



# Kent Road News

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## Principal's Message

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Dear Kent Road Families,

For the most part, it has been a very smooth beginning to our school year. Teachers quickly established their routines and expectations and students have settled in and reconnected with friends. When I visit classrooms, I see busy engaged students and hard working staff. I enjoyed meeting many of you at our Meet the Teacher barbeque and throughout the month of September.

I hope that during the year, whenever you have a question, concern or compliment, you will not hesitate to call your child's teacher or me. As a school, we are always striving to be better, so I would love to hear about what you believe is working for your child at Kent Road.

Volunteers participated in an orientation on September 28 and we appreciate their taking the time to be involved in their child's education. If you have any questions about volunteering, please call our volunteer coordinator, **Mrs. Ryant**.

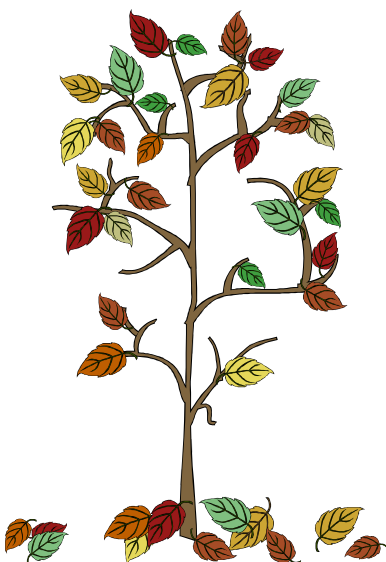
School pictures will be taken on October 15. We offer this service for families who wish to purchase their child's photo and class photo, but please don't feel any obligation to buy something.

Please remind your children that supervision on the playground starts at 8:45 AM, and our patrols are on duty just before that, at 8:40 AM. Students should not be arriving at school earlier than this. Thank-you for your support in this matter.

Kent Road School's Annual **Walk-run-a-thon is on October 7**. Family members are welcome to join us on the playground at **10:45 AM**. Afternoon Nursery and Kindergarten students will be walking at 1:05 PM. We appreciate your support of this fundraiser.

Halloween falls on Saturday, October 31. Your child's teacher will send a note home if there will be a class party. If your family celebrates Halloween, children are welcome to dress up on Friday, October 30, but to discourage violence and ensure the best educational environment for the children we ask that you avoid sending your child in a costume that portrays hurting someone. As you know, weapons, even toy weapons, are prohibited in school. We appreciate your assistance in making sure any weapons which come with costumes remain at home.

**D. Nordal**



### Lunch Program Registration

Every child must be registered even if they have attended in the past or are only staying part time. Monthly fees are \$28.00 per child, payable in the office on the first school day of the month. Kent Road's Lunch Program is **now full**. Names of new registrants will be placed on a waiting list and we will accommodate you if and as spaces open up.

### Parking Concern

One of our neighbours has mentioned that parents picking up their children occasionally park in their driveway or block access to their driveway. Please make sure you are not using or blocking a private driveway when you park. Let's make sure our school is a good neighbour.

### Should They Be At School?

If you are aware of children in your community who are not attending school, please let us know. Contact us if:

- ◆ You have seen a child in the community during school hours, without his/her parents, on more than one occasion. (A student may be away from school due to an inservice day.)
- ◆ The child lives within the Winnipeg School Division boundaries.

Information we'll need from you:

- ◆ The child's address and name (if known).
- ◆ Dates, times and location where you have seen the child.

What we'll do after you call:

- ◆ If the child lives within the Winnipeg School Division boundaries, we'll check to see if he or she is registered, or should be registered at one of our schools. If registered, we'll follow up with the local school and we may ask attendance officers to help as needed. If not registered, we'll try to find out why.

