

May 25: \$2 Dress-Down Day

Jun 8: Spring Concert

June 15: Last day of school and \$2 Dress-Down Day

June: Annual Centre Island trip

June 18-29: Kamp Kingsley

Thank You

Thank you to Luisa Cardoso for organizing the QSP Magazine fundraiser.

Thank you to Kristen Maw for organizing the Scholastic Book orders.

Volunteers Needed

Halloween Party—October 28

This is annual parent-organized event fun and you'll meet other Kingsley families. Please contact the school if

you want to organize this event for the students.

Parent Directory

A draft of the Parent Directory, including class lists, addresses, telephone and email, is ready. Please check over your listing in the classroom copy to make sure it's accurate.

Lunch Program

Natalie's Kitchen will soon offer your children a lunch program independent of Kingsley. You'll be able to pick up forms in the lobby after Thanksgiving.

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"Magic happens here!"

Kingsley October 2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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Thanksgiving Food Drive donations being received in the foyer						
3	4 Junior Engineers, 3:30-4:30	5	6 8:15-8:45 Running Club, gym 9:00- noon, Orchalaw Farms (JK-Gr. 3) Food delivered to Fire Hall (Gr. 4/5)	7	8	9
10 Thanksgiving Holiday No school	11 Junior Engineers, 3:30-4:30	12	13 8:15-8:45 Running Club, gym	14	15	16
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31 Halloween Parade, JK/SK, 9:05 am.						