

K.P. Manson Cougar News

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Principal's Message

We are now half way through the year and what a start to 2018!! Snow days can always be an issue and concern. For information on how snow days are decided upon, please visit the TLDSB website.

Typically on colder days, we keep students in if it is -20 or colder. Thank you for sending 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, students should not depend on these supplies as they quickly get used up. Please make sure your child's clothing is marked.

Electives have been organized for the next few weeks. All students, with the exception of the JK/SKs will be doing three days of electives. Our first day is Thursday Feb 8.

Throw Ball, snowshoeing, dance club, robotics club, Battle of the Books and volleyball are up and running. Thank you to the staff and students who help run these activities during lunch and recess.

Your child's report card will be coming home Friday February 16th. This report will cover the learning your child has done from September until now. As you review the report card with your child please set goals with them as they start second term and review the next steps their teacher has suggested for their success.

I would like to thank the staff who continue to make KP Manson Public School a wonderful place to work and learn. Their dedication, compassion and positive outlook is contagious and is reflected in the happy faces that fill the halls and classroom.

We continue to experience issues with the misuse of electronic devices at school. Although they can be a very practical tool and are a part of everyday life, many students are texting during instructional time, accessing inappropriate sites, taking pictures, playing games and not using their devices wisely. The expectation is these devices are to be used appropriately during class and recess time. They are to be in plain sight, on student's desks if they are being used for research or as a focusing tool. If they are being used inappropriately the student will be asked to bring the device to the office until the end of the day and parents may be called. If the behavior continues, the student may be directed to leave the device at home. If you permit your child to bring their device(s) to school, please remind them of the importance of using them appropriately and the consequences of misuse. As well if you need to contact your child, please call the office rather than texting them during school time. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated with regards to this matter. In the next week, constable Matt McBride will be in the school to discuss issues around luring, chat sites, and misuse of electronics.

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, please stop by, send an email, or call.

There is a survey coming home with this newsletter and I ask that you take the time to complete it and return it to the school as soon as possible. It is also available online through our school website and our Facebook page. This is the opportunity to have your voice heard. I plan to share this information with various community partners at the end of the month to see how we can address the needs of the different members of the community. Please let community members know hard copies are available at the school for them to complete.

<https://goo.gl/forms/nVCFPhTd1tujurCeV2>

Thank you,

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Gail Greenfield

Character Trait for February

Trustworthiness

Being someone that others can depend on

End of Day and After School Program

A reminder if you have a change to your child's after school plan, please make a note in their agenda so there is no confusion at the end of the day. The end of the day is extremely busy and we can't guarantee all messages will get to all parties in an appropriate time.

Also, if your child attends the after school program, please let the after school program know by calling their safe arrival program. The office does not relay message to the program. For more information or to register please contact Muskoka Family Focus at 705-645-3027

Kindergarten Registration

Registration is open for junior and senior kindergarten. Junior Kindergarten students must be four years old by December 31st, 2018. To register please bring the following to your school:

- Proof of age (birth certificate) , Name and phone number for family doctor, Childs updated immunization record
- Proof of address (drivers license, bill with name/address on it), Ontario Health card number

Please call the school, 705-689-2612 or drop by for a registration package. Or visit www.tdsb.ca for more information.

Downhill Skiing/Snowboarding

Monday February 27th and Wednesday March 7th we will be downhill skiing and snowboarding at Horseshoe Valley Ski Resort. Sign up/payment forms have been sent home and need to be returned to confirm at spot. At a later date permission forms (one from Horseshoe Valley, one from KP Manson) will be sent home.

Book Fair







Our Scholastic Book Fair is February 21st to 23rd. Students will be able to visit with their classroom and parents are welcome to visit as well.

Wed Feb 21 9am—3pm

Thurs Feb 22 9am—3pm

Fri Feb 23 9am—12noon

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