



Kirkcaldy Heights School

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

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May 2019



Dates to Remember:

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| May 2 | Jump Rope for Heart Kick Off - 2:30 - 3:00 |
| May 3-9 & 29 | Classroom Fire Presentations |
| May 3 | Gr. 7 & 8 Badminton Jamboree - 12:30 - 3:30 |
| May 7 | Grade 8 Students - Human Rights Museum - Winnipeg |
| May 7 | Gr. 6 & Gr. 8 Immunizations (AM only - both boys & girls) |
| May 8 | Cross Country Run #1 - Keystone Centre - 4:15 p.m. |
| May 9 | Gr. 5 - 8 Divisional Oratorical Contest - Lorne Watson Recital Hall - BU (Music Building) |
| May 10 | Administration Day / Professional Development Day (K - 12) |
| May 11 | Gr. 7 & 8 Maritime Travelers Indoor Garage Sale - School Gym - 9:00 - 1:00 p.m. |
| May 15 | Cross Country Run #2 - Keystone Centre - 4:15 p.m. |
| May 14 - 16 | Grade 8 Band Students - Trip to Moose Jaw, SK |
| May 19 - 26 | Grade 7 & 8 Maritime's Trip |
| May 17 | Kirkcaldy Heights School Track Meet at Sportsplex - Grade 4 - 8 |
| May 20 | Victoria Day (All Schools Closed) |
| May 26 | YMCA Strong Kids Run - YMCA - 8:00 a.m. |
| May 29 | NED Show - KGT - Gr. 5 - Performance on Perseverance |
| May 31 | Y Rev - Keystone Centre - PM only |
| May 31 | Jump Rope for Heart Jump Day - 2:30 p.m. - 3:25 p.m. |
| June 4 | Orff Club Sharing Sessions "EARTH WATER FIRE AIR" Times TBA |
| June 5 | East Side Band Finale Concert - WMCA - 7:00 p.m. - All Band Students |
| June 11 | Gr. 4 - 6 City Track Meet - Brandon's Community Sportsplex Track |
| June 12 | Gr. 7 & 8 City Track Meet - Brandon's Community Sportsplex Track |
| June 13 | Brandon Fire & Emergency Services Road Show - KGT - 4 |
| June 13 | PAC Meeting - Library - 6:30 p.m. |
| June 14 | Gr. 1 & 2 Field Trip - Fire Hall & Library |
| June 14 | Brandon Fire & Emergency Services Rodeo - Gr. 5 & 6 |
| June 14 | Library books due back to the Library |
| June 19 | Meet Your Next Year Teacher - 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. |
| June 19 | Welcome to Kindergarten for all new students in the Library - 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. |
| June 19 | Open House - Parents can meet their child's Next Year Teacher - 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. |
| June 19 | PAC Family BBQ - 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. |
| June 24 | Gr. 7 Field Trip - Clear Lake |
| June 25 | Gr. 4 Field Trip - Spruce Woods |
| June 26 | School Patrol Awards Ceremony |
| June 26 | Gr. 5 - 8 Awards/Farewell Ceremony 10:00 a.m. in the Gym. |
| June 27 | Last Day of Classes (K - 8) |
| June 28 | Administration Day - NO CLASSES (K - 12) |

Kirkcaldy Heights PAC Update

Welcome Spring 2019! Hopefully everyone enjoyed their Easter Long Weekend.

Cookbooks are in and should have been delivered to your child at the school. If you have paid in advance and didn't receive your cookbook, please contact us through the school or at kirkcaldypac@gmail.com. If you did not pre-order, but would like to purchase one, please contact us as we do have a limited supply left over.

PAC will be having a free BBQ at the school on June 19th during the Welcome to Kindergarten and Meet the teacher morning. Hotdogs and drinks will be available until 1:00 p.m. This is free and like last year there will be a donation can on site in which all proceeds will go to the playground fund.

