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February is the month of kindness Buckhorn,

In the middle of the month, we celebrate the 100th day of the school year; and what a year it has been! We thank everyone for their partnership in continuing to follow Ministry of Health and KPR protocols. We have proven that together we can do anything. Thanks for keeping us safe!

Welcome to the staff in the role of Education Assistant, Kelly Cooney.

Online Kindergarten Registration is now open. We look forward to welcoming our new students! Your child can attend school in Junior Kindergarten if they are 4 years of age or Senior Kindergarten if they are 5 years of age by December 31, 2022. Registration information can be found out at

https://www.kprschools.ca/en/our_schools/findaschool/schoolregistration.html

We encourage you to wear red on February 14 to recognize it as a day of kindness and caring and wear pink on February 23 in support of bullying prevention. The roots of the Day of Pink are in Nova Scotia when 2 straight high school students saw a gay student wearing a pink shirt being bullied. The 2 students intervened but wanted to do more to prevent homophobic & transphobic bullying. They decided to purchase pink shirts, and a few days later got everyone at school to arrive wearing pink, standing in solidarity. We are all taking a stand to promote kindness and prevent bullying at Buckhorn.

In partnership, Rachelle Duffus

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Bussing Requests

STSCO has opened their online Out of Boundary and Daycare/Babysitter requests in the Parent Login on the stsco.ca website for the 2021-2022 School Year. They need to be submitted by May 30th to be considered for the first day of school in September.

https://www.stsco.ca/Secure/parent_login.asp

You will need your child(ren's) OEN and birthdate combination to log into the parent portal to submit their request. The OEN is found at the top of your child(ren's) report card.

If you have any questions please contact STSCO toll free at 1 800 757 0307.



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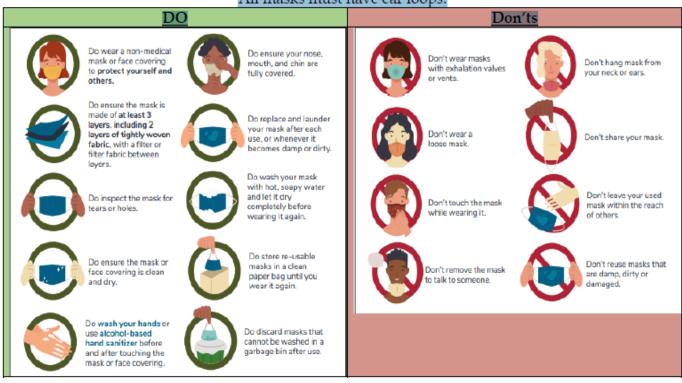
UPDATE: Outdoor Masking for Students / Nutrition - Lunch Breaks

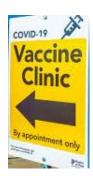


- As per Ministry direction, we are now removing the requirement for students to wear masks outdoors.
- Further clarification was also provided on nutrition/lunch breaks yesterday by the Ministry. The important points are as follows:
- We will do our best to ensure 'normal' conditions as possible during the lunch break.
- Students will continue to be allowed to remove their masks when eating and conversations with peers is permitted.

A Reminder on How to Safely Use a Mask

All masks must have ear loops.





OPTIONAL COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic February 4

First or second doses available with CONSENT of parents / guardians.

- For: Buckhorn students only
- Time: 12:55 on
- Required: Consent forms sent home February 1, 2022 need to be returned by February 3, 2022



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Buckhorn Proud January Award Winners for Initiative

This month the staff has chosen the parents, guardians, aunts, uncles, grandparents, and friends of our students for our character award winners. The word clouds were generated by the students in each class. You are the best!



FDK K. Hill





FDK, A. Scriver; L. Lukinuk



Grade 1/2, J. Hockridge

Grade 1, R. Soden



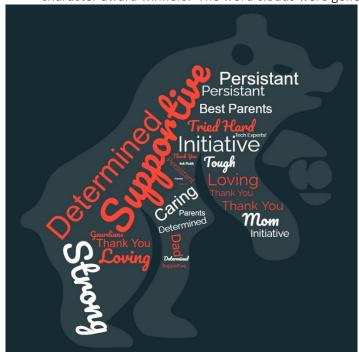
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Grade 2/3, M. Cole



Grade 5, R. Hensen

Grade 4, M. Davidson



Grade 6, S. Cavanaugh

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In February we celebrate the KPR Character Education Trait of Empathy. To be empathetic means:



- I respect the feelings of others.
- I seek to understand what others are thinking to appreciate their perspectives.
- I listen and consider their opinion even though we may not agree.
- I act with kindness and compassion.
 We equate this to the Seven Grandfather
 Teaching of Humility or "Dbaadendiziwin."
 Humility is represented by the wolf. For the

wolf, life is lived for his pack and the ultimate shame is to be outcast.

