October 2026 Newsletter

King Albert Public School
Sharing, respect, responsibility, and caring

Darla McQuarrie
Principal



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you. This season reminds us of the importance of reflection, connection, and appreciation for all that we have.
I am truly thankful to be part of such a vibrant and dedicated community of students, staff, and families. Our school thrives because of the unwavering support, enthusiasm, and collaboration that each of you brings. Whether it's in the classroom, at school events, or through your contributions at home, your involvement makes a difference in the lives of our students and enriches our shared experience.
Every day we celebrate acts of positive character at King Albert Public School in so many ways. We show kindness with a smile, a word of thanks, a word of encouragement, a high five and/or a "Noble Knights" ticket. We have heard some amazing examples of kindness. We have heard kindergarten children coaching their fellow classmates on how to line up properly on their own. We have watched children warmly welcome new students to our school. We've seen gentleness and concern in helping to bring a classmate who has tripped on the yard to the office for a band aid. We've seen students take ownership for their mistakes and find ways to make amends. We have seen children accomplish challenging tasks and show great perseverance. We are thankful for our free school lunches funded by King Albert PS and prepared by Cambridge Street United Church and Centre Community Church and for all of the community support we receive at King Albert. We have much to be thankful for! We are so thankful for the hardworking staff who warmly welcome, encourage and support both the academic and social growth here at school.
During this time of gratitude, I encourage us all to reflect on the things that bring joy, hope, and strength to our lives, and to extend that same kindness and support to those around us.

Wishing you and your loved ones a safe, restful, and joyful Thanksgiving.

With sincere thanks,

Mrs. McQuarrie
Principal

What have the KAPS Knights been up to in September? Here is a Re-cap of activities that have taken place at King Albert throughout the month of September

- Assemblies (Welcome Back, Terry Fox, House leagues, Orange shirt day)
- Student Assembly leadership
- Students have been divided into house leagues
- Lindsay Fair board and artwork club
- Cross country team
- Soccer team
- Terry Fox run
- Student announcers
- Lunch monitors
- Recess helpers
- Noble Knights
- Planning for student council
- Goal setting, assessments and lots of learning

- Soccer Intramurals

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Fall Festival
Please join us on **Wednesday October 7th from 3:15-4:00** for our Fall Festival being held in the gym. Students will have an opportunity to participate in fun fall activities. Parents can connect with community agencies as well as other families and staff. **Make sure to enter your name in the draw for a food basket that has been generously donated by the KAPS staff at the Festival!**



Our King Albert PS **Cross country** team (grades 3-8) has been working hard each Tuesday and Thursday at training for the upcoming TLDSB Cross Country meet at Ken Reid Park on Oct 15th. During practices, our runners have been learning about dynamic stretching which increases muscular strength flexibility and coordination which helps to prevent injury.

We are so proud of the students that have been committed to showing up for each practice and giving it their all to reach their best!

Mrs.Farr & Mr.B



Junior mixed **soccer** practice is being held each Wednesday for our grades 4-6 students. During training; our players are working on core technical skills such as teamwork, communication, strong touches, passing, receiving and shooting techniques for future competition.

The Junior mixed soccer tournament will be held on Mon, Oct 19 at Fenelon Township PS. The final team will be made in the near future.

Your coaches, Mrs.Farr, Mr. Beggs & Mr.B

Soccer Intramurals

Thank you to Mr. Beggs who is running an intramural soccer program at recess for Junior and Intermediate students. Listen to the announcements for days and times if you would like to participate.

King Albert Public School Grade 3 EQAO Results

Last spring students in Grades 3 and 6 at King Albert Public School, and at every publicly funded elementary school across Ontario, participated in provincial assessments of their reading, writing and math skills. These assessments were conducted by Ontario's Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO).

EQAO assessments are an important source of information about student learning. Our school and Trillium Lakelands District School Board and the Ministry of Education use the results, along with other important information, to guide improvement programs and teaching practices so that all students benefit.

