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A MESSAGE FROM THE KATE S DURDAN STAFF...

It looks like Spring has finally arrived! As usual, the students and staff of Kate S. Durdan will be very busy this month. Both our Grade 3's and 6's will be writing the EQAO assessments starting the end of May. Teachers will be meeting with parents for Special Education IPRC's and many of our students will be involved in Track & Field over the course of this month. The Gr. 8 students will be heading to camp for a week of fun, creating memories to last a lifetime! We are hoping that at the end of the month, on May 27th that you and your family will join us as "Luey's Crew Too" to show our continued support of Alex Luey in the Rankin Cancer Run.

JUNIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

Coach Carson and Coach Tachjian want to thank the Junior Boys Basketball team for a season filled with heart, enthusiasm and fun. The boys are to be celebrated for their teamwork and positive attitudes. Good job Knights!



JUNIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL

Coach Bonito, Cade and Tachjian would like to thank the Junior Girls Basketball team members for a spectacular season! the girls ended up placing 2nd in their division. Thank you Skylar, Sophie, Allie, May, Mya, Brianna, Stephany, Jada, Zuzu and Ruth. Also many thanks to our assistant coach Rachel Linthorne. Go knights go!

SAVE THE DATE...

- Gr. 4 & Gr. 5/6 at Walker Living Campus—May 1
- Kate S Durdan Track & Field Meet at Oakes Park—May 4
- Forest of Reading Conference—May 5
- Area One Track and Field Meet at Oakes Park –May 11
- Westlane Aid's Walk—May 12
- Gr. 8's to Camp –May 15-19
- Welcome to Kindergarten—May 17 from 4 –5:30
- Outdoor Classroom Day—May 18
- PD Day—May 19
- Victoria Day Holiday– May 22
- EQAO Testing—May 24—June 5
- Rankin Cancer Run—May 27

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THE RANKIN CANCER RUN—LUEY'S CREW TOO

You are invited to become a member of our Luey's Crew Too Cancer Run Team! The 1km or 5 km run/walk takes place on Saturday, May 27th. This is a great family event. Sign up on line at: rankincancerrun.com. Click register and page down for team registration. Jodie Kerr is the team captain. You can also send in a Rankin Run registration form if you prefer. Students in Grades JK to Grade 6, must be supervised by an adult on race/walk day.



OUTDOOR CLASSROOM DAY

Our school will be participating in Outdoor Classroom day on Thursday, May 18th!

What is Outdoor Classroom Day? It is a day to celebrate and inspire outdoor learning and play! On Thursday, May 18th, thousands of schools around the world will take lessons outside and prioritise playtime!

Why learn outdoors? Outdoor learning improves children's health, engages them with learning and leads to a greater connection with nature. Play not only teaches critical life skills such as resilience, teamwork and creativity, but is central to children's enjoyment of childhood.

At Kate S. Durdan our Outdoor Classroom Day includes:

*Hot Dog Lunch - Purchase on School Cash Online: \$5 for a hot dog, juice box & a freezie!

*Outdoor activities & use of outdoor classroom

*Bubbles & Chalk - Bring in \$2 to purchase chalk & bubbles to use during fitness break!

We are looking forward to a great day of Outdoor Learning and Fun!



GR. 1 FRENCH IMMERSION

Students currently in Senior Kindergarten who have been accepted into the Grade 1 French Immersion program and their families are invited to an Open House at John Marshall Public School, 3910 St. James Ave., on May 25 from 6-7 pm. Students will have an opportunity to tour the school, see the classrooms, meet the staff. Contact Principal, Janice Slade with any questions. 905-358-3711 or janice.slade@dsbn.org



GRADE 3 & 6 EQAO

The Provincial Standards testing for grades 3 and 6 will be held between May 24th and June 5th. Testing will occur daily during this period. Please plan to make sure that your child is in attendance.



Since education is a partnership of parents, students and teachers, we stress to parents to better prepare their children for the E.Q.A.O. assessments and the Ontario Curriculum that reading with your children from a greater variety of texts (poetry, magazines, computer manuals, newspaper, plays, etc.) would be very valuable. Reviewing and solidifying number facts and mathematical concepts would also be helpful. As you view your children's creative writing or any form of writing, challenge them to use more interesting vocabulary, a variety of sentence structures, and stress the use of imagery (similes, metaphors, alliteration) or vivid verbs and adjectives.

Finally, try to stress independence in your child. Certainly some parental guidance of homework is fine, but try having your child re-read, and re-think instructions and attempt solutions on his/her own.

FIGHT THE BITE!

Ticks, mosquitos and rabid animals have no boundaries and can be a risk to you and your family when walking to and from school or work, waiting at the bus stop, family trips, and while playing in the yard at home or at the park.

Protect yourself and your family from West Nile Virus:

- Reduce standing water where mosquitoes breed

- Cover up, wear long sleeved shirts, long pants, hats socks and shoes

- Repair any damaged window screens

- Use insect repellants containing DEET or Icardin (follow manufacturer's instructions)



Reduce the risk of Lyme disease:

- Wear light coloured clothing to help spot ticks

- Use insect repellants containing DEET or Icardin (follow manufacturer's instructions)

- Check yourself, your children and pets for ticks after being outdoors

- Cut your grass and dispose of leaf litter where ticks can live

Prevent rabies:

- Vaccinate your pets

- Do not feed or approach any wild, stray or strange animals

- Do not trap, transport, keep or pet any wild animals

- Do not try and nurse sick animals back to health

Presently, all of these diseases exist in Niagara. For more information, contact Niagara Region Public Health. 905-688-8248 ext. 7767 or 1-888-505-6074