

THE INSIDE TRACK



A newsletter for Families of The King's School

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Families,

The first two months of school have been busy and productive. The students have settled into this school year very nicely and we are very encouraged by the enthusiasm there has been for learning!

Recently I was reading an article on having a "Growth Mindset". The premise for the Growth Mindset is this: when we are faced with challenging work, we will not give up. Mistakes are opportunities to learn and to try, try, try again.

I have found that the word "yet" is a powerful one. I want to encourage all of our students to add it to their vocabulary. When faced with challenging tasks that tempt them to give up, rather than throw their hands up and walk away in frustration we would love to see them say, "I haven't learned to do that YET."

Let's get rid of the words, "I can't" and replace them with, "I can't do that YET". I think this is a wonderful concept to instill in our students and a good way to encourage them!

As we look to the month of November, we are reminded that this is the month that we honour our veterans and armed forces. Let us remember the sacrifices and courage of our ancestors who paved the way for our Canadian rights and freedoms. We will hold a full school Remembrance Day assembly on November 9th at 11:15am. Please feel free to bring your younger children along, as well as extended family members to join us.

Suzan Zielke
Principal

"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." Colossians 3:17

Looking Ahead:

Tuesday, November 8

Fundraising orders and money due

Wednesday, November 9

11:15am - All school assembly for
Remembrance Day

Thursday, November 10

Pre-school - Grade 12: No School

Friday, November 11

Pre-School - Grade 12: No School
Remembrance Day

Friday, November 25

Report cards sent home

Thursday, December 1

Pre-School - Grade 12: 2:30pm Early
Dismissal

Friday, December 2

Pre-School - Grade 12: No School
Parent Teacher Interviews

Friday, December 9

Pre-School - Grade 12: No School
Professional Development Day

Please also note:

- Our Pre-School - Grade 4 Christmas Concert will be held December 20 and there will be a 2:30 early dismissal
- Last day of classes before Christmas: December 22 with 2:30 early dismissal

Website Information



Have you visited The King's School website lately?

We have added some new features to the site in order to help keep you more informed!

- On our home page (www.thekingsschool.ca) if you scroll halfway down, you'll see our *Newsfeed* and *Upcoming Events* sections. We will post the pertinent daily announcements with information about school sports practices, games etc. in our *Newsfeed*. We will also highlight important upcoming dates for you in our *Upcoming Events* section.
- Do you have uniform pieces that are in good condition but no longer fit your child? There is a Facebook group run by a parent volunteer where parents can connect and swap or buy/sell their uniform pieces. We have made a link from the uniform page on our website so it's easily accessible! Just go to: **Current Students/Uniform Orders**.
- Under **Current Students/Resources** you will find links to forms and our monthly scripture memory verse songs for you to download and listen to!
- You can always view the school calendar by clicking on the link on the top right hand side of the home page.

Stay tuned for upcoming updates on the site! Our desire is to use our site as a tool to help you stay more informed!

Internet Safety Corner

The King's School is proud to be a "Google School". We are a school that sees great value in teaching students how to use the vast resources that can be found in technology and the internet. However, as our society becomes increasingly more dependent on these tools, we have seen more issues arise with students and internet safety.

As educators, we know this is something that is on your mind and some of you may struggle to know how to talk to your kids about internet safety and what you can do to ensure your children are using the internet wisely. We hope in the coming months to highlight some resources for you and give you some helpful tips that you can implement in your home to keep your children safe as they use these valuable tools.

The first resource we would like to highlight is called "The Door that's not Locked". <http://www.thedoorthatsnotlocked.ca>

This is a great resource for parents wanting to learn more about keeping their child safe on the internet. You will find information specifically geared to your child's age along with tips and tools.

Here are three important tips:

1. Use parental controls on your computer.
2. Place the computer in a highly visible spot in your home to easily monitor your child.
3. Know your child's passwords and screen names

Let's be careful out there!



Early Years: Pre-School - Grade 4

A Note From The Vice Principal

Dear Parents,

Our students are adjusting well to being in school, are making friends, and are learning the routines in their classrooms. The teachers are in the midst of working, testing, and preparing for our first reporting period of the year.

There are field trips happening in the month of November for all the students in Pre-school to Grade Four. Please read the information as it is sent to you, and return the permission slips for your child to attend. All field trips will need extra parent supervision, and we always appreciate the effort parents make to help these field trips to be successful learning experiences. This month we are continuing with our memory verses from **Philippians 2:1-4**.

The Kindergarten to Grade Four classes are participating in the Operation Christmas Child shoebox program by filling boxes in each class to bless children in needy parts of the world. Please bring items to fill the boxes by no later than November 9. The boxes need to be ready for pickup by the week of November 14 to 18.

Please note that we have a Remembrance Day service on Wednesday, November 9, at 11:15. You are invited to attend as some of our students may be participating in the service.

As the weather gets colder, we again remind students to dress warmly with clothing appropriate for the outside conditions.

Thanks again for all your involvement and encouragement to staff and students.