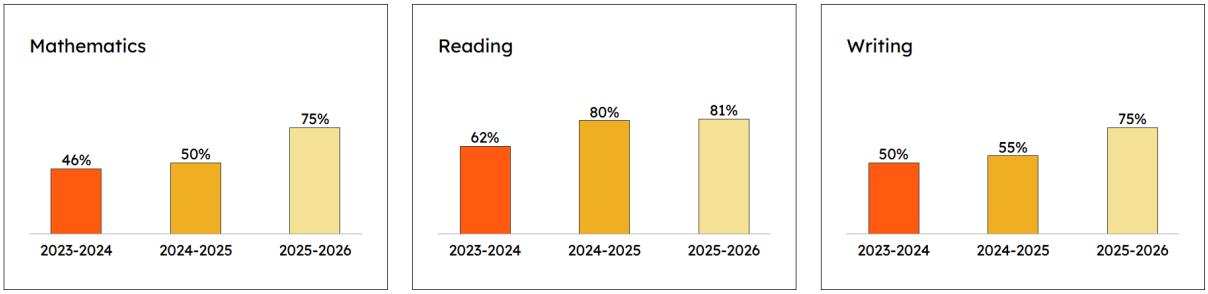
The results from last spring for King Albert Public School are very favourable and show definite growth in the areas of reading, writing and mathematics for both the primary and Junior Divisions. We are very proud of the hard work our educators and students have done to improve student achievement.

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Achievement Results

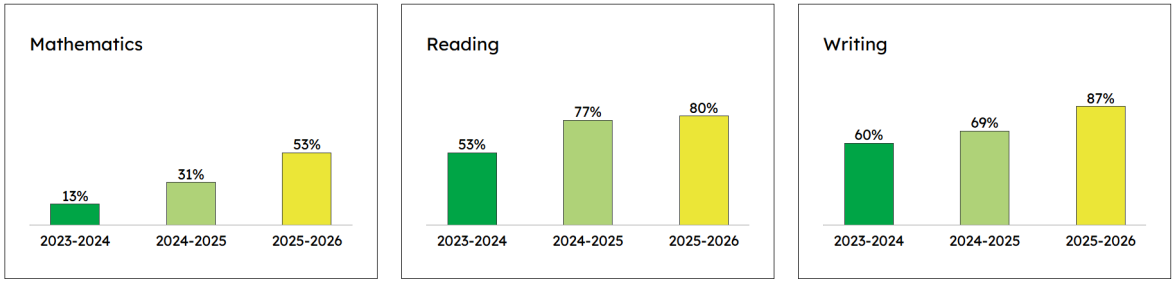
Percentage of fully participating students at or above the provincial standard (Levels 3 and 4) for the 2025-2026 school year.



King Albert Public School Grade 6 EQAO Results

Achievement Results

Percentage of fully participating students at or above the provincial standard (Levels 3 and 4) for the 2025-2026 school year.





Coffee & Connect for Parents & Guardians

Wednesday October 21 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!



SAFE ARRIVAL

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



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**. Parents who arrive after 2:45pm will be asked to wait for the bell to pick up their children unless it is an emergency.

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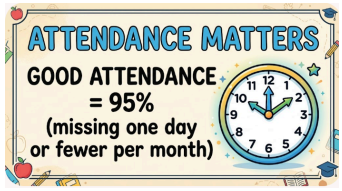


Office closed
Please note that the main office is closed **daily between 11:30-12:00PM** so our secretary can have her lunch. Please leave a message on the phone and the secretary will check messages once she returns from her lunch.



Picture Day - Picture day is on Monday, October 26**.**





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.

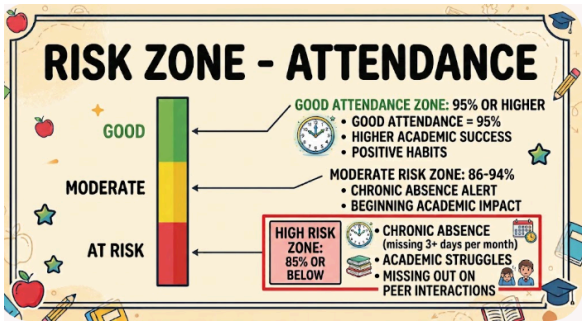


The Risk zone: Missing just 2 days a month on average (10%) makes a student chronically absent and can cause them to lose critical time in the classroom.



