

K.P. Manson Cougar News

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Principal's Message:

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a wonderful break and were able to see some family and friends. Thank you to everyone who came out to view the parade and to School Council for the delicious treats!! Special thank you to those families who "adopted" local families this holiday season - your generosity did not go unnoticed and was greatly appreciated.

Once again our return to school looks a little different this year. As always, thank you for being patient and supportive as we pivot to online learning. Special thanks to the staff, who spend a great deal of time preparing their online lessons and activities. As always, gauge your family's participation and take breaks when you need them. We are all in this together and there is no pressure to be online and engaged at all times. Do what works for you and your child.

Hopefully we will return to school on the 17th, but I am not holding my breath.

When we do return, we will no doubt encounter snow days. For information on how snow days are decided upon, please visit the TLDSB website where the process is clearly explained and remember, when there is a snow day, schools will be closed and learning will occur remotely. More importantly, please remember TLDSB is divided into three regions when it comes to snow days and not all areas are cancelled on the same day. KP Manson falls into the Muskoka region. So, when listening or searching for details about snow days, you want to search and listen for bus cancellations in the **Muskoka** area. As we did last year and will continue to do this year, we will aim to get outside for recess everyday and thus far, we haven't missed one yet! If the temperature is -24 or colder we will keep students inside. Please continue to send your children to school prepared for the various types of weather. Although we do have extra hats, mitts, snow suits and boots in the office, with Covid protocol, we are not able to lend out extra clothing. As well, please make sure your child's clothing is marked, as we do not have a lost and found this year. We do our best to go from class to class to find the owners of lost items, but not everything gets claimed.

Also when we return, we have been informed we will be going back to co-horting students at recess. This will mean students will need to remain in their assigned area of the yard and with their classmates. We are still awaiting direction on whether students will be required to wear masks when outside.

This month we say goodbye to Mrs. Ingram. Mrs. Ingram, one of our amazing EAs, and her family are relocating to Owen Sound (this has been long awaited) to be closer to family and friends. We also say goodbye to Ms. Dixon, one of our DECE's, who is awaiting the birth of her first child. We wish both of these wonderful staff members best wishes as they embark on a new journey. Replacing Ms. Dixon, is Mr. Kretschmar. Mr. K lives locally, has taught internationally, has a great interest in the outdoors and is familiar to the KP family, having supplied here in the past. We welcome Mr. K and look forward to him joining the KP family.

On behalf of the staff and students, I want to thank our KP community for their continued cooperation, support, engagement, compassion and partnership. I also thank you for your continued dedication as parents and caregivers. You are the biggest and most important role model in your children's life and they look to you daily for answers, support, guidance and love. As always if you have any concerns or need to speak to me, send an email, or call.

Here's hoping 2022 gives us less challenges and more opportunities to interact as a community.

Thank you,

Gail Greenfield

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<http://kpm.tlds.on.ca>

School Council Corner

Happy New Year to everyone! Well....for the 2nd year in a row we hope it will be a happy new year!

We are planning some new online fun events for 2022, if we remain in remote learning. As always, if you have any suggestions or comments about safe ways we can do a fundraiser or fun family activity, please feel free to share any ideas with me by email at: michi_viv@hotmail.com

We miss everyone and hope that everyone had a restful holiday (all things considered). With everyone following safety protocols and staying home, hopefully the Covid numbers come down and we can all see each other again soon! Stay safe and keep in touch!



Character Trait for January

Fairness

Always listen when others are talking.
When they are finished, it is your turn
to talk.



School phones are still not working!

Due to a mechanical issue (our outdoor cable was damaged), there will likely be no phone service to the school until after Jan. 11th.

Please email your child’s teacher with any classroom questions/concerns. Email Mrs. Greenfield or Ms. Dean with any other school concerns/questions.

Kindergarten

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Parents can register online for new JK students by going to tldsbc.ca, select “Kindergarten Registration” from the main page to access registration, or go directly to:

<https://ereg.tldsbc.ca>

You can also email Ms. Dean if you need a paper copy of the reg. form or need assistance of any kind.

Take Care of Yourself While at Home:

- ◆ Take breaks from watching, reading, or listening to news stories, including social media.
- ◆ Take care of your body. Take deep breaths, stretch, or meditate. Try to eat healthy, well-balanced meals, exercise regularly, get plenty of sleep.
- ◆ Connect with others. Talk with people you trust about your concerns and how you are feeling and let those close to you, especially children, share their concerns and accept support.
- ◆ Maintain as normal a routine as possible, including engaging in activities you enjoy.
- ◆ Focus your energies on what you can control rather than worrying about what you can't.

We will get through this...think positively! We are happy have a great KP community of families!

Back to online learning! Hang in there everyone!!

Elementary School



Family Literacy Day – Jan. 27th



Taking time every day to read or do a learning activity with children is crucial to a child’s development, improving a child’s literacy skills dramatically and can help a parent improve their skills as well.

This years theme is Learning in the Great Outdoors. Go to: <https://abclifeliteracy.ca/all-programs/family-literacy-day/>

Scroll down the page for links to great activity sheets and projects for kids & families.

Pizza orders??



We will hold onto existing pizza orders and re-instate pizza delivery to classes when we hopefully return to school in the near future. If you have questions, contact Ms. Dean.

Remote Learning Support

Need help logging into Google Classroom or signing into your child's Google Account etc.??? You will find technical support documents, videos, and links to help provide assistance when working with your child at home, on the school board website:

<https://www.tldsbc.ca/parentsupport/>

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International Day of Education

Bell Lets Talk Day

Family Literacy Day