

K.P. Manson Cougar News

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Principal's Message

Fall is here in all its glory – that can only mean winter is not far away – and there are a lot of theories out there about the kind of winter we will have. Regardless, please make sure your children are coming to school dressed for the weather. I realize as children get older, this can be a challenge and when natural consequences come into play quite nicely.

Thank you to everyone who supported parent council and their fundraising activities. We made a profit of approximately \$400.00. Some of these monies will be used towards the purchase of a portable sound system for the school.

As well thank you to the Breakfast Program volunteers who shop weekly and prepare trays for each of the classrooms every day. The trays are a hit.

KP will be having a yearbook again this year. It will be produced by Lifetouch – the same people who did our school pictures. They will be available for June. Look for more information to be coming home in the new year.

Reminder there is a PA Day Nov 24th, parent teacher interviews are the 23rd – you should have received information home on this. We end school Dec 22nd for Christmas break, returning January 8th.

Thank you for your continued support in your child's learning. As math continues to be one of our focusses this year, especially in the area of number sense & numeration, please continue to support your child's learning by playing simple math games, dice games, adding to 10 & 20, recognizing groups of items rather than counting items one at time, and reading at home. If you are looking for grade specific ideas speak to your child's teacher.

Bus drivers have asked us to remind parents that children need to be at their stop 10 minutes prior to pick up. This is especially important if your children's stop is on Hwy 11. Buses cannot sit and wait on the hwy. Children need to be at the stop and getting on the bus as quickly and safely as possible. As well when picking up and dropping off children at the school please park on the school side of the road only.

If you ever have a concern please contact the school so it can be addressed.

Sincerely,

Please follow us on Twitter and Facebook

@KPMansonps

Gail Greenfield

Snow Day Routines

When busses are cancelled, the school is still open for students. Parents of bus students who can safely transport their children to and from school are welcome to do so. Drop off is 8:40am and pick up is by 3:00pm. Please be aware this is still a meaningful day and students will be doing some reading, writing and math activities although they may not be in their regular classroom.

For safety reasons, parents of our walking students should call our safe arrival program at 705-689-2612 to inform us if your child will not be attending on days when the busses are cancelled.

Please listen to the Moose 99.5 for bus cancellations. Remember there are 3 areas in TLDSB, listen only for "Muskoka". You can also check on the board website at www.tldsb.on.ca or www.mybustoschool.ca

Character Trait for November

Perseverance

The act of trying again and again, not giving up

Before and After School Care

If your child is in our after school care program please park in the school parking lot, not on the road.

Before school care may become available in the future. If this is something your family might be interested in – please let the school know as we are generating a list. As well if you wish after care please contact Muskoka Family Focus at 705-645-3027 as there are still spaces available.



The Grade 7/8 class is selling popcorn at both nutrition breaks every day to support their trip to Quebec in June. Bags \$1.00 each

Food Drive

Thank you to all who brought in food for our We Scare Hunger food drive and to Mr Synnott for taking all those items to the food bank in Gravenhurst. We had a total of 1035 items!

Boston Pizza (another big thank-you!!) is donating a pizza party to the top four classrooms!! Congrats to Ms Carruthers grade SK/1 class with 252 items as the top winner, along with Mrs Wheler, Mr Montross and Mrs Johnston!

Interview Night

Our parent teacher interview night is scheduled for Thursday November 23rd starting at

4:30pm at 15 minute intervals. The last interview time starts at 8:15. Forms have been sent home and are to be returned to the school. We will do our best to accommodate your preferred time and provide back to back interviews for siblings.



Pizza Day Reminders

Most families take advantage of our pre-paid pizza forms. The next one will be coming home the end of November. Pizza is ordered on Tuesday morning in the classroom and tallied to order by noon. Orders and money must be in by that time. Pizza days are then on Wednesday.

If we have a snow day on Tuesday : Pizza will be ordered based on prepaid pizza orders and will still happen on our regular Wednesday pizza day. Send a regular lunch if you do not participate in pre-paid pizza, there is no guarantee of extra.

Snow day on Wednesday : All pizza orders will be moved and will be delivered two days later on Friday.

Poinsettia

Our Poinsettia fundraiser information will be sent home soon. Plants must be picked up, remember they are sensitive to cold temperatures and cannot be taken home on the bus.

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1 Picture Retake	2	3
6	7	8	9	10 Remembrance Day Assembly 9am
13	14	15	16 Parent Council Mtg	17 Reports Home
20	21	22	23 Interview Night	24 PA Day
27	28	29	30	