Humility is to know that you are a sacred part of creation. Live life selflessly and not selfishly.



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Illustrated Mathematics Dictionary: Number Sense and Numeration

dollar

· one hundred cents make a dollar.

100 cents = \$ 1.00



COIN EXAMPLES:

- · Play Money how many of each coin make \$1.00?
- · Enter a number and click the button.



Equivalent Fractions have the same value, even though they may look different.

These fractions are really the same:

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{4}{8}$$

Why are they the same? Because when you multiply or divide both the top and bottom by the same number, the fraction keeps it's value.

The rule to remember is:

"Change the bottom using multiply or divide, And the same to the top must be applied"

Here is why those fractions are really the same:



fraction notation

A rational number of the form a

numerator denominator

- ·a is called the numerator
- ·b is called the denominator.

EXAMPLES:

Proper fraction

Numerator is less than the denominator.

numerator 4
denominator 5

Improper fraction

Numerator is greater than or equal to denominator.

numerator 5 denominator 4

Mixed number

Whole number and a fraction.

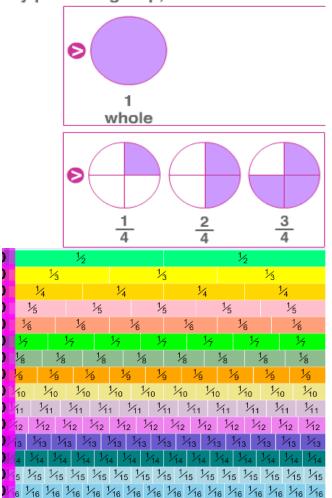
 $2\frac{1}{2}5\frac{3}{4}$

Equivalent fractions

Fractions that represent the same number. $\frac{1}{2}$

fraction

· any part of a group, number or whole.



to reduce or simplify a fraction



 to reduce the numerator and denominator in a fraction to the smallest numbers possible.

EXAMPLES: Divide the numerator and denominator by their highest/greatest common factor (HCF, GCF)

$$\frac{\cancel{5}}{20}^{\div 5} = \frac{1}{4}$$



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How many years has it taken people to realize that we are all brothers and sisters and human beings in the human race?

- Marsha P. Johnson -

Mental Health Services that are Inclusive of Gender-Diverse and Sexual-Minority Youth



The **Lesbian Gay Bi Trans Youth Line** website has an Ontario-wide database of mental health service providers and other supports. The people and organizations in this database are either inclusive of gender-diverse and sexual-minority youth or provide services that are specifically aimed at them. This database can be searched by location, topic, or keyword. The LGBT Youth Line database is available at http://www.youthline.ca/get-support/referral-database.



Rainbow Health Ontario has a database, also Ontario-wide, that includes mental health care providers who are inclusive of gender-diverse and sexual-minority youth. This database can be searched by location, topic, or keyword. You can find the RHO database at http://www.rainbowhealthontario.ca/service-directory.



Gender Creative Kids Canada allows visitors to their website to search for mental health providers and other supports by location and a number of categories: language spoken, populations served, and the type of service provider. Visit their website at http://gendercreativekids.ca/providers.

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Report Cards, Ministry of Education

What role do I have as a parent?

We know that you, as a parent or guardian, are vital partners in your child's education and that children do better at school when their parents are involved.

How do teachers determine my child's grades?

- Teachers look at assignments, tests, exams, demonstrations and projects for evidence that your child is learning the curriculum.
- This learning means more than just knowing the facts. Students must also show an understanding of what they are studying by communicating and applying what they have learned. They must also demonstrate critical thinking and problem-solving skills.
- All work is reviewed with special attention given to the quality of work at the end of a unit of study, term or semester. Teachers do not simply calculate averages. As well as looking at tests or assignments, they also talk to and observe your child in the classroom to gather as much information as possible before deciding on the final grade.

Are there consequences for cheating or plagiarizing?

• Yes. The updated assessment policy makes it clear that students are responsible for their own work. There will be consequences, which could include receiving a mark of zero, for cheating, plagiarism and not completing work. Ask your school board about its policy on cheating or plagiarizing.

Are there consequences for not completing work or submitting work late?

- Your child is responsible for showing what he or she has learned or accomplished in the time frame allowed by their teacher.
- Ontario's policy lists many strategies teachers can use to both prevent and address late and missed assignments.
 Options range from peer tutoring and offering time-management lessons to school-wide planning of major assignments.
- In all grades, if your child consistently misses assignments or hands in work late, this may be reflected in the Learning Skills and Work Habits section of the report card. Grades 7 to 12 students may also have marks deducted.

