



# Kirkcaldy Heights School

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

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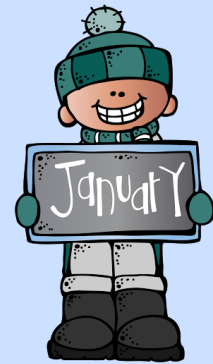
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Jaime Lombaert – Principal

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## Dates to Remember:

January 8	All Classes Resume - Day 3
January 18	PAC Meeting in School Library 6:30 p.m.
February 9 & 10	Mid-Season Grade 7 and 8 Basketball Jamboree
February 14	Professional Development Day - <b>PM Only</b> - AM - Day 6
February 19	Louis Riel Day (All Schools Closed)
March 8	Professional Development/Administration Day - No Classes
March 9 & 10	Season Ends Grade 7 and 8 Basketball Jamboree



## 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.**

Since September there have been 9 violations of parents driving by the bus when the stop arm is out. **Violations are recorded on camera and licenses are sent to police, which could result in a fine of over \$600.**

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 8th, 2018

**Thank-you!**



## From the Canteen

The Canteen will be serving:

**8 Perogies, sour cream and a drinking box**

Catered by **Joe Beeverz**

**Wednesdays** during the month of **January.**

\$5.00 per order

All orders must be submitted prior to  
9:30 a.m.

## Kirkcaldy Heights PAC Update

From everyone on the PAC executive we would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! As hard it is to believe that 2018 is right around the corner, we had a busy 2017 filled with fun. For example, in June we did the Buick Test Drive in conjunction with Linden Lanes, there was a bingo night, a dance, a school BBQ, movie night and successful fundraisers. None of these are successful without your participation.

Our latest fundraiser, Kernels Popcorn, netted \$1,800! Thank -you for your support. There will be no PAC fundraisers until closer to Spring Break, which will be the chocolate orders again. We are also hopeful to end the fundraising year in May or June with Ford and their test drive fundraiser. If we are unsuccessful in obtaining this event, there will be a substitute, so please contact us if you have an idea you would like to see done for fundraising. You can contact us through our Facebook page **Kirkcaldy Heights School Parent Advisory Council**, or through e-mail at [kirkcaldypac@gmail.com](mailto:kirkcaldypac@gmail.com).

We had overwhelming support at our last few events from grade 6 - 8 students coming out to help at the movie night and the Kernels Popcorn fundraiser. Thank-you so much for volunteering your time, it has been a great help! Our next PAC meeting will be January 18, 2018 at 6:30p.m. in the library. Hope to see you there!



## 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 contact us.

## 2018 - 2019 Classroom Placement Reminder



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



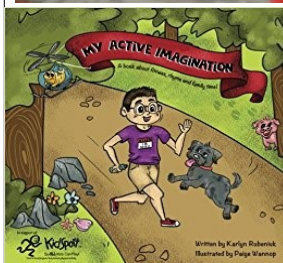
Basketball season will be starting up in January. Students have been signing up in the gym if they were interested. It is looking like we will have 4 teams again. If any parents are interested in coaching, please call the gym office at 204-729-3296. The Jamborees have been set for February 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, and March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

## News from the Music Room



Our Christmas Concert in December had our K - 4 students, with 7 and 8 ORFF Club involvement, perform and sing. This concert was received by a full house. We would like to give a big round of applause to all Kirkcaldy Heights students and staff 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.

## News from the Library



Karlyn Rubeniuk, local author and Paige Wannop, local illustrator presented their new book **My Active Imagination** to our Early Years students. Ms. Rubeniuk said she aims to help make children more active through her new book. Proceeds from the publication will also be donated to Kidsport, an organization that helps remove financial barriers for youth in organized sports. Thank-you Ms. Rubeniuk and Ms. Wannop for sharing your story with us!

## Calling All Artists & Writers!

Students in **Grade 5 - 8**, are you interested in creating & publishing a book? Sign up for **The Book Creation Club** today!

Sign up with Mrs. Turner or Mrs. Gorowski in the library.

Meeting Times: After school and lunch hours in January 2018.

**(A small fee will be required to publish)**

Hosted by Paige Wannop, a published illustrator.



# January 2018

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Mon

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Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1	2	3	4	5	6
	<i>Winter Break</i>					
7	8 Day 3 All Classes Resume	9 Day 4	10 Day 5	11 Day 6	12 Day 1	13
14	15 Day 2	16 Day 3	17 Day 4	18 Day 5  PAC Meeting - 6:30 p.m.	19 Day 6	20
21	22 Day 1	23 Day 2	24 Day 3	25 Day 4	26 Day 5	27
28	29 Day 6	30 Day 1	31 Day 2		