Your call or e-mail is confidential—when you contact us, we will keep your name confidential. Thank you for helping to ensure all kids are in school. To report a child not attending school—phone 789-0400 or email: [attendancehelpdesk@wsd1.org](mailto:attendancehelpdesk@wsd1.org)



### Koala-T Efforts

Rm 2	<b>Wyatt B.</b>	Rm 10	<b>Emillee F.</b>
	<b>Silas D.</b>		<b>Lucas C.</b>
Rm 4	<b>Carlos R-S.</b>	Rm 11	<b>Kristine S.</b>
	<b>Kaitlin T.</b>		<b>Matthew M.</b>
Rm 5	<b>Jon S.</b>	Rm 16	<b>Bryce P.</b>
	<b>Garrett K.</b>		<b>Maddi D.</b>
Rm 9	<b>Matthew B.</b>		
	<b>Hannah E.</b>		

### News from the Home Learning Assistant

I have spent the month of September getting to know the children and their families in room 7. This month a letter will be sent home inviting you to book a home visit with me. I am looking forward to start visiting. Visits consist of sharing games, simple crafts that focus on coloring and cutting and story sharing. I look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call me at the school or come see me in room 7. I am at Kent Road on days 1, 3 & 5.

◆ **Debbie Korne**

### Basic French

Rooms 4 & 14 have begun their unit "Souvenirs de Ma famille" where they will learn to share information about their families including describing who is in their family and what kinds of activities and cultural celebrations their families enjoy. Throughout the unit, the students will create a family scrapbook which will be bound and can be given as a gift.



Rooms 2 & 3 are working on a unit called "Vive l'amitie" which celebrates friendships. Students have chosen a friend and will learn about their physical characteristics, personality and preferred pastimes. Throughout the unit, the students will create a gift for their friend that incorporates all they have learned about them.

### Conversational French for 7 to 12 year olds

The *Tu parles!* Program is a 9-week language course offered at St. Boniface College designed to help children acquire spoken French skills that they can use beyond the classroom. Cost is \$195.00 per child and is offered on Saturday mornings from 9:15 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Please see **Mlle. Shore** for more information.

### Volunteers

Thanks to all who have decided to volunteer at Kent Road School this year. We value your efforts and look forward to working together. If you did not attend the orientation last week, but are still interested in volunteering, please see

**Mrs. Ryant** in the office and we will be sure to sign you up.

### Learn To Share Show You Care

Our Learn to Share program gives our students an opportunity to experience community outreach learning during the school year. The goal of the program is to provide students opportunities to see how they can make a positive difference in the lives of others. Our program will begin in October with the UNICEF campaign as well as the Halloween Harvest at the end of the month. Please watch for notes home later this month.

### Conflict Managers

Every day at recess we are pleased to have our Conflict Managers outside on the playground. Their job is to assist students who may be having difficulty resolving disputes. These students have been trained and have been doing a great job during the month of September. Thanks to all who give up their recess so our playground is a safe and happy place to play.

### Career Trek

Once again Kent Road School will be participating in the Career Trek program. Five students from Grade 5 and 6 will attend from October until April. Every Saturday the students will attend University of Winnipeg, University of Manitoba or Red River College where they will experience hands-on 80 different careers and vocations. We are very pleased to send the following students this year: **Gage D.A., Austin T., Samantha M., Sarah H.S., and Zainab K.**

### Aboriginal / Character Education

This year our theme is "Be the best you can be". Throughout the year students will participate in activities and assemblies that will focus on the Rainbow Teachings. Students will be challenged to be the best they can be using their mind, body, spirit, Mother Earth, water, sky, and the Seven Sacred Teachings. We will be treated to the songs and stories of **Bill Crompton** at each of our assemblies. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Our first assembly for the Aboriginal Character Education was on September 29.

- Ms. Ryant

## Classroom News...

### Room 1

The students of Room 1 are settling in very well to their new routines. We are excited to be on the “big kids” side of the school this year. As you may have already noticed, the students will be bringing home “Math Mania” duotangs every Friday. The homework will be a review of concepts learned as well as practice with new strategies. All homework is due back by Monday and so far we have had excellent participation. The agendas go home each day and will generally contain a message. Please write any comments or questions you may have as I check them daily. I am enjoying getting to know the children in Room 1. I look forward to a great year of growing and learning.