What does an "R" mean on my child's provincial report card in Grades 1 to 8?

• An "R" means extensive remediation is needed since the required skills and knowledge of the subject have not been met. It is important to work with your child's teacher to develop strategies to support your child in gaining the required knowledge and skills.

What does an "I" mean on my child's Grades 1 to 10 provincial report card?

• An "I" means the teacher did not have enough information to assign a grade or mark. This may happen, for example, if your child recently moved schools or has had an extended illness.

Report cards will be coming to your inbox via EDSBY February 18th and will reflect your child(ren's) participation and learning.



We will be setting up a series of virtual interviews. Please email Marylouise Hennan@kprdsb.ca if you would like an interview.

Thank you for your partnership in your child(ren's) education.

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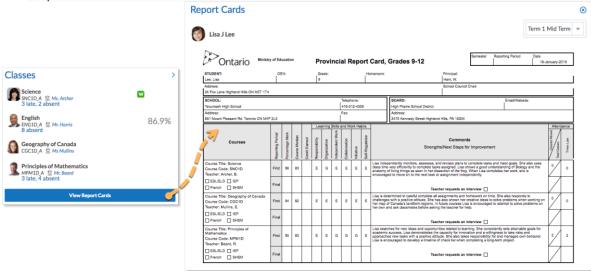
Report Cards will be on EDSBY February 18

Parents can easily view their children's Report Cards through their Edsby account. To view a child's Report Card online,

- Login to the Edsby web browser. A button will become available in the classes panel of each child.
- Click View Report Cards.
- **O**

This will open the child's most recent Report Card.

Note: Parents can only access their children's Report Cards via the Edsby web browser. Report Cards are not available on mobile.







Every morning before heading to school, staff and students <u>must</u> complete the daily self-screening, available at

https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/.



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WHAT IS BULLYING?

Bullying is a form of aggression where there is a power imbalance; the person doing the bullying has power over the person being victimized. In addition to any physical trauma incurred, bullying can result in serious emotional problems, including anxiety, low self-esteem, or depression.

month filled with

love, peace & Joy

TYPES OF BULLYING

- Physical bullying: using physical force or aggression against another person (e.g., hitting)
- Verbal bullying: using words to verbally attack someone (e.g., namecalling)
- Social/relational bullying: trying to hurt someone through excluding them, spreading rumors or ignoring them (e.g., gossiping)
- Cyberbullying: using electronic media to threaten, embarrass, intimidate, or exclude someone, or to damage their reputation (e.g., sending threatening text messages).

BULLYING VS HARASSMENT

Bullying and harassment are similar, yet different:

- Harassment is similar to bullying because someone hurts another person through cruel, offensive and insulting behaviours.
- Harassment is different from bullying in that it is a form of discrimination.

WHAT IS DISCRIMINATION?

Discrimination is treating someone differently or poorly based on certain characteristics or differences. Bullying turns into harassment when the behaviour goes against Canada's Human Rights Laws and focuses on treating people differently because of:

- Age
- Race (skin colour, facial features)
- Ethnicity (culture, where they live, how they live, how they dress)
- Religion (religious beliefs)
- Sexual orientation (if they are gay, lesbian, bisexual, or heterosexual)
- Family status (if they are from a single parent family, adopted family, stepfamily, foster family, non-biological gay or lesbian parent family)
- Marital status (if they are single, legally married, common-law spouse, widowed, or divorced)
- Physical and mental disability (if they have a mental illness, learning disability, use a wheelchair) Information courtesy of Red Cross Canada





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The Lions Club Good Deeds recipient are:







Michaela Brown



Mia Silverberg

Stay healthy. Stay calm.

8 tips for managing your child's anxiety about COVID-19.



a routine.



Listen to your child and check in frequently.



Look for signs of anxiety.



coping skills.



controllable tasks like washing hands.



positive thinking.



Stav connected.



19). With all the unknowns that come with a new virus, it's normal to feel anxious about the "what ifs" and the future. There are ways parents can help children cope with stress and anxiety about COVID-19. Every month

we will offer tips on how to help children with anxiety about COVID-19.

Stay Healthy

Families are facing major changes in their day-to-day lives because of coronavirus disease (COVID-

Focus on what you can control Instead of dwelling on issues that are out of our control, teach your child to focus on the things they

can control. Focusing on controllable tasks can help children think more logically and rationally.

"A lot of anxiety is steeped in "what-if" thinking which focuses on the worst case scenario. This way of thinking can lead to fear and negativity," explains Kumar. "If you can stop what-if thinking in its early stages, and instead focus on the things you can control, like what you can accomplish today or how you can stay safe, that will help remove those anxious thoughts."