At our next PAC meeting we will have nominations and voting for executive member positions. The positions available this year are as follows:

- Chair: this role is the general leader of the group, running meetings in a suitable fashion and usually is the Liaison to the school from parents and the executive members;
- Vice Chair: this role is to support the Chair if not available and slips into other roles on executive should someone not be able to fill their role at a meeting. Example being, if the secretary is unavailable, you will be responsible for that meetings minutes.
- Social Media: We are looking for someone who has the savvy to be in charge of updating any and all social media thru Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.

Please note, that if Chair remains with 0 nominations, our current chair has offered to stay on until a parent would like to fill this role. We do ask for you to be on the board for 2 years if possible and attend as many of the functions we put on as possible. If you have any questions regarding the Parent Advisory Council, please do not hesitate to e-mail us at kirkcaldypac@gmail.com.

Please come out and see us at our next PAC meeting June 13th, bring your child(ren) as we do provide a sitter at every meeting. It would be excellent to see lots of people out as we do need proper voting quorum for the executive member positions available for the 2019/20 school year.

Our Thanks!

Thank-you goes out to our volunteer parents Mr. Michael Briol, Mr. Bryce Wilson and Mrs. Susan Haverstock for helping our students out this year with Bus Evacuations that took place on April 10th. Your time is greatly appreciated!!!

Lunch Program Reminders to Parents



Please send paper plates for their food to be heated on. Please send plastic forks and spoons to eat with as well. The school is not responsible to supply these items. Thank You!

Appropriate School Clothing

Parents and students are reminded that the Brandon School Division has a Dress Code policy. It states that **students are expected to wear appropriate clothing in the school at all times during the school day.**

Appropriate clothing is free from:

- inappropriate words, phrases, or images;
- being sexually explicit or revealing in nature; and
- inappropriate accessories that may cause harm to self or others.

News from the Canteen

During the month of May the Canteen will be serving:

**Hot Dogs on Mondays for
\$1.25 each
&
Cheeseburgers from McDonalds on Wednesdays
for \$2.00 each**

Western Manitoba Science Fair

After a successful Science Fair at our school in March, 19 projects went on to represent Kirkcaldy Heights at the Western Manitoba Science Fair on April 9th.

The following projects were recognized:



Gold Medal

Tooth Decay - Kohen Jones (Gr. 4)

Magnetic Strength - Landon Klassen & Will Cantelo (Gr. 4)

Edible Plastic - Miranda Olsen & Hannah Briol (Gr. 6)

Are You Really That Bad? - Tairan He & Parker Andrews (Gr. 8)

Silver Medal

Plant Testing - Arthur Yury (Gr. 1)

Hard Working Hearts - Kelsey Gloor (Gr. 7)

Fuzzy Fruit - Tiana Low & Ashley Albert (Gr. 7)

Bronze Medal

Let's Glow! - Josie McLachlan (Gr. 3)

When a Liquid Acts Like a Solid -
Miyah McDonald-Ironman & Bella McCoy (Gr. 3)

Awards

A trip to the Canada Wide Science Fair in Fredericton, NB in May
Energy Drink Effects on Blood Pressure and Heart Rate
Rayna Shepherd (Gr.7)

Manitoba Association of Home Economists Award
Amari Stocks (Gr. 7)

Heart and Stroke Award
Kelsey Gloor (Gr. 7)

Ted Rogers Innovation Award
Brandon Chamber of Commerce Award
Miranda Olsen and Hannah Briol (Gr. 6)

Lost and Found

In our school we have a large black wooden box that is our Lost and Found. We ask that students check routinely for items they may be missing. Please be sure that student items (clothing, shoes, water bottles, etc.) are marked with their name or initials.

Meet the Teacher

Wednesday, June 19th, 2019

9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Students will have the opportunity to meet their next year teacher.

Open House

Parents can meet their child's Next Year Teacher from 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Farewell /Award Ceremony

Our Grade 5, 6, 7 and 8 Award Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, June 26th, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. (School Gymnasium)

Students Late or Absent

If your child will be late or absent from school please call our Attendance Line at **204-729-3290**. Thank-you!

