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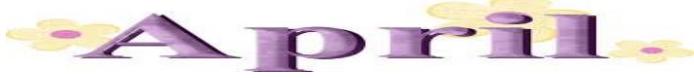
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Principal- Kevin Veinot

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MISSION STATEMENT

Northeast Kings Education Centre believes in developing a learning environment that nurtures academic, physical, social and emotional growth.



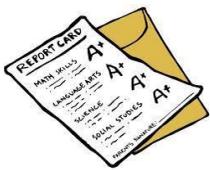
DEAR PARENT(S) / GUARDIAN(S),

Spring is certainly in the air now. It is a welcome sight. I want to thank all of our staff and community members that are volunteering their time before and after school to provide extra-curricular opportunities for your child(ren). Yesterday alone, we had band practice for 25 students, robotics for 6 students, track & field for 27 students, softball for 35 students, basketball for 40 students, rugby practice for 26 students. That is 159 students doing something outside of the academics at our school! That is amazing and it is possible because of 10 staff members and 2 community members! We are so fortunate to have so many opportunities for our students here at Northeast Kings. When you get a chance, please thank our volunteer coaches.

There are only 40 school days before exams for our high school students and 46 days of school left for our middle school students! I am asking your assistance in getting your child to attend school consistently. **Strong attendance is important for them to have success, stronger understanding and better grades.** Please encourage your child to be at school and on time every day.



Please keep your eye open for our high school mid-semester reports that will be sent home on Friday, April 20th. Take some time to discuss the reports with your child. Time is going by quickly. We don't want unpleasant surprises at the end of June. Parent-Teacher interviews will be held on Thursday, April 26th 6:30-8:30 pm and Friday, April 27th 1:30-3:30 pm. If you need a drive to and/or from the interviews please contact me and we will try to arrange transportation for you.



As our students in high school turn 16 they have the urge to get their driving license. Please make sure if your child drives a vehicle to school that you reinforce the **expectations for safe driving.**

As it was in our day, young people continue to push the limits with clothing styles. Although cleavage remains an issue, the low neck style is improving. We are entering the "short shorts period". I understand that it is an ongoing battle at home, just like at school. However, **please help monitor what your child is wearing to school.** Help them to understand that appropriate dress is required. We continue to remind them of the appropriateness of their clothing.

As always, we are a scent-smart and nut-smart school and ask that our students and staff refrain from wearing scented products or bringing nut products to school.

Have a great month and please contact us if you have any questions, concerns or compliments that we should know about.

Kevin Veinot
Principal

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Happy April Everyone,

Now that April has arrived, the remainder of the school year will proceed very quickly. Winter weather has unfortunately resulted in missed class time in recent months; however, students and staff are working very hard to complete course materials that have been missed. As always, it is very important that students put forth their best effort in class at all times as we approach the final months of the school year.

While in class middle school students have several opportunities to demonstrate understanding of curricular topics. Grade 6, 7 & 8 teachers work to ensure curriculum is differentiated and adapted. This is an exhausting task as every student learns differently. I would like to thank teachers and educational assistants for their ongoing efforts. Recognizing that each student learns differently, it is important that students continue to be self-advocates and ask for help whenever necessary. Taking advantage of teacher extra help and attending homework support during noon hour "Just Do It" is a really helpful way to improve confidence and skills. Extra help is often quick, to the point and appears to others to be a simple conversation between a teacher and a student. Please encourage your child to attend extra help if they are feeling overwhelmed or falling behind.

Parent teacher appointments occurred during the final week of March. Parent and guardian attendance was appreciated and we hope that information communicated during these meetings provided additional detail in terms of your child's academic progress. If you were unable to attend parent teacher appointments, please contact your child's teacher to determine progress. Ongoing communication between school and home is very important and encouraged.