Things children can control include finishing their work or daily tasks, telling family you love them, or drawing a picture or writing a letter to a teacher or friend. Remind your child of the practical steps they are taking to stay safe as well, such as washing hands frequently and social distancing.

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Essential Skills for Reading Comprehension – understood.org

Reading comprehension can be challenging for kids for lots of reasons. Whatever the cause, knowing the skills involved, and which ones your child struggles with, can help you get the right support.

Here is an essential skill needed for reading comprehension, and tips on what can help kids improve this skill.

Reasoning and Background Knowledge

Most readers relate what they've read to what they know. So it's important for kids to have background or prior knowledge about the world when they read. They also need to be able to "read between the lines" and pull out meaning even when it's not literally spelled out.

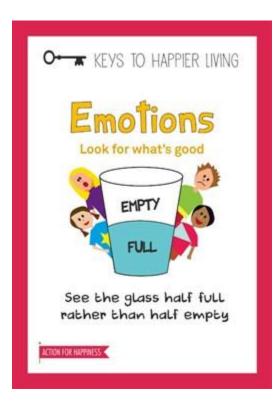
Take this example: A child is reading a story about a poor family in the

1930s. Having knowledge about the Great Depression can provide insight into what's happening in the story. The child can use that background knowledge to make inferences and draw conclusions.

What can help: Your child can build knowledge through reading, conversations, movies and TV shows, and art. Life experience and hands-on activities also build knowledge.

Expose your child to as much as possible, and talk about what you've learned from experiences you've had together and separately. Help your child make connections between new knowledge and existing knowledge. And ask open-ended questions that require thinking and explanations.

You can also read a teacher tip on using animated videos to help your child make inferences.



Keys to Happier Living

Western neuroscience (the science of the brain) has now confirmed what Eastern wisdom has known for a long time: happiness is a skíll we can learn.

Research shows that happiness, compassion and kindness are the products of skills that can be learned and enhanced through training, thanks to the neuroplasticity of our brains.

Every month we will present you with a challenging action to take to increase your happiness.

ACTION 6

Look for the good in those around you Take time to

bring to mind what we value and appreciate about others, we can both get more enjoyment from our time together.



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My Child Did NOT Pass the COVID-19 Daily Screening. Now What?

(Please see SCHOOL AND CHILDCARE SCREENING TOOL for details on symptoms and screening.)

If your child has **ONE** new or worsening symptom (that is not related to a known cause or condition) which includes:

- Fever and/or chills (37.8 °C or higher)
- · Cough or barking cough (croup)
- Shortness of breath
- Decrease or loss of sense of taste or smell
- Nausea/vomiting, diarrhea

If your child has:

- Been directed by a health care provider or public health to isolate OR if your child is not at least 14 days post 2nd vaccination and has:
 - Travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 days

OR

✓ Been identified as a close contact of someone who has COVID-19

OR

 Has received a COVID-19 Alert exposure notification on their cell phone in the last 14 days



Your child must not attend school or child care.

Contact the school or child care to let them know.

Your child must self-isolate (stay home) and book a COVID-19 test at an assessment centre and/or seek medical advice.

*All household members must self-isolate EXCEPT those who received their 2nd vaccination at least 14 days ago or were previously positive for COVID-19 within the past 90 days AND have no symptoms.

Refer to the Return to School or Child Care protocol.



Your child must not attend school or child care.

Contact the school or child care to let them know.

Your child must self-isolate (stay home) and follow the advice of the Local Public Health Unit.

If your child develops symptoms, you should **book** a **COVID-19 test at an assessment centre** and/or seek medical advice.

Refer to the Return to School or Child Care protocol.

*Anyone who has passed the COVID-19 Screening Tool but has symptoms of illness should stay home until they feel better.

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday			
8:55-9:45 Announcements		1 Day 3	2 Day 4	3 Day 5	4 Day 1			
Period 1				COUNCIL				
9:45-10:35				SPEAKOUT BEHEARD MAKEACHANDE	A			
Period 2				WE MUST BECOME THE CHANGE WE WANT TO SEE				
	7 Day 2	8 Day 3	9 Day4	10 Day 5	11 Day 1			
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10:55-11:15								
Recess								
11:15-11:55								
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	Care				REPORT			
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Mindfulness break	Happy							
Period 5	Family Day				Awards			
2:15-3:15	TIME				Assembly			
Period 6			Wear Pink		Assembly			
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3:00 early pick up	,	,						
3:15 Dismissal								
5.15 Distillissui								

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