



King Albert Public School

Sharing, respect, responsibility, and caring

Darla McQuarrie
Principal



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Welcome Back to School!

What an amazing summer of sunshine and warm memories we had! As the days begin to grow shorter and the crisp autumn air settles in, we are thrilled to throw open our doors for another incredible school year. Our staff members have been busy prepping classrooms, designing engaging lessons, and getting everything ready to inspire your children. We are truly excited to **Embrace Learning Together!**

My name is Darla McQuarrie, and I am honored to continue serving as the Principal at King Albert Public School. Having worked as an educator for over 20 years and an administrator for more than 16—including my time right here as a classroom teacher—King Albert holds a very special place in my heart.

Whether your child is taking their very first steps into Junior Kindergarten, joining us as a new family, or returning to familiar hallways, welcome to our caring community. September brings a fresh start: a chance to build strong friendships, discover new passions, and grow into confident young people.

To help make this transition seamless, we encourage families to focus on **routines, routines, routines!** You can support your child at home by:

- **Restoring regular bedtimes:** Extra sleep is vital as students re-adjust to active school days.
- **Establishing a quiet workspace:** Set a consistent time and space for reading and homework.
- **Prioritizing morning punctuality:** Arriving on time helps students start their day calm and prepared.
- **Prioritizing Daily School Attendance:** Attending school daily builds strong learning habits, keeps students connected with their peers, and ensures they never miss out on key lessons and hands-on activities that drive their growth.

Strong education relies on a true partnership between home and school. Please never hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher via email, Seesaw, or phone. You can also connect with me directly:

- **Phone:** (705) 324-3702
- **Email:** darla.mcquarrie@tldsbo.on.ca
- **In Person:** I am outside on supervision duty every morning before the bell and after school—please stop by and say hello!

Staying Connected

To keep track of upcoming events, spirit days, and PA days, please regularly check our **King Albert Public School website**, read our monthly newsletter, and keep an eye on our outdoor marquee sign.

Let's make this an awesome school year together!

Mrs. McQuarrie
Principal

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Dressing for the Weather

Please be sure to send your child to school dressed appropriately for the weather. Please check the weather forecast daily before coming to school and ensure your child will be comfortable outside. [The Weather Network Lindsay](#)

We will be going outside as long as it is safe to do so. That means we will go out in the rain and snow as long as there is no lightning or windchill temperatures below -25.



SAFE ARRIVAL

Please call the school if your child is going to be late or absent from school (705) 324-3702

OUR SCHOOL DAY

Yard Opens	8:40 AM
Entry Bell	8:50 AM
Recess/Nutrition Break	10:50 - 11:10 AM
Recess/Nutrition Break	11:10 – 11:30 AM
Recess/Nutrition Break	1:10 - 1:30 PM
Recess/Nutrition Break	1:30 – 1:50 PM
Dismissal	3:10 PM



Noble Knight Award

Again, this September, when we see a student demonstrating respect for themselves, others, the environment or for learning or demonstrating kindness we will award them with a Noble Knight Award. Every Friday we will draw and announce the names of students who have earned a Noble Knight award and share why they earned that award.

STAFF

Mrs. D McQuarrie	Principal	Mrs. M. Morasse	JK/SK
Mrs. S. Wright	Secretary	Ms H. Mark	Grade 1
Mr. S. Therien	Custodian	Mrs. A. Farr	Grade 2
Mrs. D. Beavis	Custodian	Mrs. C. Racine	Grade 3
Ms. A. Mollon	EA	Mrs. S. Stevenson	Grade 4
Ms. G. McFall	EA	Ms. Strugar	Grade 5
Ms. K. Judson	EA	Mr. A. Robins	Grade 5/6
Mrs. T. Fuller	EA	Mr. J. Beggs	Grade 6/7
Mrs. Woolridge	EA	Mrs. M. Lancaster	Grade 7/8
Mrs. S. O'Reilly	EA	Mrs. M. Thalen	Resource
Mrs. L. Stapley	E.C.E.	Mr. S. Brown	.3 Resource
Mrs. J. Bianco	Library Clerk	Mr G. Williams	French Teacher
		Mr. M. Brillinger	Prep

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King Albert is a “NUT” Safe School

Please help us to make King Albert a safe place for all students by being mindful that we have students who have severe allergies to peanuts/tree nuts. As such, we are a “Nut Safe” school. This means we will be working with all families and food providers to reduce the exposure and risk factors faced by students in our school who have allergies to nuts. Families can help us out by avoiding packing any nut/peanut products or imitation nut spreads (ie:Wow Butter) and check packaging to ensure products are nut free. Remember, even products that read “May contain nuts/peanuts” are dangerous due to the risk of cross-contamination. For more information, please contact Mrs. McQuarrie at the school.



