

NOVEMBER 2023

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A MESSAGE FROM MRS. DONOFRIO AND MR. DICKSON,

What a GREAT few months we have had at Kate S. Durdan! We all enjoyed our CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY last week where many of our students were recognized for their effort both inside and outside of the classroom! It was incredible to hear about the amazing things our students are doing around the school.

We had so much fun with our dress up day on Hallowe'en! The parent/family parade was so fun for all of us! This month we look forward to our newly formed Students' Council thinking of some spirit days for the month of November! We value their amazing leadership in planning these events. We are so lucky to have such a wonderful group of talented leaders in our midst!

This month we have Progress Reports going home on November 16th. Teachers are working very hard to write their reports to show you the successes your child has enjoyed since September! Don't forget to sign up for an interview with your teacher when our Parent sign up forms go out later this month. More details to follow!

We hope you enjoy the November newsletter and hearing about some of the fun things happening at our AMAZING KSD! Have a great Fall KSD Families!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Donofrio and Mr. Dickson



Achieving Success Together

AT KSD...



SAVE THE DATE..

DENTAL SCREENING—Nov. 1 & 2

KSD REMEMBERS—Nov. 10

REMEMBRANCE DAY — Nov. 11

BOOK FAIR—Nov. 13-15

PIZZA DAYS — Start November 14th & will be every Tuesday

PROGRESS REPORTS GO HOME — Nov. 16

BLUE & YELLOW DAY—Nov. 17

RETAKE DAY—Nov. 22

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS— Nov. 23

PD DAY —Nov. 24—No school for students



The Elementary Progress Report -

KDG - Grade 8 Students



On November 16th, your child will bring home their Elementary Progress Report. The format was created after years of consultation with parents/guardians, teachers, principals and students across the province. Although it looks much like the Report Card, the Progress Report has a very different intent. The purpose is to share early and specific feedback on your child's development of work habits and the learning skills. Reporting on the Progress Report is about looking forward and setting a course for the learning journey ahead. Based on the evidence that teachers see, as well as what teachers know about learning at this grade level, the report communicates the path your child is on toward achieving the grade level expectations by the end of the year. The Progress Report does not include letter grades or percentage marks for academic subjects; it instead identifies whether your child is progressing very well, well or with difficulty. For subjects in which your child is Progressing with Difficulty, the teacher will discuss specific next step plans needed for success. We look forward to partnering with you and your child for a year of great learning and growth.

Parent-Teacher Conference Information

Dear Parents and Guardians of Kate S Durdan Public School,

We will be holding parent/teacher interviews the week of November 20th with more information to follow. This year, you will be able to schedule your Parent-Teacher Interviews online, by phone or in person. More information via school messenger will be coming later this month. Our teachers look forward to chatting with you and sharing their observations about your child's learning!



TECHNOLOGY

Technology is an important part of our program and there will be many opportunities for learning using desktops, video equipment, cameras, and more.

Students should not bring valuable personal property to school. Loss and theft are facts of life, and often these lost or stolen articles are never returned to their rightful owner. Similarly, other items may cause unwanted distraction and/or confidentiality or safety concerns. Unless given permission by the teacher to complete school assignments or projects, all electronic devices (i.e., cell phones, cameras, IPODs, tablets) must be kept in a student's backpack throughout the entire school day, including nutrition breaks. If any of these items are used during school hours, they will be confiscated and will be returned with the date to be determined as per each offence. Electronic devices are not the responsibility of the school. It is, therefore, best that such items be left at home.



KSD's Knights of the Month

September/October 2023



Vandermeer KDG 1 - Kadin K./Kaleb L.

Mead KDG 2 - Nick P./Jahmari S.

Milicevic KDG 3 - Wray H./Declan S.

Mitchell 1 - Ryka D./Leo X.

Pokol 1 - Janet S./Meer P.

Schiavone 1/2 - Dominic H./Tera C.

Flower 2 - Lochlan S./Prahi P.

Kent 2 - Sophia K./Natalie R.

Solanki 2 - Harper M./Evelyn B.

Stewart 3 - Neveah O./Sia P.

Schedler 3 - Maisam M./Adaia C.A.

Liefl 3/4 - Jovie B./Teri C.

Serafino 4 - Yu Chen Z./Liana H.

Maurice 4/5 - Naynawa A./Parish P.

Pearson 5 - Mahnoor M./Dhairya P.

Plato 5/6 - Aaliyah H./Umer R.

Goode 6 - Saba I./Jongho L.

Larochelle 6/7 - Eduardo I-H./Shiya J.

Brigham 7 - Ava G./Carter D.

Primeau 7 - Jaxon S./Rahaf T.

Shakespeare 7/8 - Zainab R./Dora Z.

Storr 8 - Amelia C./Srihaas P.