YMCA Strong Kids Run

The 5 km YMCA Strong Kids Run starts at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 26th, at the Brandon YMCA. Grades four to eight students have started training, and registrations are due to Mrs. Jebb by May 8th. The cost is \$30 for youth members of Kirkcaldy Heights School. If you have a child who is taking part in the run, and would like to register and/or participate as a member of our running team, please contact Mrs. Jebb at jebb.karen@bsd.ca, or in person. Alternatively, there will be a 1 km Fun Run / Walk at 10:30 a.m., which is free for all ages. If you are interested in this event, please contact the Y directly to register.



2019 - 2020 Classroom Placement Reminder

Please note that requests for the fall for classroom placements will not be accepted. The school team spends a great deal of time determining class lists in order to meet all student 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.

The following link highlights Kirkcaldy Heights Staff for the 2019 - 2020 School year.

<https://www.bsd.ca/schools/Kirkcaldyheights/Staff/Pages/Staff-2019-2020.aspx>

School of Choice

School of Choice allows parents and students the ability to choose, generally without cost, a school to be attended other than the one identified as serving the student's current residential area.

There are certain responsibilities and obligations that the parents and students must meet when exercising School of Choice. Some considerations are: program suitability, space availability, application dates, and transportation.

The deadline for application for the 2019 - 2020 School year is May 15, 2019.

For further information please contact the office at (204) 729-3291.

Congratulations!

The office held a contest for all of the classes for the return of the 2019 & 2020 registrations. The first class to submit their registrations was Miss Smith's Afternoon Kindergarten class.



Miss Smith's class received a pizza party, cookies for dessert and Kool Aid to quench their thirst.

Great job Everyone!

All You Need to Know About Volunteering at BSD

What you need ...

- ◆ Obtain a certified Criminal Record Check including a Vulnerable Persons Check.
- ◆ Obtain a certified Child Abuse Registry

If you are wanting to volunteer please make sure you have your Criminal Record and Child Abuse Registry check completed. Forms may be picked up at the School Office. Please note the Child Abuse Registry may take 4 - 6 weeks.

Upcoming BIG Indoor Garage Sale

Donation Drop off from:

Monday, May 6th – Friday, May 10th 8:45 am - 3:30 pm

Bring any clean and gently used items

Clothing, toys, books, small household items, sporting equipment, furniture (NO CAR SEATS)

Indoor Garage Sale

Kirkcaldy Heights School

Saturday, May 11th from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm



Reminder

Students are reminded that they are **not allowed** to ride **bikes, skateboards or scooters** or wear **rollerblades** on the school grounds before, during or immediately following school hours. Further, the school cannot assume responsibility for the loss of or damage to such personal items. It is our recommendation that bikes be locked to the outside bicycle racks and **rollerblades, skateboards and scooters be left at home** as we have no secure area within the school to store them. Thanks for your anticipated cooperation. ***Please encourage your child to wear a helmet & print their name on the inside.***

Track and Field Update

As the 2018 - 2019 school track and field season approaches, it is worth noting that again there will be a change to our track and field this year. Last year the changes had to do with the events and aligning them with the Athletics Canada and Athletics Manitoba events. These changes will still be implemented this year as we saw a lot of positives from this.

However this year BSD Physical Education staff have decided to try something else to ease the Track and Field process/event. This year students will compete against only students in their grade. Before this year's students competed against students in their age category (ex. 9 boys or 12 girls). This does not affect many students but it will streamline the process and eliminate any confusion that there may have been in regards to what age students were competing in.

Please contact Mr. Birch or Mr. Curtis if you have any questions regarding the changes.

Welcome to Kindergarten

When: Wednesday, June 19th, 2019 - 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Where: Meet at the Library

This will be a chance for kindergarten students and their parents to participate in centres and try some activities that will help them get ready for kindergarten. We recommend that siblings stay home so that you can share this special time with your kindergarten student.

Please meet at 9:30 a.m. in the library for introductions and instructions for the special morning together. It would be wonderful if you could arrive earlier, if possible. We will divide into groups and visit various areas of the school. Please plan on staying for the duration of the morning.

