

Maawndookaazag – Together – Ensemble

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From Principal Ms. Hope

Greetings to all members of our school community.

I would like to start by offering a thank you at this time to our many community volunteers who come in to ensure our students get a great breakfast and/or snack every day and to those who work in the different classrooms to support student learning. A special recognition also to our school council members who work hard to ensure that we are all doing what we can to have school a positive and activity filled place to be. The fundraising efforts by the council have allowed us to (among other things) order more gym equipment, support book clubs for students, offset costs for student activities and trips and have guest educators come to work with students and staff.

There are many faith/cultural groups for whom this is an important time of the year. At this time of year there are celebrations for Little Spirit Moon (Anishinaabe), Bodhi Day (Buddist), Mawlid al-Nabi (Muslim), Yule (Wiccan), Hanukkah (Jewish), Kwanzaa (Global African) and, of course, Christmas (Christian). We are going to be supporting as many families as we can this season to ensure that the kids will have a visit from Santa so we are going to accept toys and cash or gift cards at the school throughout December. So, starting December 1st, please let us know if you can support any of the following:

- 1) Are you willing to purchase gifts for a family? We will give you information about the age of each child so you can have some idea of what gifts you could purchase. By adopting a family you can guarantee that they all have surprises on the day.
- 2) If you want to help out but are not able to support a family, please feel free to drop off toys, new clothing with the tags still on the items, or gift cards to the office and we shall distribute things to the families we know would appreciate the help.
- 3) If you want to make a cash donation to the school so we can then purchase items that are needed for specific students, please drop by the office or call and let office staff know that you would like to contribute.

During this season, please remember in your thoughts those who are less fortunate and encourage your older children to volunteer and support others in the community. This time of year is often very difficult for some families and we encourage everyone to keep an eye out for those of our neighbours who may find this a lonely and difficult time. Stay safe and warm throughout the winter season and enjoy your holiday in whatever manner you and those of your culture choose to celebrate.

December is all about Empathy

I respect the feelings of others. I seek to understand what others are thinking to appreciate their perspectives. I listen and consider their views, even though we may not agree. I act with kindness & compassion.

Information about the School Move.

As you are aware, students will be starting at the new school in January after the winter break. At this point in time I can share the following:

1. Deliveries will be made to the new site over the next few weeks, and it will be incredibly busy. Please do not drop by the new school as we will not be able to have you in the building until after the move is complete. Thank you in advance for your understanding.
2. School staff will be starting to move into the new site beginning December 15th, 2017, and starting with the office. Ms Hope and Ms Vatcher will be moving over on the 15th and Ms Graham and Ms Grenier will be at the current site maintaining the office there.
3. Teaching staff will be released for one day over the week before the holidays to set up their new classrooms.
4. Bus drop off and students drop off information will be shared with all families before the break. Pick up details will also be sent home.
5. The bus company will be maintaining the current bussing and will also add bus runs for those students who currently do not need bussing, but will to the new site. The bus company will be in touch and send information home.
6. The vast majority of the building work will be completed for January; however, as with all construction, there will be some smaller details that will need to be completed in the New Year.
7. Our learning rocks have been moved from our yard to the new school where the learning circle is being reproduced in the front of the building.
8. The yard will be usable for students; however play structures will not be in place until we determine through school council what “naturescapes” we can put in over time.
9. We will be planning an Open House so all of our parents can come in and see the new building. We are asking that people wait until the Open House date to come in and see everything. We want to ensure that the start-up is as smooth as possible so encourage parents to be patient and not come for the first few days, until we are up and running.

Safe Arrival Program

Student Absence Reporting System

Toll Free Number

- 1-866-740-2902

Mobile App—app available from Google Play store and Apple App store

- Search for ‘safearrival’ (one word)
- Use district code kprdsb or search for Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board

On the Web

- Kprdsb.schoolconnects.com
- Available anywhere with an internet connection



Recess & Weather

We will be going outside for recesses whenever possible so please make sure your child dresses for the weather. Everyone learns better if they get outside for fresh air and free time. Please send your child in rubber boots, if possible on wet days—especially if you know they enjoy the puddles!