Positive Participation Presentations (PPP) continue to be an important aspect of middle school culture. These 45 minute assemblies that occur once a month are an opportunity to celebrate student achievements, recognize positive and respectful student actions and share student talent. This year we have witnessed a very talented and confident group of grade 6 students perform during PPP which is terrific! We look forward to ongoing student participation during PPP and encourage all students to share their individual talents during these assemblies.

Northeast Kings Education Centre is very excited to offer a variety of extracurricular programming this spring. Our After School Program continues during the spring months on Fridays after school. The program is free and transportation is provided. Please encourage your child to pick up a form and participate in the program. Table tennis, badminton, pickleball, softball, track and field, robotics, NKEC Climbing and NKEC Lifts are also opportunities for students to be active at school.

Students will soon be participating in the spring session of exploratories. There are art, physical fitness, service learning and self-expressive sessions for students to explore. Exploratory activities start during the first week of May. If you would like to share a specific talent, or interest with students during exploratory time and have completed all necessary criminal background and child abuse registry documentation, please contact the school, it would be great to have your help.

All the best to members of the Jr. Concert Band as they participate at the annual music festival at Acadia University. This is an exciting opportunity for NKEC Middle School students to represent their musical talents.

As always, I encourage students to continue working hard and remain mindful of PEBS Expectations for Success. Attending school daily, spending time at home reading and reviewing daily concepts taught in class and putting forth best effort are all strategies that will allow students to be successful.

Please keep in touch,

Greg Fox, Vice Principal

STUDENT SERVICES

Scholarships/Bursaries

New scholarship & bursary applications are arriving daily. Please be sure to stop in to Student Services to see which applications you are eligible to apply for. The Common Application for Scholarships and Bursaries will be available soon. This one application form qualifies a student to be considered for up to several different awards - application deadline May 25th, 2018.

Scholarship Announcement

If you are receiving a scholarship or bursary and would like it announced at the graduation ceremonies you must submit a copy of the award notification to Miss Pineo in Student Services by June 15th.

GRAD NEWS

Safe Grad Yard Sale, Pancake Breakfast, Bake Sale, Silent Auction, & BBQ are taking place on Saturday, May 5th here at NKEC from 8-noon. We are accepting donations for the yard sale between 9-3 during the week or you can drop them off after-school on Friday, May 4th until 5:30.

Attention Grads:

Our grad newsletter will be coming out next week with information on all upcoming grad events and fees. Make sure you get your copy! Print copies will be delivered to classrooms and left at the sign-in desk. Also, it will be posted on the Grads of 2018 Google classroom and emailed to grad parents on our email list. If parents want to be added to this list, they can email Jennifer Osmond (jennosmond@gnspecs.ca).

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Northeast Kings continues to be very busy in athletics. Our senior boy's hockey team finished provincials with a record of 1-2, missing out on a provincial final by losing two extremely close round robin games. The Titans were once again very competitive, and a big thank you to Mr. Duncan and his coaching staff for their dedication to our hockey program again this year. Our cheer program completed their season at Regionals at Avonview this past week. Thank you to the coaches and staff who facilitated the team this year. It is much appreciated. Our badminton team recently qualified 6 athletes for regionals this weekend at AWEC. Good luck to all athletes and coaches this Friday as they represent our school with strong sportsmanship and class. Our table tennis team is once again hosting regionals at Northeast Kings Education Center. The event will take place on Saturday, April 21st in our gymnasium. Thank you to Mr. Craan for taking on the responsibility for hosting this major event.

We have senior girls and junior girls' softball teams, senior girls' rugby and eighty track and field athletes gearing up for the spring season. It is outstanding to see 150 student athletes taking advantage of the good weather and being active while representing our school. Be committed and be the best that you can be in your respective sport. We continue to excel in giving our students many quality experiences through athletics. We run many clubs, just facilitated our first spring basketball league, and offer table tennis and archery on Sundays. Please encourage your child to get involved in the school through fitness and being active.