Serving You,

Mrs. Dyck
Early Years Vice Principal

Important Dates:

November 9 - Operation Christmas Child boxes due
- Remembrance Day service 11:15am

November 10/11 - No school

November 15 and November 23 - Preschool &
Kindergarten: Field Trip to Fort Whyte

November 18 - Grade 1A, Grade 1B & Grade Four:
Trip to the Manitoba Museum

November 25 - Grade 2 & Grade 3: Trip to the Manitoba Museum

From the Classrooms

Preschool

Preschool has had a busy month of October exploring fall themes and thankfulness themes. We had fun crafting and exploring letter sounds. We also learned that "cheerful hearts" are like medicine!

Kindergarten

During October, the Kindergarten class has been learning about pumpkins. They have mixed red and yellow to create their own orange pumpkins, and have made and decorated their own pumpkin cookies. We did a walk outside to look for signs of fall and collected leaves to make leaf rubbings and a fall collage. In math, we have been graphing, sorting, weighing, and measuring apples and pumpkins.

Grade 1A/B

This past month, the Grade 1 classes have started learning sight words. These sight words are incorporated into the classroom daily and are also practiced at home through fun games! The students have begun home reading to support their reading development. They love listening to read alouds, participating in reading groups and are enjoying learning to read on their own!

Grade 2

In Social Studies we are studying about our community, including types of houses, places of business, its natural resources, and the many helpers that work in our community.

Grade 3

The Grade Three class has learned several strategies to help resolve conflicts. They have big names like Communication, Negotiation, Mediation, Arbitration, and Legislation. They have learned to identify the strategies used, and now have tools to help them when they run into problems. We have finished a math unit on place value, and have learned how to read large numbers like 324567687 now that we know our hundreds, tens, and ones.

Grade 4

The Grade Four class is just finishing a novel study on *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, and will be displaying their shoebox dioramas in the library. Our calendar projects are coming along very well, and in math, we are practicing 4 digit adding with carrying.

Middle Years: Grades 5-8

A Note From The Vice Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please be aware of the following important dates to take note of below:

- Wednesday, November 9th - Whole School Remembrance Day Assembly in the gym at 11:15 am
- Thursday, November 10th - No School, Admin Day
- Friday, November 11th - No School, Remembrance Day
- Friday, November 25th - Casual day, report cards go home along with parent-teacher interview appointments
- Thursday, December 1st - 2:30pm early dismissal, parent-teacher interviews after school
- Friday, December 2nd - No School, parent-teacher interviews in the afternoon

If you are given an interview time that does not work for you, please email your teacher(s) and let them know as soon as possible. Teachers will do their best to accommodate your needs. Teachers are also available after school so feel free to schedule a time to meet if December 1st and 2nd do not work for your family.

Blessings,

Miss Da Silva
Grade 6 Teacher
Middle Years Vice Principal



Be sure to check class Dojo to stay up to date with your child's classroom information!

Middle Years Memory Verses for October

Grade 5: Ephesians 5:8-11: *"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them."*

Psalms 16:7-8: *"I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken."*

Grade 6: 1 Peter 3:8-10 *"Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing."*

Grade 7 and 8: Philippians 4:6-7, Romans 13:14, Proverbs 12:22, Hebrews 8:12

High School Grades 9-12

A Note From The Vice Principal

Amazing! Twenty per cent of the year is gone. Since we have no snow yet, it still feels more like September than November!

In the month of October our Mission group held a very successful fundraiser in co-operation with Buick Canada. One hundred and fifty test drives and a LOT of coffee and pie goes a long way! A huge thanks to the organizers and participants. The students in our Missions class are finding ways to bless their own Winnipeg community by volunteering once a week at Union Gospel Mission.

November marks the middle of Semester 1 and there always seems to be a lot of work being assigned in all classes. Please help your children be on top of those responsibilities, and do their best work. November 14 starts Term 2, and reports will be distributed November 25, with Parent-Teacher Interviews slated for December 1 (evening) and December 2 (afternoon).

STUCO (Student Council) has been adding an element of fun to our days, with a movie lunch in mid-October, and a pot-luck Feast and Formal Day October 26. They are an enthusiastic bunch, with a lot of great ideas for making this a more fun place to be. Look for more events planned for December!

Volleyball season has begun, and there are games and tournaments scheduled already. Parents of players can keep on top of the schedule through TeamSnap. The rest of you are invited to come and watch any game, to cheer our teams on! On the topic of sports, a special shout-out to our own Caleb (Grade 11) whose Provincial Soccer team represented Manitoba at the National level on October 22. Coming into the tournament seeded sixth, analysts said that even though Manitoba's team came away with the Silver Medal, they outplayed the Gold medal team from Alberta. We are all so proud of Caleb's contribution to the overall results!

Mrs. Newediuk
High School Vice Principal



Open to all High School Students! We meet in the Art classroom each Thursday from 3:30-5:30pm with the help of Mrs. Atkinson.

Come and create!

Grade 11 Missions Class UGM Volunteer Days:

Tues Sept 27	Mon Oct 3
Tues Oct 18	Tues Nov 1
Wed Nov 16	Wed Nov 30
Wed Dec 14	Thurs Jan 12
Tues Jan 24	



We are proud of all of our student athletes who have competed this year! Keep up the great work!