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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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 in all types of weather 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 wind chill temperatures below -25.



IEP Parent Involvement Meetings:

Guardians of children who have Individual Education Plans (IEP) were invited to provide our team with feedback around what level of involvement they wish to have in the development of their child's programming for this year. If you would like to meet with the teacher and our team about your child's programming, please give us a call and schedule a time before or after school. **IEPs will be sent home for review and signing to all families whose children have an IEP on October 20th, 2026.**

Snack Baskets 

King Albert Public School is enjoying delicious and nutritious breakfast/snack choices in classrooms each morning. This allows every student the opportunity to select items throughout the morning when they feel hungry. Whether it's an apple or yogurt, students are enjoying the variety of items available. Have you asked your child what their favorite is? Thanks to Student Nutrition Ontario, TLDSB, Food Source and Food for Kids.

Halloween Costumes 

Halloween costumes are welcomed at school on our Halloween Celebration Day on Friday October 30th. Students should choose costumes that are **culturally appropriate and not violent. No masks. props or weapons are permitted.**



SPOOKTACULAR MONSTER MASH!!!

King Albert's Annual Halloween Dance * Friday, October 30th*

The **"Monster Mash"**, King Albert's Spooktacular Halloween dance will soon be here. It will take place on Friday, October 30th and the entire school is welcome to participate in this great event!! **Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the King Albert Food Bank.**



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VOLUNTEERS

We would like to encourage you to join in the fun. 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. Volunteers must also do an online training and sign off that they have completed the training. If you have any questions about the police check process, or want to check the status of your latest police check, please call Mrs. Wright in the school office, 705-324-3702.

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Free Hot Lunches

Free hot lunches have started at King Albert. They will take place every Wednesday and Friday. If you have any questions please call the office.

Terry Fox Run

Thank you to Mrs. McQuarrie & staff for organizing our Terry Fox Run and events and all of our Knights for giving their best efforts, like Terry did! FINISH IT! Thank you Ms. Stapley for creating our posters for our bake sale. Thank you to the King Albert Students and community for making our Terry Fox fundraiser a huge success. Together we raised over **$ 1200.00** for the Terry Fox foundation to support cures for cancer research! Way to go Knights!

REPORT CARDS and PARENT INTERVIEWS



Report cards will be sent home 3 times per year. An interview with your child's teacher will take place in November when the progress report is sent home.

Below is the schedule for this year.

Reporting Period	Dates
Elementary Progress Report	• Progress reports for Grades JK-8 sent home on **Friday November 13th.** • Interviews with all parents will be held on **Thursday November 19th**
Report 1- February	• Report cards for JK-8 sent home **Friday February 12th.** • Interviews as requested by home or school
Report 2- June	• Report cards JK – Grade 8 sent home **Tuesday June 29th**.



Mental Health Fitness

Share Humour

Life often gets too serious, so when you hear or see something that makes you smile or laugh; share it with someone you know. A little humour can go a long way to keeping us mentally fit!



NO Dogs on School Property

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

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. A person is qualified to be a parent member of our school council if they are a parent or guardian of a pupil enrolled in the school. I encourage you to join our active and supportive School Council. **Our next meeting will be held in the School library on Wednesday, October 14th from 3:15 PM - 4:00 PM.** If you are interested in attending the meeting please call the school for details.

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Popcorn is back!

Our favorite snack is popping its way into classrooms again! Starting this month, for $1, students can enjoy delicious popcorn on Thursdays — don't miss out! Head over to School Cash Online to sign your child up and keep the snack smiles going! Cash is also accepted for popcorn purchases at the school. Funds raised will go towards the purchase of additional sports equipment.



Professional Activity Days & Board Holidays = NO school

Monday October 12, 2026
Friday November 20, 2026
Monday, December 21, 2026-January 3th 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