New Student Drop off Location

To assist with the flow of traffic around the school in the morning, we have created a student drop off location at the front east side of the school. Please use the circle driveway off Ermatinger Street. A staff member will be on duty each morning to supervise and assist students. If parents and guardians need to park when you are dropping off or picking up your child or children, please park on the side streets surrounding the school. Our school parking lots have limited parking and Ermatinger and Edward streets has limited parking due to bus loading and no parking or stopping areas.

A reminder that parent/school visitor washrooms are located by the office. Boys/Girls washrooms are to be used ONLY by children.

Our school hallways are very busy during the arrival and departure times, especially during the winter months with winter clothing. For this reason and for security reasons, we ask that parent/guardians drop off and/or pick up students outside the exit doors. If you need to speak to a teacher, please call and arrange an appointment or write a note for the teacher to give you a call. Your cooperation and support with this issue is greatly appreciated.

School Council Meeting

Monday, December 4th @

6:30 pm

Volunteers are greatly appreciated and enrich our students' school experience. In order to volunteer you need a current Police Check that is valid for one year. Please verify the dates of your police check to be sure it is up to date if you plan to volunteer.

City Residents

If you live within the Peterborough / Lakefield City Limits you must pick up a police check request sheet from the school office and take this form with two pieces of Identification to the local police station in Lakefield. The cost is \$6.34.

County Residents

If you live in the OPP area you need to pick up the paper work at the school office and take it to the OPP station in Peterborough. You must bring two pieces of Identification.

Curve Lake Residents

Curve Lake volunteers will need to pick up a police check request sheet from the school office and take this form along with two pieces of identifications to the Curve Lake Police Station.

Peanut/Tree Nut/Sesame Seed Safe School



Anaphylaxis Alert

Lakefield District
Public School
Mawmawokasag - Together - Everyone

Kindergarten Registration for September 2018 begins January 2018.

Parents: make your child's first classroom experience a warm and caring one! Your child's successful school journey starts at your local KPR public school. Many KPR public schools also have before and after school child care programs for busy working parents and guardians. [Click here to learn about child care programs in KPR schools.](#)

Your child can attend school in September 2018 as follows:

- **Junior Kindergarten** – your child is four years of age by December 31, 2018
- **Senior Kindergarten** – your child is five years of age by December 31, 2018

Please bring a birth certificate or other proof of age, proof of address, and current immunization record when registering your child. You may print off and complete the registration form below, and bring it with you to the school. Registration forms also are available at each school.

NEW! Online registration using this [Registration Form!](#) Register TODAY! (Please note: for students new to KPR only.)

Milk Program has started up. You can purchase milk tickets through School Cash On Line or by sending the money into school with your child.

Pick up and Drop off

Please communicate any changes of your child's regular routine in their agenda or communication book. We need these changes in writing. Calling the office at the end of the day may not ensure your plans are carried out.

If you meet your child at the end of the day you are encouraged to meet in the front lobby. Please remember to sign your child in at the office if he or she is late and sign when picking up early.

At the end of the day please do not park where buses will be blocked .

Inclement Weather and Busing

The winter season is fast approaching. Please ensure that students are dressed warmly for the weather conditions and carefully obeying all traffic rules when walking in the community. If your child is a bus student, bus delays and cancellations will be posted on the www.stsco.ca website. Also area radio stations and media outlets will broadcast related information. As a parent or guardian, it is recommended that you know your child's school bus route number, the name of the bus company operating the route. Also, if your child's bus is cancelled due to weather conditions and you choose to drive your child to school, it is then the parents responsibility to pick them up at the end of the school day. Radio stations & media outlets:

The Kruz - 980 AM The Wolf - 101.5 FM Country 105 - 105.1 CHUM/City TV

Celebration of Light

School Council will be providing cookies and juice to all of the students on December 19th in celebration of the Holiday Season



Starting the New Year in Our New School!