Coaches, student athletes, and parents continue to represent our school with pride. Win and lose with respect and effort, as you will always gain as an athlete and person with the proper attitude and strong direction from your coaches and parents. Coaches and parents, a friendly reminder to recognize that it is not the officials who decide the outcome of a competition. Do not let them be the focus of your attention during or after a game. The focus should always be on creating a positive environment for the student athletes on both teams. Thank you to all coaches who give so much of your time to our students. The benefits are lifelong and definitely valued and appreciated by many, including the administration and athletic director of NKEC.

Note- Athletic Banquet is Monday, June 4th at 6:30.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Donations (all sizes) of lightly worn sneakers, T-shirts, athletic shorts and pants are always appreciated and used by our students.

NEWS FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

April is the time for the Annapolis Valley Music Festival and all three ensembles, Sr. Concert Band, Jr. Concert Band and Sr. Jazz Band are hard at work preparing their music. The Jr. Concert Band and the Sr. Concert Band will play on Wednesday, May 2nd in the Atlantic Festival Theater Building on the campus of Acadia University. The Jr. Concert Band plays @ 9:30 am and the Sr. Concert Band will play @ 4:00 pm. The Sr. Jazz Band will perform on Friday, May 4th @ 9:00 am in the same venue.

Students will be bringing home parent information and permission packets that will need to be returned as soon as possible for them to participate with us. This is a very important time for the students and home practice and support is highly encouraged!

The members of the Sr. Concert and Jazz Bands returned from their March Break trip to Toronto and all have many stories to share with you. We performed in Amherst, NS at E.B. Chandler Jr. High School and the trip included a workshop with Dr. Gillian MacKay from the University of Toronto. Highlight of the trip was attending the musical *Come From Away* with a chat with one of the understudies – Kate Ettienne, a graduate of Kings Edgehill.

Thank you to all who have supported our students in their fundraising efforts for their trips and to the parents/guardians who continually bring their son/daughter to extra rehearsals!

SPIRIT GEAR

Spring Spirit Gear is here!! You can pick up your order forms in either Student Services, the reception desk or Mr. Sanford's room 204.

Pre-paid orders can be dropped off in Student Services or Mr. Sanford's room. The deadline for orders has been extended to Friday, April 20th.

Also stop by our new school store located in the lobby to check out the new merchandise. There are some products already in stock that will be sold during high school lunches!

MARCH BREAK TRIP

Hey! Are you part of the Class of '19 or '20? Go to eftours.ca and check out tour # 1933661kh (London, Paris, Florence, and Rome). The Classes of 20 or 21 can check out tour number 2082557xa (Italy, Monaco, France, and Spain! The Mediterranean Coast) fpriddle@gnspecs.ca if you have any questions.

COMMUNITY NEWS

North Kings Minor Baseball Registration

When: April 7th, 2018 Saturday, 9am to 12pm

April 21st, 2018 Saturday, 9am to 12pm

Where: Percy A. Lydiard Park, Centreville

Who: Ages 4 to 18 - T-Ball 2012-2014 \$45.00

Rookie 2010-2011 \$70.00

Mosquito 2007-2009 \$90.00

Peewee 2005-2006 \$140.00

Bantam 2003-2004 \$160.00

Midget 2000-2002 \$185.00

For more information you can contact Kelly Lee at:

kelly.lee@live.ca

Forms can be found at

<http://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=northkingseagles>

Baseball hats will be sold at registration \$15 Velcro back \$20 - Flexfit



Dates to Remember

| April | |
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| 20 | HS Report Cards Go Home |
| 26 | HS Parent-Teacher Interviews 6:30-8:30pm |
| 27 | Early Dismissal 12:05pm |
| 27 | HS Parent-Teacher Interviews 1:30-3:30pm |
| May | |
| 3 | Early Dismissal 12:05 pm |
| 4 | MS Exploratory |
| 5 | Grad Yard Sale |
| 11 | May Newsletter |
| 18 | MS Exploratory |
| 21 | Victoria Day – NO SCHOOL |