



# Kirkcaldy Heights School

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

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## March 2020



### Dates to Remember:

March 04	Grade 9 Application Due Date - Submit Applications to Mrs. Templeton
March 04	Gr. 8 Farewell Photos - Commencing at 9:00 a.m.
March 06	Student/Teacher/Parent Conferences - No School
March 09	Kindergarten Celebration of Learning - 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
March 11	Kirkcaldy Heights Science Fair 2020
March 25	Spring Bus Evacuation Drills
March 25	Last Day of Classes Prior to Spring Break
March 30 to April 03	Spring Break - All Schools closed
April 6	All Classes Resume

### K - 8 Registration - 2020 - 2021

Registration forms for 2020 - 2021 have been sent out.  
***Please return these forms as soon as possible***

**NOTE:** When reviewing the registration form it is very important that we have all of your contact numbers and emergency contact numbers correctly listed.  
Please highlight or identify any missing or incorrect information.

#### **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:**

Registration forms are available in the office. If you have a child that is turning 5 years of age by December 31, 2020 he/she is eligible to attend Kindergarten. Please pass this information to parents of children that do not attend Kirkcaldy Heights right now.

*Proof of birth date and proof of where you live must accompany the registration forms.*

#### **SCHOOL OF CHOICE:**

Families interested in applying for a school of choice must complete a School of Choice application **prior to May 15, 2020.**

### News from the Lunch Program

ATTENTION all parents - the school does not supply cutlery. Please send forks and spoons along with your children for lunch or a fee will be charged to students requesting cutlery going forward.

### News from the Canteen

The Canteen will be serving:

**Hot Dogs on Mondays for  
\$1.50 each  
&**

**Cheeseburgers from McDonalds on Wednesdays  
for \$2.00 each**

Orders must be received at the office prior to 9:15 a.m.

## PAC Update

Well spring is in the air, which means the school year is close to completion! Please remember to watch for staff, students and parents walking to and from the school and to observe the school zone when driving!

In March we will be sending out order forms for our next fundraiser which will be for East 40 ham garlic sausage. The plan is to have the orders back to you in time for Easter. Please remember that we fundraise for various items annually. The big ticket is to purchase a piece of playground equipment in the near future. We also fundraise for things like a donation to the school to help with lifeguards for our options program at the Sportsplex, subsidize school buses for class field trips, donate to the grade 8 farewell bash and the last two years we have had Manitoba Theatre for Young People (MTYP) come in and put on a production for the students.

We would like to thank the school for letting us use the gym on February 18<sup>th</sup> for this year's MTYP production of "Spelling 2-5-5". All reports we have heard, the students and staff in attendance enjoyed this informative show. This production was geared to all students from kindergarten to grade 8. We will look at doing another event with MTYP in the 2020/21 school year.

Also in February we had our joint venture Bingo! This was another success this year, the gym was packed and many exciting prizes were won! Thank you to the parents and students that helped PAC with the food sales and clean up. All profits made were split 50/50 with the Grade 8 trips group and PAC. Thank you to all who came and supported our school on this fun filled evening.

We have yet to set a date for a future PAC meeting at the school, but we will advertise on our Facebook and Instagram pages as well as sending an email notification as well. Please follow us at Kirkcaldy Heights School PAC on Facebook and kirkcaldyheightspac on Instagram! Should you require information or curious about volunteering your time as a PAC member or just to volunteer at events please do not hesitate to message us on Facebook, Instagram or email [kirkcaldypac@gmail.com](mailto:kirkcaldypac@gmail.com)

## Kirkcaldy Heights Science Fair 2020 - March 11 - Grade 1 - 8

- Kirkcaldy Science Fair Registration is due March 2 - please ensure the project's title remains the same on registration form and Science project board (to help with judging)
- Projects must follow the Scientific Inquiry Process as outlined in the information from the Western Manitoba Science Fair (WMSF) or they cannot be considered for judging or awards.
- For an excellent resource and detailed information about guidelines go to [www.wmsf.com](http://www.wmsf.com)
- WMSF will be April 7, 2020 at the Brandon University Healthy Living Center
- Kirkcaldy will be allowed to send eight projects for grades 1 - 4 and eight projects for grades 5 - 8.
- Grades 7 and 8 must write an abstract about their project when registering.
- Contact Mrs. McLachlan if you have any questions ([mclachlan.cyrena@bsd.ca](mailto:mclachlan.cyrena@bsd.ca))

## News from the Gym

Gymnastics club will be starting next week, information will be going home this week. Archery club will also begin the first week of March in the mornings for the Grade 5 - 8's, check the gym schedule each week for times.

## From the Office



Please make sure to let the office know if you move, change your place of employment, have a new phone number or emergency contact. It is very important that we have up to date information when trying to reach parents in case of emergency, bus cancellations, etc. Our school uses an automated call out system, so if your child(ren) are absent with no reason given, you will receive a phone call from the system. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Our number in the office is (204) 729-3291 or you may call our Home School Liaison at (204) 729-3290 to report an absence.

## Consider the Following

*Climate Change Conference:* A group of grade 8 students are interested in making sustainable changes at Kirkcaldy. Together they will be going to a climate change conference in Winnipeg to learn ways to make a more sustainable school. The key note speaker at the climate change conference is none other than Bill Nye the Science Guy!