We will be purchasing school/craft supplies in bulk for both classes to share. (\$35.00 per child) Please bring this \$35.00 fee on June 19th, so that the supplies will be purchased and ready for the first day of school in September. Cheques can be made payable to Kirkcaldy Heights School.

Each child will receive a special bag packed with books and activities to enjoy at home!

Fire Safety Presentations

Brandon Fire and Emergency Services Fire Safety Presentations at Kirkcaldy Heights are taking place May 3rd - 9th & May 29th.

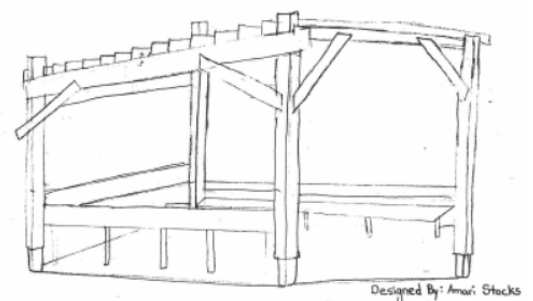
Our public education focus is our children and youth. Our goal is to instill fire safety into everyday life beginning with pre-school children. We continue throughout the elementary school years by providing age appropriate material that reviews previously introduced concepts and introducing new ones. There is curriculum provided to teachers via the Learn Not to Burn and our Public Education Officer also makes visits to classrooms with prepared material during the school year.

<http://brandonfire.ca/services/public/fire-safety-events> <http://brandonfire.ca/services/public/fire-safety-events>



Outdoor Classroom Inspirations

Kirkcaldy has big dreams of providing students with a magical-outdoor learning area. To add to our school gardens we are looking into the idea of building a pergola overtop of our new picnic tables. We are looking for help from families for donations or help in building and designing this pergola classroom area. In addition, we are looking for help in attaining and planting a few trees in the garden area to create a wonderful breezy learning area for students for years to come.



Designed by Amari Stocks

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. Placatka (Music Teacher) and Mrs. Dubois (EA - Life Skills) are this month's recipients.



Photo above:
Mrs. Placatka and Mrs. Dubois and the infamous "Pass the Buck" picture.

Let us introduce you to Mrs. Placatka:

Mrs. Placatka has been the K - 6 music teacher at Kirkcaldy Heights School for 18 years. (Where has the time gone!) She and her husband, Rae, have 4 children - Davis 21, Keiran 19, Jonathon 17 and Maia 9. In her spare time she enjoys cooking, baking, reading, visiting with family, walking the family dogs and listening to all kinds of music. She feels so lucky to be a member of the Kirkcaldy Heights learning community and she thanks her students for all that they teach her and for the joy that they bring her every day!

Let us introduce you to Mrs. Dubois:

Mrs. Dubois joined the Kirkcaldy Heights team in the fall of 2018 and notes that it has been an incredible 7 months in her position. She has met many new Kodiak friends and loves her job. Mrs. Dubois has three children, is the Grandmother of nine and enjoys getting to spend as much time with them as possible. In the spring, Mrs. Dubois loves to be outside in her garden getting her hands dirty, planting more flowers in her yard where she affectionately calls "The Farm".

Kodiak Den



Kirkcaldy Heights students have been focusing on demonstrating the ability to initiate and maintain focus/engagement in tasks. 229 students, who consistently demonstrated this behaviour during the months of February and March, 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 for the month of February: San-Mari Niemann, Jason Cochrane, Zoe Queen, Quinn Twordik, Carter Joss, Caitlin Foster, Avila Grey, Kaidyn Burba, and Tiana Low. Congratulations also to these students for receiving a Kodiak prize for the month of March: Bowen Wipf, Parker English, Cade Pentney, Rachel Lyver, Israel Musukwa, Khaliah Myran-Woods, Grace Bakan, Amari Stocks and Brianna Dean. We look forward to seeing more students in the Den next month!

MAY 2019

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