



Kirkcaldy Heights School

*"Awaken your **courage**, reach new Heights"*

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January 2019

Dates to Remember:

January 7	All Classes Resume - Day 1
January 17	PAC Meeting in School Library at 6:30 p.m.
February 18	Louis Riel Day (All Schools Closed)
February 21	Family Fun Bingo - 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (Gymnasium)
March 6	Gr. 5 - 8 Ski Trip - Asessippi
March 8	Parent Teacher Conferences
March 15	Administration Day /Professional Development - No Classes (K - 12)

Student Drop-Off and Pick-Up



Parents, guardians and visitors to our school please respect the No Stopping Zones - the City of Brandon and the Brandon School Division have designated bus loading zones in front of the school.

Please note that the parking lot is not a drop off zone. Please encourage your child(ren) to walk to and from school. If you must park please use the Sportsplex parking lot.

The Staff parking lot is a busy area and with parking on either side of the lot it can be very difficult for drivers to see young children walking to / from their parents vehicles. **Do not park in the staff parking lot. All parking stalls are reserved for staff.**

Driving by the bus when the stop arm is out could result in a fine of over \$600. **Violations are recorded on camera and licenses are sent to police.**

We are also looking for parent volunteers to help supervise the Kirkcaldy Heights School Loop in the mornings. If interested please call 204-729-3291.



Thank-you for your cooperation!

Lunch Program Fee



A reminder from Kirkcaldy Heights Lunch Program:

Lunch Program fees are due:
January 7th, 2019
Thank-you!

From the Canteen

The Canteen will be serving:

Hot Dogs on Mondays for \$1.25 each
&
Cheeseburgers from McDonalds on Wednesdays

for **\$2.00** per order



Kirkcaldy Heights PAC Update

Happy holidays and Happy New Year to all of you from all of us from PAC. Hopefully your Christmas and New Years was all you had hoped for!

As we change the calendar into 2019, we encourage parents to contact us with any questions regarding anything we do for the school. We are still looking to fill our volunteer list and would encourage both students and parents to contact us through our Facebook page "Kirkcaldy Heights School Parent Advisory Council" or through our e-mail kirkcaldypac@gmail.com. We require volunteer help at all events and fundraisers and look forward to hearing from you. If you have not been to a PAC meeting, we have changed our Citizenship Award to be a Volunteer Appreciation award. We will choose two students that have volunteered their time throughout the year to receive this award. It is open to all students in grades 6, 7 and 8.

Our fundraising campaign is slowly taking shape with our cookbook. We may be sending out requests for more recipes to fill our book. We will likely be doing a pre-order drive to gauge the interest of the cookbooks before we do an initial order. These forms will be out by the end of January, please return these if you are interested in purchasing 1, 2, or 10 cookbooks!

The school and PAC are once again doing a Family Bingo night in early 2019. PAC will be onsite for food sales, raffles and possibly another version of Find the Joker.

Our next PAC meeting will be held on January 17, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the library. Please join us as the discussion is usually upbeat, gives you a platform to have your voice heard, as well as a vote on any item that may arise. From all of your Executive Members of PAC, I would like to wish you all a very joyous and prosperous New Year!!!

Student Attendance

Our goal is to ensure that every student attends school regularly.

Attending school has a huge impact on a student's academic success starting in kindergarten and continuing through high school. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a role in making sure students get to school safely every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and in life.

We realize some absences are unavoidable due to health problems or other circumstances. But, we also know that when students miss too much school - regardless of the reason - it can cause them to fall behind academically.

We don't want your child to fall behind in school and get discouraged. Please ensure that your child attends school every day and arrives on time. Here are a few practical tips to help support regular attendance:

- Make sure your children keep a regular bedtime and establish a morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Ensure your children go to school every day unless they are truly sick.
- Avoid scheduling vacations or doctor's appointments when school is in session.
- Talk to teachers and counselors for advice if your children feel anxious about going to school.
- Develop back up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, neighbour, or another parent to take your child to school.

Let us know how we can best support you and your child(ren) so that they can show up for school on time every day. We want your child to be successful in school! If you have any questions or need more information please

Roses of Support

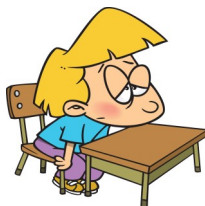
The grade 7 classes spent an afternoon volunteering at various places in Brandon, to give back to the community, one of them being the Women's Shelter. The Women's Shelter had started a project to increase awareness about National Day of Remembrance (December 6). Our school was inspired by their drive to help our community and wanted to help spread the message. The students decided to make a canvas covered in various colours of roses as a symbol of support to the Women's Shelter and their residents. Hundreds of students from Kirkcaldy wrote words of encouragement and support on each of the roses. A generous family donated a blank canvas to help with our project, which we then placed all of the roses on. This canvas was hanging in the front of our school for the week of the National Day of Remembrance. It will be donated back to the women's shelter as a show of support.



Pictured above from L - R are Katie Wedderburn, Marina Salahm, Amari Stocks and Alexis Wynne who spent a number of their recesses preparing the canvass and placing each of the roses.

Remember to please keep your child at home if ...

- ◆ They are unable to go outside for recess
- ◆ They are vomiting
- ◆ They have a fever
- ◆ They have diarrhea
- ◆ They have a sore throat
- ◆ They have an eye infection
- ◆ They have a rash, lice or nits
- ◆ They are just not feeling very well



When your child is sick, do not expose them to others!

Take Pride!

We are asking all parents, students, staff and visitors to our school to help us take pride by removing wet or dirty footwear upon entering our school. Thank you in advance for your support in keeping our school clean!

2019 - 2020 Classroom Placement

Welcome back to all of our families and welcome to any new members of the Kirkcaldy Heights community. As some of you may be looking forward to next year we would like to take a moment to remind you about the decision that we have made in regards to classroom requests. There have been increasing challenges in taking parent requests for classroom placements. The school team spends a great deal of time determining class lists in order to meet all students' needs. Due to the numerous factors that need to be taken into consideration we can no longer manage teacher or friend requests. Again, thank-you for your cooperation, understanding, and trust as we soon begin to engage in this challenging task.



News from the Gym

Basketball season will be starting up in early January and Grades 5 - 8 Phys Ed options (session #2) will start the first week back after the holiday break.

A ski trip is scheduled for March 6th at Asessippi. Waivers and further information will be sent home with students in early January.

News from the Music Room

Our Christmas Concert in December had our Grade 5 - 8 students, with ORFF Club involvement, perform and sing. We would like to give a big round of applause to all Kirkcaldy Heights students for all of their hard work, a special thanks to Mrs. Placatka for all of her time making this concert a success, and a big thank-you to Mrs. Jebb for accompanying on piano.

JANUARY 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
	Winter Break					
6	7 Day 1 All Classes Resume	8 Day 2	9 Day 3	10 Day 4	11 Day 5	12
13	14 Day 6	15 Day 1	16 Day 2	17 Day 3 PAC Meeting in School Library at 6:30 p.m.	18 Day 4	19
20	21 Day 5	22 Day 6	23 Day 1	24 Day 2	25 Day 3	26
27	28 Day 4	29 Day 5	30 Day 6	31 Day 1		