★ Bikes and Scooters

Please note that if your child is riding a bike or scooter to school they have to follow these rules

- Students are to walk their bikes on the sidewalk in front of the school and onto the school property and the beginning and end of each day
- All bikes and scooters should be in the bike racks inside our locked school yard
- Students are NOT to ride their bikes or scooters during school hours
- At the end of the day students on bikes and scooters will have to line up along the fence to be dismissed once the crowd has cleared from the primary doors to ensure all students and parents can exit safely



Entry and Exit Procedures

We are committed to ensuring the safety of your child here at school. A Safe Entry system is installed at the front doors of the school while all other entry points are locked during the day. In the interest of maintaining our safe and secure environment, all persons - parents, volunteers and all visitors to the school please **“buzz in”** at the main doors on Glenelg St. When office staff let you in, we ask that you go directly to the office and sign in.

In an effort to protect valuable instructional time and cause minimal disruption to the classroom, we will be actively **discouraging parents from picking students up before the bell at 3:10pm this year**. Parents who arrive after 2:50pm. will be asked to wait for the bell to pick up their children unless it is an emergency. Parents who have a message or delivery for a student, please come to the office and Mrs. Wright will ensure the student receives the message or delivery. Help us send the message to all students that every minute counts in their education. If your child has specific needs that require an early dismissal, please discuss with Mrs. McQuarrie at your earliest convenience.

For parents who pick up their children at the regular dismissal time, please wait outside the school. Teachers will escort classes to the side and front doors to meet parents. **Please do not park directly in front of the school** as this has created some unsafe walking conditions for our students and this area is a designated fire route. **Please use the crosswalk** to cross Cambridge and Glenelg Streets.

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Forms, Forms, Forms

A number of forms will be coming home on the first day of school. Please update and promptly return the Student Information Verification forms. It is especially important that we have updated phone numbers and emergency contacts. This is our main source of contact information for your child. Please remember to sign and return all loose forms ASAP.

Breakfast/Snack Bin Program



Breakfast/Snack Club begins on the first day of school. Breakfast/snacks are available, free of charge, in every classroom to any child needing something to eat.



LET'S GET ACTIVE, KING ALBERT!

Students will be physically active every day and, for safety, students need to have **indoor running shoes**. Please help your child be successful with shoes that he/she can put on and fasten independently. During the hot months when sandals and flip flops are worn, it would be helpful to have socks that are kept in their bag to wear with indoor shoes. Thank you!



Cross Country Running Club

We're excited to announce that our KAPS Primary/Junior-Intermediate (grades 3-8) Cross-country running club will be starting in the 3rd week of September. This is a chance for students to develop cardiovascular health, bodily strength and mental perseverance! Coaches and practice times will be announced next week. All students are welcome to try out. Please come prepared with proper running shoes and a water bottle!



Soccer Club

Our KAPS Junior soccer team (grades 4.5.6) will be starting during the 3rd week of Sept. Practice times are yet to be determined. Students at all skill levels are welcome to try out for our team! We will work on fundamental skills, teamwork and treating others with the utmost respect.

Please come prepared with proper running shoes and a water bottle. Go Knights!

Coaches, Ms.Farr & Mr. Brillinger



Annually KAPS students participate in the School Nation Wide Terry Fox Run. This year's run is on **Friday September 25th**. Pledge forms will be available or you can also donate to this worthy cause online at King Albert Public School

Fundraising Page: [King Albert PS Terry Fox Fundraising Page](#)

If you would like to order a Terry Fox Shirt please go to the Terry Fox Foundation website. [Terry Fox Online Store](#)

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POPCORN Fundraiser for Terry Fox

Please bring a loonie to buy a bag of popcorn to support Terry Fox on Thursday September 24 th. Popcorn will be available to order for \$1 a bag.



We will be hosting a bake sale the week of September 21-25th to support our Terry Fox Run. All items will be nutfree and will be sold at a price range from \$1-\$2. All baked goods will be provided by the staff.



Our annual meet the staff event will be held on **Tuesday September 22nd from 3:10-4:30. This will be a Family Pizza Night.** Pizza will be \$1 per slice. Please send in the order form with the money or order on Cash Net. Families will pick up their pizza slices in their classrooms. We look forward to seeing you at the meet the staff event.



No Dogs on School Property (this includes the yard and parking lot)

Just a reminder that dogs are not permitted on school property. Thank You.