### ◆ Ms. D’Ercole

### Room 2

Welcome back everyone. I hope that you had a great summer! Now that we are back in school it’s time to get our minds and bodies back into a good routine. Don’t forget about the importance of a good night’s sleep and a healthy breakfast.

The focus over the first month of school has been two fold. Firstly we have been spending a great deal of time in getting to know one another and developing our routines. Secondly we have been working very hard at completing all of the CAP testing, so that I can have a good understanding of the strengths of each the students.

Even though the beginning of the year testing is taking up a lot of our time, we have already managed to learn a great deal about Matter, problem solving and the benefits of being good people. All of my students are encouraged regularly to use appropriate greetings such as good morning, thank you and please, as well as to be considerate and respectful.

The students are slowly learning to use their agendas properly and they should be coming home every night. In their agenda they should have all of the relevant activities written on the appropriate day, as well as what activities we have been working on that day.

Every student of Room two should now be in the habit of setting aside 30 to 45 minutes each day for homework. This should be done every night, even if it’s just going over the work from the day. This is a very important habit for the students to develop.

I know that I am very lucky that I have such a wonderful group of students in my class and I’m very excited about what the year may bring.

If you have any questions, comments or just wish to say “HI” don’t hesitate to contact me!

**Mr. Darrel Izzard**  
dizzard@wsd1.org

### Room 3

Well the summer (such as it was) is almost over, and the kids are back at school. And yes we all heard that sigh of relief from the parents. The students are settling in nicely and some of them are even getting my jokes. We are in the process of C.A.P. testing in order to determine the ability levels of each student. This process, as you can imagine, takes about an hour of time during the day and most of it is individual testing. Hopefully it has been done with a minimum of distraction for the children.

You may have noticed that the students are coming home with a history question each night. This is in an effort to make historical events and people more familiar to the students as well as to bolster their research skills. Do not hesitate to discuss these with your child. Students are having homework (finishing assignments) on a daily basis and these must be completed on time otherwise they will fall behind in class. A specific time for this works well for many children. Students are also responsible for filling out their agendas and getting them signed on a daily basis. If you don’t see it ask for it.

As usual if you have any questions please feel free to contact me by phone, note, or e-mail at dargle@wsd1.org

### ◆ Mr. Argle

### Room 4

Welcome back! In September we have started many things in math—we do a 5 minute drill. We have 100 questions to answer in 5 minutes. It’s fun because we get to learn math. In Science, we are learning about weather. We now know about tornados, snowstorms and hurricanes. In Language Arts we are writing a lot of stuff. We wrote about ourselves and what we did in the summer. In Social Studies we are learning about Canada and it’s provinces. In Art we made decorations for the BBQ.

### ◆ Ms. Beaudin / Ms. Donovan

**Room 5**

Room 5 welcomes a new student named Alex. We talked about what we would like to do this year at school:

**Alex**—I would like to do art.

**Caleb**—I would like to go to Ms. Sutton’s room.

**Jakob**—I would like to do more art in other classes.

**Eddie**—I would like to be “student of the day” every day and play with my friend.

**Jon**—I would like to play outside.

**Garrett**—I would like to do lots of math.

◆ **Ms. Skead**

**Room 7**

Our first few weeks back have been great! We are settling in to our routines quite nicely. We had a visit from the Manitoba Children’s Museum. They did a presentation on colours which is part of our science.

Please continue practicing scissor skills with your child: holding the scissors correctly, cutting on the lines. I’ll be sending home some activities with some students to practice at home.

◆ **Ms. Morand**

**Room 9**

The students in grade one have been working very hard. We are learning many “new things” every day. Our focus in Language Arts has been letter recognition and letter sounds. In Mathematics we are skip counting by 2’s, 5’s and 10’s, recognizing dot patterns, numeral recognition and making AB patterns. Also grade one students are enjoying have am & pm recess and having the playstructure on Day 1.

