

# K.P. Manson Cougar News

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## Principal's Message

It has been so great to get back to "in school" learning. Not that our teachers and kiddos hadn't been knocking it out of the park, but nothing compares to in the moment, face to face learning. Thank you for your support, encouragement and patience during remote learning. KP families are the best!

Officially we are halfway through the year. As a reminder, when we have a snow day, schools will be closed to all students. Work, and their teacher will be available online and students are encouraged to participate.

Report cards will be coming home Friday February 18th. This report will cover the learning your child(ren) has (have) done from September up to and including remote learning. As you review your child's report card, take this time to help them set goals for the second term and review the next steps their teacher has suggested for their success.

This month we say goodbye to Ms. Dean, who will be relocating to Muskoka Falls PS. Mrs. Madill, Assistant Secretary at Monck, has been hired to replace Ms. Dean, and will be starting August 2022. Until such time we will have a temporary school Administrative Assistant. This position is to be filled within the next week. Ms. Dean's last day will officially be Friday February 11th. We thank Ms. Dean for all her hard work and dedication to the staff, students and families of KP and wish her the best of luck in her new role.

Thank you to the Parent Council for running the recent literacy contest. There were a number of students who participated - check out the parent council section for the winners and KP's Facebook page for pictures.

This week we also received notice of the students who were successful in the Legion's Remembrance Day contests. The following students were successful participants: Lucas Francesconi (1st Remembrance Day Poster), Luke Smith (3rd Remembrance Day Poster + 3rd Remembrance Day Literacy Contest), Sage Oliver (2nd Remembrance Day Literacy Contest), Holly Aldom (1st Remembrance Day Literacy Contest), Logan Colyer (3rd Remembrance Day Poster), Yvette Smith (1st Remembrance Day Literacy Contest).

Literacy and Numeracy continue to be, and will always be at the forefront of our learning as both are essential life skills. If you are curious about what your child is learning month to month or grade to grade, reach out to your child's teacher or visit the TLDSB and/or the Ministry of Education website. There is so much information in both places for parents and they provide a number of ways in which you can support your child's learning in these and other areas. If navigating websites aren't your thing, just point out the importance of math and literacy in daily activities. Demonstrate or share how you use both at home, at work, and in the community. Measure, make lists, make cards, read books, follow recipes, bake, build, sew, divide, add, subtract, multiply, predict, estimate, cc more than, less than, equal, etc. There are so many practical and easy ways to support your child in literacy and numeracy.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the office or email me directly at [gail.greenfield@tldsb.on.ca](mailto:gail.greenfield@tldsb.on.ca)

*Thank you,  
Gail Greenfield*

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

## School Council Corner

Thank you to everyone who participated in our literacy week contest at the end of January! We had some wonderful submissions (some on right) and would like to thank everyone who provided drawings/stories about favourite places to go. The winners drawn are as follows:

JK/SK Bronwyn King & Jack South	Gr. 4/5 Cohen Cronk & Chelsea Parks
SK/1 Callie Edwards & Jake Porr	Gr. 6/7 Sarah Hilhorst & Kaija Koot
Gr. 1/2 Bristol Recollet & Hudson Parry	Gr. 7/8 Sawyer Tasca & Liam Rogers
Gr. 3/4 Lilly Doolittle & Jakem Anley	

February will hopefully bring more opportunities for us to plan some events. As always, if you have any ideas or suggestions for Parent Council, please email Michelle Robinson at [michi\\_viv@hotmail.com](mailto:michi_viv@hotmail.com)



Character Trait for February

# Trustworthiness

When you always do what you say you are going to do, people will trust you.

## Kindergarten Registration Reminder for Sept. 2022

Please submit registrations by Feb. 28th as early registration helps us plan our classes for next year!  
 Junior Kindergarten students must be four years old by December 31st, 2022. To register online go to [tldsbc.ca](http://tldsbc.ca) and click on Kindergarten Registration. If you do not have online access, contact the school at 689-2612.



### Who is that lady on our \$10.00 bill???

Viola Desmond was a Canadian businesswoman of Black Nova Scotian descent. In 1946, she challenged racial segregation at a cinema in Nova Scotia by refusing to leave a white's only area of the theatre. Her case is one of the most publicized incidents of racial discrimination in our history. She is the first Canadian woman to appear alone on a Canadian bank note.

### What to do if your kids have lice...



We are getting some cases of lice again at school. Head lice spread through direct hair-to-hair contact or indirectly by sharing hats, combs, hairbrushes and headphones. Head lice don't fly or hop, but crawl very quickly. If your child has live lice they cannot come to school. Talk to your local pharmacist about treatments...some home remedies do not fully kill the live bugs! You do need to get rid of lice or nits from items that touch the head such as hats, pillowcases, combs/brushes. Wash items in hot water and dry them in a hot dryer for at least 15 min; **OR** Store the items in an airtight plastic bag for 2 weeks. Use a Ziploc-type bag that is airtight.

### Benefits of Sleep!



A well-rested child is better able to solve problems, learn new information, and enjoy the day.

Children aged 5 to 13 years old need nine to 11 hours of quality sleep each night. Teenagers aged 14 to 17 need eight to 10 hours. Help them get the sleep they need, with these tips:

1. Set a consistent wake-up time and bedtime (even on weekends).
2. Create a relaxing bedtime routine that includes reading, taking a bath or listening to music.
3. A sleeping space that is cool, dark & quiet.
4. Keep TVs, electronics, and cell phones out of your child's bedroom — they interfere with natural sleep cycles.

### Valentines Day cards

Direction will come to students through your classroom teacher concerning the sharing of valentines cards/gifts.



### Random Acts of Kindness

"WHEN YOU ARE KIND TO OTHERS, IT NOT ONLY CHANGES YOU, IT CHANGES THE WORLD"

- HAROLD KUSHNER



- Write a letter to someone just to say hello!
- Learn something new about someone.
- Ask a senior about their past, then listen.
- Help a neighbour!



### Fundraiser for Hunger/Homelessness

Take a 2km or 5km walk in the cold in February to raise awareness and support for our neighbours in need. Register as an individual walker, or as a team, participate in fundraising leading up to the event and then join in for the walk on February 26th, 2022. Register, donate or sponsor!

<https://cnoy.org/location/gravenhurst>



# February 2022



**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

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	Black History Month	Groundhog Day (was a snow day!)		PA Day
7	8	9	10	11
Milk is back!		Pizza is back!! (January orders apply)		International Day of Women & Girls
14	15	16	17	18
Happy Valentines Day	←	Random Acts of Kindness Week	→	Report Cards sent home (email)
21	22	23	24	25
Family Day Holiday		PINK SHIRT DAY		
28				