King Albert Public School

Sharing respect responsibility and caring

D. McQuarrie, Principal

PRINCIPAL's MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you to all of our families that joined us for our Fall Festival! It was a wonderful event for our King Albert PS community to come together to engage in fall fun. A huge Thank You to all of our Community partners, school council and KAPS staff who made the event possible. I would also like to thank our school staff for helping with the activities and providing the food for a free food basket draw.

Happy Halloween! There was a lot of excitement in the air with the monster mash dance and classroom celebrations! We hope all the "trick and treaters" had a wonderful night. Thank you to those who were able to donate a non-perishable food item.

The grade 1-8 Progress Report and the Kindergarten Observation of Learning will be going home November 13th. You may recall from previous years that there are no marks on this report. Students will either be noted as "progressing with difficulty" "progressing well" or "progressing very well". The progress report cards are intended to become a central part of rich discussions with students and their parents in the context of proactive interviews that will help to establish a positive tone for the remainder of the school year.

Parent/Guardian & Teacher interviews are scheduled for the evening of Thursday, November 19, 2026 from 3:30-7:30pm. Interview times will be communicated to parents on the front of their child's report card or through a phone call or school messenger. If the time provided does not work for you, please call Mrs.Wright at the office to reschedule for that evening or talk to the teacher about scheduling for another day.

Please remember that November 20th is a PA Day.

Attendance really matters. Attending everyday, attending all day and arriving on time for school is critical to a child's education. We have formed an attendance committee to address the attendance issues here at KAPS. We will be celebrating those students who have had perfect attendance for the month of September and October at an upcoming assembly. We will also be handing out ballots to families of students who have perfect attendance for a chance to win a pizza dinner each month.

Events that have taken place at KAPS since the last newsletter:

- Soccer
- Soccer intermurals at recess
- Cross Country
- Fall Fest
- Monster Mash Halloween Dance
- Halloween parties
- Professional development for Teachers and EAs on the topic of data analysis, Racism, Mental Health and programming

Sincerely,
Darla McQuarrie
Principal

King Albert PS Kawartha Candle Company Fundraiser

We are once again excited to offer a school fundraiser with Kawartha Candle Company. Thank you to Kawartha Candle Company for partnering with us to sell candles. Funds raised will go towards our year end special events. You can order your candles through school cash online, bring in an order form and cash to the school or you can go onto kawarthacandle.ca using the code **KAPS** to ensure that 25% of the purchase goes to the school. This fundraiser is running until November 16th. Please call the office if you have any questions.

Holiday Shoppe

We are excited to once again host our Holiday Shoppe for students to select from gently used items for gifts for their immediate family. If you have any items that you would like to donate to the Holiday Shoppe please call the school to drop them off. Wrapping paper, gift bags, ribbon and tape are also needed. Thank you

Re-usable grocery bags

We are collecting re-usable grocery bags for our students to put their wrapped gifts in after shopping at the Holiday Shoppe. If you have any bags that you would like to donate please contact the school office.

Coffee & Connect for Parents & Guardians

Wednesday November 25 from 9:00-10:00 AM in the KAPS Library

Parents and Guardians, Please join us for coffee and a time to chat and catch your breath. Meet our Mental Health Counsellor, learn strategies on understanding and supporting your student through stress, and enjoy a cup of free coffee with us!

E-scooters/E-bikes:

E-bikes or electric scooters are not permitted at school or on school board property. Students should not be riding e-scooters or e-bikes if they are under the age of 16 (as per Ontario law).

We are looking for volunteers who can read with our students. We have some students who would really benefit from the additional reading time. One-on-one attention and reading support helps children improve their reading fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. **If you would like to volunteer to read with some students throughout the week, please contact the school office.**

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

When a child misses school it has a major impact on their learning and it is equivalent to:

When your child misses	Equals to___ a week	Which equals ____ a year	From K-12
10 minutes a day	50 minutes a week	1 ½ weeks missed per year	½ year of school missed
20 minutes a day	1 hour & 40 minutes a week	2 ½ weeks missed per year	1 year of school missed
30 minutes a day	½ day a week	4 weeks missed per year	1 ½ years of school missed
1 hour a day	1 day a week	8 weeks missed	2 ½ years of school missed

Dressing for the weather

Although we have enjoyed warmer fall weather, it is starting to turn. A friendly reminder that students should have indoor shoes if possible. It is also time to start sending hats and mitts/gloves to school with your child(ren). We try to go outside as much as possible so rain jackets and splash pants are a great idea at this time of year. Snowsuits are also just around the corner. If you need any of these items, please reach out to Mrs. Wright in the office.