**Hannah**—I like making patterns.

**Lindsay**—I like earning treats and getting Koala T-Efforts.

**Matthew**—I like coloring.

**Mikayla**—I like having choice time.

**Matteo**—I like learning about letters.

**Room 10**

I want to congratulate Room 10 students for a great 1st month of school! They are doing an awesome job of adjusting to a new year and classroom. We currently have 23 students.

Our home reading program has begun. Please keep filling in your child’s reading log sheet. Library books and books you read together at home all count. A full page earns a prize from

our class treasure box!

For your info, we have Music on school days 2, 4 & 6; gym on days 1, 2, 3, & 5; and our library book exchange is every day 4. Room 10 will have Show & Tell every Friday.

I encourage the students to bring a nutritious snack for morning recesses. Our Guided Reading Program will soon begin. Please look for your child’s “Story Summary” duotang / reading homework that goes home every Friday. Please find time to have your child read to you, sign the pages and return each Monday. Thanks!

If the 1st month is any indication, we are in for a superb year of learning and fun in Room 10. Feel free to contact me at any time if you have any questions or concerns.

◆ **Ms. Baschuk**

**Room 11**

In the month of September the students in room 11 have been working hard learning strategies in math to help them when they are using the learning carpet, when they are counting forwards and backwards and adding or subtracting. They are also learning how to use the SMARTboard!

◆ **Ms. Passante**

**Room 16**

Welcome to Rosa who is new to our room. She speaks French and is learning to speak English. Bryce says he likes to do math patterns. We know what letter codes are and a core is the pattern used 1 time.

Madison D. says doing days of the week games are fun!

◆ **Ms. Sutton**

**Phys Ed. News**

Things are off to a great start in the gym at Kent Road School! Here’s a look at some of our activities.

- ◆ Thanks to our grade 5 and 6 girls and boys who came out for practices in September preparing for the divisional soccer tournaments. Soccer is an excellent lifetime sport! Kent Road is very proud of our athletes and their amazing skills and sportsmanship! WAY TO GO KODIAKS!!!



- ◆ October starts off with our annual Walk-Run-A-Thon on Wednesday, October 7th at 10:45 a.m. Our objective is to raise funds for the school, promote fitness, and have fun! All parents are welcome to come out and join in this activity.
- ◆ We are trying to promote school pride and team spirit with the sale of Kent Road t-shirts. We are also adding crewneck sweatshirts this year at a terrific deal of \$22.00 each. They are for sale until October 8th. T-shirts are \$10.00 each. Sample sweatshirts are available for sizing.
- ◆ Grade 6 leadership will begin this month. Letters have been sent home explaining the program. Leadership students' first job will be to help with the walk-run-a-thon, followed by intramurals and the Haunted House at the end of this month.
- ◆ Intramurals will take place on Days 1, 3 & 5. Check the calendar for which rooms are involved. \*\*Please note that students who normally eat lunch in the lunch program will continue to do so and then go to the gym for 12:20 p.m. on their intramural day. Students who go home for lunch are to be back at the gym by 12:20 p.m. In colder weather, students who normally go home for lunch may eat in the lunchroom and pay the \$1.50 for that day.
- ◆ Our school is working together with Basketball Manitoba to host the Todd Macculloch Hoop School Program. This program is designed to teach basic basketball skills to our grade 5 and 6 students in the basketball camp format. There will be eight 1-1/2 hour teaching sessions, for each gender, over a 3 month period. At the conclusion of the 8 weeks, a "jamboree" will take place where participants can put the skills they develop to use in games and contests in front of family and friends. A very special thank you to **Ms. Shore** and **Ms. Morand** for making this program a go!
- ◆ CAP testing takes place in the gym. This assessment is on Basic Movement Skills for grades K to 5.
- ◆ October is I Love To Run month. Create your own family physical activity challenge for the month! Challenge your child to run

around the block!

Give your child a gift... help them to be active, stay fit and have fun!