## Welcome Student Teachers!

Please join us in welcoming the following student teachers to our school who will be starting their spring placement March 9th:

Sierra Bowslaugh - Mrs. Rowe Kindergarten  
Jessica Bell - Ms. Rannie's Grade 2 Class  
Chelsea McKay - Miss Baker's Grade 2 Class  
Paige Johnson - Mr. Lewis and Mr. Maxon Grade 6 Classes  
Coyle Goyak - Mr. Curtis Phys Ed  
Bryce Keilback - Mr. Birch Phys Ed

And starting April 27th:

Jacinth Solomon - Ms. Rannie & Miss Baker Grade 2 Classes

Welcome to Kirkcaldy Heights!

## Riding the Bus

Kindly review the following good school bus passenger rules with your child:

- \* Take your seat right away and remain seated until leaving the bus.
- \* Each driver will assign seating and a seating plan in effect.
- \* Eating or drinking is not permitted on the school bus.
- \* Aisles are to be kept clear at all times. Books and parcels should be kept on your lap.
- \* Students shall refrain from loud or boisterous talking or yelling.
- \* Do not use abusive or obscene language.
- \* Never throw objects inside the school bus or out the windows.
- \* Windows should only be opened with the permission of the driver. Keep your hands, feet, arms and head inside the school bus at all times.
- \* Students shall not touch the emergency door or exits or any part of the bus equipment, unless directed to do so.
- \* Students will be responsible for any willful damage or vandalism to the school bus.
- \* Promptly obey the driver's instructions.
- \* Objects of a dangerous or objectionable nature will not be allowed on the bus.
- \* Always treat your driver and other passengers with respect and courtesy.
- \* The driver will report disciplinary problems to the principal who will determine the disciplinary measures to be taken.
- \* The principal shall be guided by a three step procedure for discipline handling: discussion, warning and finally suspension.
- \* All Divisional rules, policies and procedure that are applicable to students in school are also applicable while riding the bus.

As the Science Fair approaches please note the following:

- \* Parents are expected to provide transportation for their children when bulky or large items such as projects and sports equipment (i.e. skis) must be taken to and from school.



## Staff Recognition

The **"Pass the Buck"** award is given to two staff members every month who have done an excellent job supporting their team. Mrs. Euper and Mrs. Gorowski are this month's recipients.



Let us introduce you to Mrs. Euper:

This is Mrs. Euper's first year at Kirkcaldy Heights School. Mrs. Euper and her husband Ray have 3 children - Keira - 9, Kolton - 6 and Kenzie - 4). In her spare time she volunteers with the Navy League cadets and drives her kids to and from hockey and dance. Her hobbies include hockey and golf.

Let us introduce you to Mrs. Gorowski:

Mrs. Gorowski has been a teacher at Kirkcaldy Heights for over 10 years and been in Brandon School Division for almost 19 years. She has taught a variety of programs and grades throughout her career. Mrs. Gorowski has been married for 24 years and has 3 grown children (Ally, Lee and Chad). She enjoys travelling, volunteering at the YMCA as a fitness instructor, curling and spending time with friends and family.

Photo above: Mrs. Euper and Mrs. Gorowski and the infamous "Pass the Buck" picture.

## Kodiak Den



Kirkcaldy Heights students have been focusing on perseverance. 290 students or 73% of our student body, who consistently demonstrated this behaviour during the month of January, were recognized with a bear paw in our Kodiak Den. Congratulations to the following students who were selected from each grade level to receive a Kodiak prize: Kass Hack, Brody Steele, Kiki Brunet, Wynter Wilson, Charlee McDonald-Ironman, Matthew Arndt, Jaylyn Penner, Grace Bakan and Amari Stocks.



## The Meaning of Home



The grade 4 students from Mrs. Bridgeman, Mrs. McAuley and Mrs. Jebb's classrooms participated in a national writing contest this month. The Meaning of Home is an annual writing contest for students in Grade 4, 5 and 6 in support of Habitat for Humanity Canada. Students across Canada are invited to submit a poem or essay explaining what *home* means to them. Each entry results in a \$10.00 donation from Genworth Canada to our local Habitat for Humanity chapter. Bonnie Mills, the community engagement manager for Habitat for Humanity, came and shared about the home builds that are happening locally here in Brandon. Through our writing and participation the Grade 4's were able to donate \$400.00 to help low-income Canadian families build strength, stability and self-reliance through affordable home ownership.

### Scholastic Book Fair Jungle



**March 4th - 6th**

**Elephants, Tigers and Books, OH MY!**

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming back to our school and you are invited to come and share in this celebration of literacy! There are many affordable books available for purchase during PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES.

Stop by and check it out!

**Kirkcaldy Heights School Library**



### Royal Manitoba Winter Fair

March 29th - April 04, 2020

**[www.royalmanitobawinterfair.com](http://www.royalmanitobawinterfair.com)**

The Royal Manitoba Winter Fair will take place from March 29th until April 04, 2020. If you visit the exhibition web site you will find information about what is happening at this year's fair.

### Celebration of Learning in Kindergarten

This will be a student led time where the kids can showcase their work for their parents to see.

Monday, March 9th

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Kindergarten Room

**For Kindergarten Students Only**

**MARCH 2020**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Day 2	3 Day 3	4 Day 4  Gr. 8 Farewell Photos - 9:00	5 Day 5	6 Student Parent Teacher Conferences (K-8)	7
8	9 Day 6 KGT Celebration of Learning 3:30 - 5:00	10 Day 1	11 Day 2 KH School Science Fair	12 Day 3	13 Day 4	14
15	16 Day 5	17 Day 6	18 Day 1	19 Day 2	20 Day 3	21
22	23 Day 4	24 Day 5	25 Day 6 Spring Bus Evacuation Drills	26 Day 1	27 Day 2 Last Day Before Spring Break	28
29	30	31	Spring Break - All Schools Closed			