Stop by the Lindsay Fair exhibition building to see the King Albert PS fair display. This year's theme is 'Where Community Grows'. The fair runs from Sept. 23- 27th.



VOLUNTEERS

We would like to encourage you to join in the fun and volunteer to help out on your child's class trips. Remember, if you would like to volunteer at the school, or accompany your child on a class trip, you must have a current police check on file at the school office. It is best to complete the process for police checks ahead of time, as it can take a while. If you have any questions about the police check process, or want to check the status of your latest police check, please call Ms. Wright in the school office, 705-324-3702. All volunteers must complete an **online training course**. Please call the school office for more information.

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ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Each year, **September 30th** marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, also known as Orange Shirt Day. The day honours the children who never returned home and the Survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.

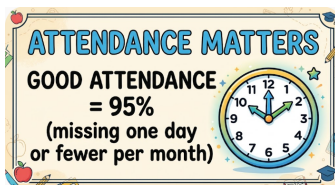
At King Albert PS, we will be recognizing the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Wednesday, September 30th and encourage staff and students to wear orange to show support. Throughout the month of September, our school will proudly fly the **Every Child Matters** flag in recognition of Truth and Reconciliation, leading up to Orange Shirt Day and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30. We look forward to engaging our students in meaningful, age-appropriate learning about Indigenous history, culture, and honouring residential school survivors and their families.



Personal mobile device use

Personal mobile devices must be powered off or set to silent and put away during class time. Personal mobile devices include phones, tablets, and smartwatches. Teachers will be collecting these items and storing them securely for the day. If you need to reach your child during the day please contact the office at (705) 324-3702.

TLDSB believes that when personal mobile devices are “**off and away**,” there will be positive outcomes on student learning and mental health, and the school day will consist of more meaningful interactions with peers and staff. Please note that if your child does bring a device to school that damaged, lost, or stolen devices are not the responsibility of the school/Board.



Attendance Matters

Showing up is half the battle! Real academic success starts with regular attendance:



The Target: Aim for 95% or better attendance this school year.



POTENTIAL RISK

The Risk zone: Missing just 2 days a month on average (10%) makes a student chronically absent and can cause them to lose critical time in the classroom.

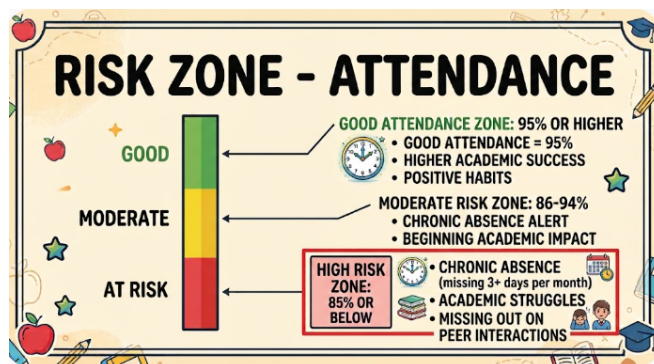


STRATEGIC VISION

The Big Picture: Building a habit of daily attendance helps students stay connected, build confidence and prepare for future success.

If you're struggling to get your child to school, or if you're unsure if you should keep them home due to illness, reach out to your school! We are here to help.

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Follow these steps if you have a concern about your child's education:

First-Contact the classroom teacher and discuss the situation.

Then-if the situation has not been resolved: Contact the Principal and request help in dealing with the matter.

Then- if necessary: Contact the Superintendent in charge of the school involved. Call 1 888 526 5552

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our School Council is an invaluable team who provides us with input and suggestions into decisions made at our school. They also coordinate fundraising over the year. This fundraising will subsidize many of our school projects and student field trips. A person is qualified to be a parent member of our school council if he/she is a parent/guardian of a pupil enrolled in the school. I encourage you to join our active and supportive School Council. **Our first meeting will be held in the school library on Wednesday, October 14th from 3:20 PM - 4:00 PM.** If you are interested in attending the meeting please call the school.



PICTURE DAY - Picture day this year will be on Tuesday, November 3rd. Wear your best smile!



Important Notice

Professional Activity Days & Board Holidays = NO school

Monday September 7, 2026
Monday October 12, 2026
Friday November 20, 2026
Monday, December 21, 2026-January 1, 2027
Friday, January 29, 2027
Monday, February 15, 2027
Friday, February 26, 2027
March 15-19, 2027
March 26-29, 2027
Monday, May 24, 2027
Friday, June 4, 2027
Wednesday, June 30, 2027