

K.P. Manson Cougar News

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Principal's Message

What a great start to the school year. Thank you parents and staff for your continued support and encouragement as we continue to adjust to the ever changing protocols.

As we move through the school year, there will no doubt be more changes, and I am confident in true Cougar fashion, we will navigate these changes with the same confidence, care and compassion we have shown in the first month.

As we head into cooler weather, please remind your children to dress appropriately and to bring warm clothes for recess and Phys. Ed.

Every Child Matters (orange shirt day) and our school's Terry Fox run were well supported this week by KP staff and students - look for some pictures on Facebook as they are shared with me. We have already reached more than \$3000.00!! Thank you to Mr. Schofield for organizing and running the Terry Fox Campaign, the kids had a blast. One student ran over 30 laps!!! I think our primary kids outran our older students ... so we may have to look at getting our Jr and Int students moving a little more often. We are actually considering a couple of running groups - look for more details to follow. Watch for teachers getting pies in the face next week!

A school announcements Youtube link will be shared Thursdays through various platforms for families to visit to stay up to date. Thank you to Mr. Schofield, who continues to look after this initiative.

As some of you may have read on Facebook, the school has been dealing with some student issues around social media posts. Although these incidents have occurred outside of school hours, they have taken up a lot of administrative time. Unfortunately, the school cannot continue to spend time trying to figure out who posted what, when something was posted, what was said, etc. As staff, we don't have the right to go into a child's phone, nor do we want to. This is not to say that if something that occurs over social media becomes an issue at school, or we continue to have issues with the same student, that there won't be progressive consequences/discipline, but at the end of the day a child's online behaviour and interactions outside of school, is a parent's responsibility.

As such, I urge all parents of students with devices to be progressive, check what apps your children have access to, who their friends are, etc. I also urge parents to visit Paul Davis's website (<https://socialnetworkingsafety.net/>) for suggestions and guidance around student internet access etc.

As always if you have any concerns, please contact the school office by phone, email or our front office window - (humorously referred to as our drive thru window :).

Sincerely,

Gail Greenfield

Please follow us on Twitter and Facebook
@KPMansonps
and on our website at
kpm.tlds.on.ca

School Council Corner:

Thank you to everyone who attended our first (outdoor) meeting of the year!

We are awaiting direction from the school board regarding Halloween procedures, as we are hoping to host an outdoor event, if possible. Stay tuned!

Volunteer Drivers: when/if sporting events or other school events start taking place, volunteer drivers who help out **MUST** be double vaccinated no later than 14 days prior to the day you volunteer. You must show your vaccination certificate to the school and fill in the appropriate form before you drive, so, this should be done well in advance. Again, we will keep you posted on any other new Covid updates.

The school is looking into the possibility of having new fundraisers and food days, however, online payments only will be required for school events. So, we suggest you register for School Cash Online now.

Visit <https://www.tlds.ca/epayments/> to register and be prepared for future sub days or fundraisers!



Character Trait for October

Compassion

Helping other people feel happy when they are sad will make you happy too.



Online immunization reporting for families

You can update or review your child's immunization record securely online at:
<http://www.smdhu.org/immsonline>

It's an online alternative to paper records and allows parents to securely keep track of their families' immunization records.

Grade 7/8 immunizations at school

Routine immunizations for Grade 7/8 students will be available at the schools again, starting this fall (Hepatitis B, HPV and Menactra), NOT Covid 19 vaccines.

The health unit will be sending info. packages to the schools before the clinics run within the coming weeks.

If you need more information about these or other immunizations, please contact the health unit at:

<https://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/>
 or 1-877-721-7520

Cyber-Awareness Month

We encourage parents to checkout the following website (watch the Tedtalks video or other interviews):

<https://socialnetworkingsafety.net/>

For other tips & info., go to <https://www.tlidsb.ca/>

Parent Reminders:

- NO nut products are to be brought to school.
- Notify the school if students are away/late/picked up early (you can leave a voicemail at anytime if the office is closed or busy) as it saves us calling you to verify.
- Students must bring their own water bottles, cutlery etc...the school does not supply these items.
- If a child feels sick, please keep them at home.

School bus safety



Injuries, which are very rare, happen more often **outside** the school bus as students are boarding and leaving the bus or crossing the street.

Parents, help keep your children safe by talking about bus safety with them.

When you board or leave a bus:

- Be at the bus stop 5 minutes before the bus comes.
- Wait in a safe place well back from the edge of the road - don't play in ditches or on snow banks.
- Stay out of the DANGER ZONE. If you can touch the bus, you're too close. Use 10 giant steps to take you out of the DANGER ZONE, and make sure you and the bus driver can see each other.
 - Always cross the road in front of the bus, never behind.
- Look all ways and wait for the driver to signal before you cross in front of a bus.
- Enter or exit the bus in single file. Never push or shove.
 - Walk - never run - across the road.
 - NEVER stop to pick up anything that you may have dropped in the DANGER ZONE. Ask an adult or the bus driver to help.

For more info., go to:

<http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/safety/school-bus-safety.shtml>

Our school bus evacuation practice day is Wed. Oct. 20th.

Thank you for supporting the Terry Fox Foundation!



We had an amazing day for the run and incredible response to our fundraising campaign.

We are still counting the donations and will have a final amount to share after Oct. 6th.



Also...thank you to everyone who showed support for Truth & Reconciliation Day by wearing orange. Every child matters!

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11 HAPPY THANKSGIVING	12	13	14	15
18	19	20 Bus Evacuation Exercise	21	22 PA Day
25	26	27	28	29 Orange/Black or Costume Day TBA