Save the Dates!

December 14 Holiday Shoppe for students
December 16 Festive Feast for students and staff
December 17 Christmas Concert 2:00-3:00 for students and their families.

King Albert PS School Council

The KAPS Parent Council is back in action. Your input on where fundraising efforts can better support our students ensures we are building the best experience at King Albert PS. Our next **School Council meeting is November 26th at 3:20 PM.** These meetings will be held in the library, parents/guardians or community members are welcome to attend. If you would like to attend please contact the school. The KAPS Parent Council is always looking for caregivers to get involved, whether it's for volunteering at school events, event planning or fundraising efforts. We look forward to welcoming you at our next meeting.

Our School Council executive is:
Chair: Michelle Pawlick
Secretary: Shawne Wright/Melissa Morasse
Treasurer: Danielle Hiddick
Community member Rep: Pastor Mike
Teacher Rep: Mrs. Morasse
CUPE Rep: Mrs. Wright
Principal: Mrs. McQuarrie

A big THANK YOU to these individuals for their time and energy. We are very grateful for the work that our dedicated School Advisory Council does at KAPS.

Did someone say POPCORN?

Kernels Popcorn is a versatile and flavourful treat that makes for a great snack or gifts. Available in 11 flavours, orders are due by Monday November 23rd, submit your orders to your home room teacher or the office and bring cash or payment on Cash Online. Orders will be available for pick-up before the Christmas break.

REPORT CARDS and PARENT/GUARDIAN-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Report cards will be sent home 3 times per year. The progress report will be sent home with all students on **November 13th.**

Parent/Guardian Teacher Interviews are scheduled for the evening of
November 19th from 3:30-7:30 PM. Please see your child's report card for your appointment time.

PHOTO RETAKES

Let the office know if your child would like a photo retake, or if they were absent on the original date. **Photo retake day is November 26th**

Remembrance Day Service in Lindsay

10:00 AM Wednesday, November 11th @ The Cenotaph. King Albert PS Remembrance Day Assembly is taking place on Wednesday, November 11th at 10:40 AM at King Albert PS.

Lindsay Santa Claus Parade

Lindsay Santa Claus Parade is scheduled for November 22rd beginning at 2:00 PM from the Lindsay Recreation Complex travelling north on Adelaide Street to Kent Street, then east on Kent Street. The theme of this year's parade is Christmas Through the Decades!

Kindness Week November 16- 21

We are excited to launch **Bullying Prevention & Kindness Week** starting on November 16th !

Over the course of the week, our students will take part in engaging activities and lessons designed to promote kindness, prevent bullying, and foster a strong sense of belonging. From kindness pledges to lessons on how to safely step in when someone needs help, our goal is to give every student the tools to create a positive school environment.

Be sure to ask your child about the daily activities they'll be working on, and keep an eye out for updates on how you can reinforce these important lessons at home!

Restorative practices

TLDSB and King Albert PS are committed to building safe and caring school communities through the use of restorative practices. Restorative practice seeks to foster healthy behaviours and strengthen relationships. This is best achieved when teachers, students, and parents/guardians learn to engage with one another in restorative ways.

Restorative questions that help to guide discussion include:

- What happened?
- What were you thinking at the time?
- What have you thought about since?
- Who has been affected?
- In what ways?
- What do you think needs to happen to make things better?
- Keep the size of the reaction the same size as the problem.
- Restore the relationship. What needs to happen to make it right? Apologize, ask for help, clean up a mess.

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.

PEDICULOSIS (HEAD LICE)

To reduce the incidence of head lice as the colder weather approaches, please remind your children not to share hats, helmets and brushes and to wear their hair up when possible. If your child has head lice you will be contacted by the school, if contacted please treat your child's hair. If caregivers are seeking support, you can reach out to the school health team inbox at schoolhealth@hkpr.on.ca OR 1-844-575-4567 ext. 1508 through the health unit. They will receive your message and give you a call back with recommendations as soon as possible.

Attending each day and arriving on time!

Attending each day, arriving on time and staying for the full day are life lessons and are as important in school as at work. Every day that your child participates at school builds their future. Building positive habits early makes each stage of development easier. Please make every attempt to have your child at school on time; this allows for an easier transition into the school day and reduces the number of interruptions for other students in the class who have arrived on time.

Professional Activity Days & Board Holidays = NO school

Friday November 20, 2026
Monday, December 21, 2026-January 4th 2027
January 29, 2027
February 15, 2027
February 26, 2027
March 15-19, 2027
March 26-29, 2027
May 24, 2027
June 4, 2027
June 30, 2027