**Mrs. de Jong**

### **Three Ways to Help Your Child Succeed in School**

Parents want their children to do their best in school. But what works? A study by researchers at Indiana University found that children do better in the classroom when parents:

1. Are positive: You know that your child is sensitive to your emotions. Not surprisingly, the study found that to also be true for parents' attitudes about schoolwork. Parents who thought their child could do an assignment successfully had a child who believed that, too. In addition, the study found that encouragement from a parent led a child to be more motivated. Model positive attitudes, and your child will copy them.

2. Break it down: A long assignment can overwhelm your child. One of the easiest things you can do to help is to break that big task into smaller pieces. The study found that when children worked at a task they thought they could handle, they did better at it.

Teach the importance of a final check: One of the best habits to instill in your child is to look over his work before handing it in. Oops--he added when he should have subtracted. He wrote their instead of there. Correcting these minor mistakes can lead to a much better overall grade. In addition, the study found that children who were in the habit of checking over their work were more likely to volunteer to answer questions in class.

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Winnipeg Regional  
Health Authority

*Caring for Health*

Office régional de la  
santé de Winnipeg

*À l'écoute de notre santé*

September 25, 2009

Dear Parent or Guardian:

This letter provides you with important information on preventing the spread of influenza in your child's school. Starting in September, Public Health Nurses from the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA) will be working closely with Winnipeg schools to monitor and help reduce the spread of H1N1 influenza. Nurses will be providing important information about how to prevent influenza, and they will be tracking the level of influenza-like illness in school children.

That is where you, as a parent, can play a key role. There are several important things that you can do to help stop the spread of influenza:

1. Please keep your child at home if he or she is sick, until he or she is better.
2. Encourage your child to wash his or her hands often, especially before eating, or after coughing or sneezing into their hands.
3. If your child has a cough, encourage him or her to cover his or her cough with a tissue, or to cough into his or her sleeve.
4. If your child is staying at home because of an illness, please contact the staff at your school to let them know why your child is absent, and tell the staff what symptoms your child is experiencing (symptoms of influenza include cough, fever, fatigue, muscle aches, sore throat, vomiting or diarrhea).

Thank you for helping to fight the spread of H1N1 influenza. The information you provide will help health authorities make important decisions about influenza prevention activities. We will update you as necessary if there are any significant changes to these recommendations.

For more information, please call your local community area public health office; the phone number for the Community Offices can be found on page 9 of the Winnipeg Health Services Directory (blue pages) in the middle of the Winnipeg MTS telephone book.




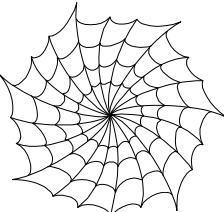

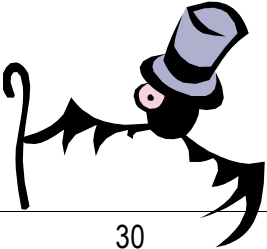
Sincerely,

Dr. Sande Harlos

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Upcoming Dates  
 Nov 3 2:45 dismissal for students  
 Nov 11 Remembrance Day (no school)  
 Nov 20 Parent Teacher Conferences (no school)

# OCTOBER 2009

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
			1 Day 6	2 Day 1
5 Day 2	6 Day 3  Intramurals Rms 2 & 3  <b>Early Dismissal 2:45 p.m.</b>	7 Day 4  Walk-Run-A-Thon 10:45 a.m.	8 Day 5  Intramurals Rms 1 & 4	9 Day 6
12 <b>THANKSGIVING DAY</b>  NO CLASSES	13 Day 1  Intramurals Rms 2 & 3	14 Day 2 	15 Day 3  Intramurals Rms 1 & 4  <b>PICTURE DAY</b>	16 Day 4  NO CLASSES  INSERVICE
19 Day 5  	20 Day 6	21 Day 1  Intramurals Rms 2 & 3  p.m.— HBV/HPV Immunizations	22 Day 2  Pizza Lunch 	23 Day 3  
26 Day 4	27 Day 5  Intramurals Rms 1 & 4	28 Day 6	29 Day 1  Leadership Set up gym 12:20 pm	30 Day 2  