We're very pleased to share that the first day of school in our new building will be January 8, 2018! Our contractor, Steelcore, has confirmed that we will be able to begin moving into our new school during December. Once we have occupancy of the building, following numerous inspections by fire and building officials, there will be lots of work happening to continue preparing the school for students. This includes cleaning, waxing floors, installing SmartBoards and other technology, unpacking and preparing classroom.

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Nuritional / Recess Break Times

School Day Starts 8:55 am

10:55-11:15 (JK-1/2 will eat, 2/3-8 will go outside)

11:15-11:35 (JK - 1/2 will go outside, 2/3-8 will eat)

1:15-1:35 (JK-1/2 will eat, 2/3-8 will go outside)

1:35-1:55 (JK - 1/2 will go outside, 2/3-8 will eat)

Dismissal time 3:15 pm

Important Dates in December ...

Dec. 4th	School Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm
Dec. 4th	Fundscrip Orders
Dec. 10th	Online Fall Family photo orders due
Dec. 13th	Kindergarten Holiday Concert @ 6:30 pm
Dec. 14th	Pizza Orders Due
Dec. 19th	Celebration of Light
Dec. 21st	Pizza Lunch
Dec. 22nd	Last day at "Ridpath JPS" site
Jan. 8th	First day at "Lakefield DPS" new site

BEL Rotary is thrilled to be sponsoring and collaborating in partnership with your school and Curl Canada's **Rocks & Rings program**. On Wednesday, Dec 6th, 2017 Lakefield DPS is hosting an all-day Rocks and Rings program. All classes and teachers will experience a "learn to curl session" and have their first Rocks and Rings Funspiel.

We are so excited to be offering an introduction to the Olympic sport of curling to elementary school children. By bringing the curling rink to the school gym we reach children that would otherwise not have access to the roaring game. The best part? We bring everything to the kids! Various drills, relays and team-building activities are used to introduce students to the sport of curling. It is a highly interactive program with the emphasis on fun!

At the end, each participating child receives their own Rocks and Rings Graduation Certificate that they can share and discuss with their parents. Also, two sets of floor curling equipment is being donated permanently to Ridpath by BEL Rotary to ensure the students can enjoy this activity for many years.

BEL Rotarians will be dropping by to participate and see the action! Thank you for your participation and we look forward to many more service and youth opportunities in the near future.

Wanted: comments on draft 2017-18 calendar

KPR is seeking comments from students, parents, guardians, staff and community members regarding the school year calendar being proposed for 2017-18. Please comment via the online survey – available on the home page of www.kprschools.ca – by Friday, December 8, 2017. Dates being proposed for next year include Winter Break from Monday, December 24, 2018, to Friday, January 4, 2019, with the last day of classes before the break being Friday, December 21, 2018. This reflects the same dates set by the Ministry of Education.

For safety and efficiency reasons, Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board would like to reduce the amount of Cash & Cheques coming into our school. Please join the thousands of parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying ONLINE! It takes less than 5 minutes to register. Please follow these step-by-step instructions, so you will begin to receive email notifications regarding upcoming events involving your child(ren).

NOTE: If you require assistance, select the *SUPPORT* option in the top right hand corner of the screen.

Step 1: Register

If you have not registered, please go to the School Cash Online home page <https://kprdsb.schoolcashionline.com/> and select the *"Get Started Today"* option.

Complete each of the three Registration Steps

*For Security Reasons your password, requires 8 characters,
one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and a number.

Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and School Cash Online account.

The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and pass-word just created with your account.

Step 3: Find Student

Note: Student Number is Not Required

This step will connect your children to your account.

Enter the School Board Name

Enter the School Name

Enter Your Child's Name & Birth Date

Select *Continue*

On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select *Continue*

Your child has been added to your account

Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student


If you have more children, select *"Add Another Student"* option and repeat the steps above. 5 children can be added to one parent account.


If you do not wish to add additional children, select *"View Items For Students"* option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.

Find Student

School Information

School Board Name: School Board 1575

Looking for a student in a different school board? ☐ 

School Name: 

Student Information

Do you have the student number? ☐

Student Number 

First Name: *

Last Name: *

Birth Date:  *

Date format: mm/dd/yyyy

[Continue](#)

(No students? [Click here](#))