Jegg 8 - Roqia R./Harkit M.

Dilts French - Avaya H./Natalie T.

Chen Arts/Phys. Ed. - Audrey B./Neveah O./

Julia C./Aria H.

Patterson French - Carly H./Annie C.

Zimmerman French - Anthony S./Amber H.

Please make sure your child is sent to school with a water bottle everyday!



To all of our parents who are now signed up for the School Messenger app for our Safe Arrival Program of our students! Please continue to use the School Messenger app or call our attendance toll free line at 1-866-606-5567 to report your child/ren's absences from school.

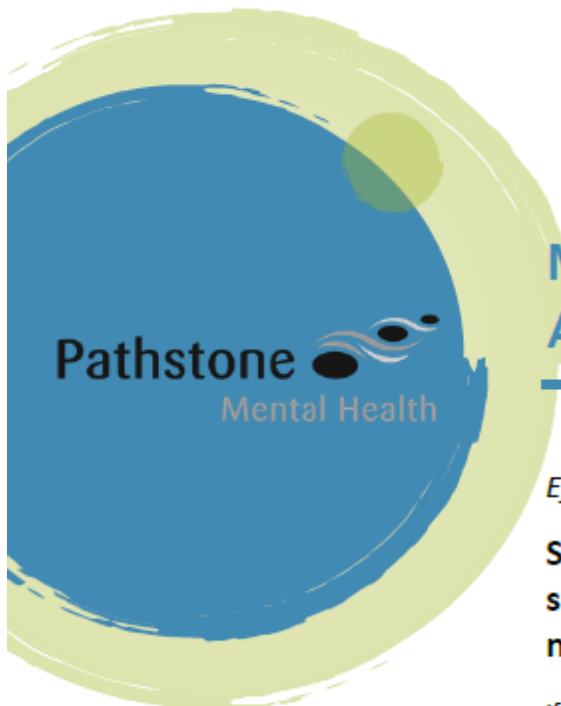
We also appreciate your help with labelling lunches when dropping them off at the school and making sure your child has a water bottle for daily use here as well.

JUNIOR FLAG RUGBY

Congratulations to the Flag Rugby Team on a great performance at the DSBN tournament. The team played some great Rugby and won against Greendale, McKay and Senator Gibson which put us into the finals. The team played well but were defeated 3-2 in the knockout rounds against Central. Our try scorers were Jordan , Amber, Jayden R, Lewis, Declan, Luka, Shiya, Jayden A and Anwasha. Thanks to the team for their positive attitude and good sportsmanship throughout the season. We hope to see you all playing Rugby next year.

The Knights who made up the team were: Anwasha, Shiya, Amber, Zoe, Sisi, Jordan, Jayden R, Jose, Lewis, Luka, Dhairya, Barhoom, Declan, Jayden A, Jaxon, Dillon, Noah, Matthew, Ryan, Maher and Jackson.





Mental Health Care is Evolving Across Niagara

Effective, October 31st, 2023

Seamless access to mental health care and support for Niagara's children and youth, can now be found at Pathstone.

If your child/youth is under 18, living in Niagara, and needs mental health services, connect with Pathstone Mental Health directly to get started.



Pathstone Mental Health
The Branscombe Centre
1338 Fourth Ave.,
St. Catharines, ON,
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905.688.6850
General Inquiries



intake@pathstone.ca



www.pathstonementalhealth.ca

Step #1

Phone: 905.688.6850 ext. 8

Email: intake@pathstone.ca

Online: www.pathstonementalhealth.ca/programs-services

Step #2

One of our intake team members will call you back to chat with you about the type of mental health programming that would best suit your needs.

Step #3

You will be connected to the most appropriate mental health program or service.

Please feel free to ask us any questions.

We look forward to working with you and your family.



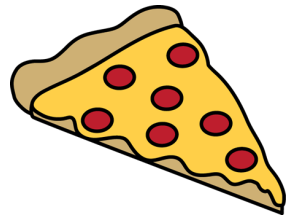
Scholastic Book Fair @ KSD



**It's
Book Fair
Time!**

Kate S. Durdan will have our annual Scholastic Bookfair running on Monday, November 13 to Wednesday, November 15, 2023. Students can shop during breaks, as well as designated class times. Families are also welcome for after-school shopping each day from 3-4:30 pm. All proceeds taken will go towards new books for our school library. See you there!

Exciting News!



Pizza days will be starting on **Tuesday, November 14th** and will be **held every Tuesday thereafter**. Orders will be done directly through an app for Gino's Pizza. More information will be sent out through Schoolmessenger as soon as we receive it from the vendor, so please keep checking your emails!

Mr. Brigham's grade 7 class was busy carving pumpkins to celebrate the season. Here are a few samples of their creativity and costumes on Halloween. We think they are all



HALLOWEEN FUN AT KSD

