



Camborne Public School

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Message from the Principal

Welcome Camborne Families!

We can hardly believe that the summer is over and we are into a new school year already! With the new school year, comes a newly refreshed facility at Camborne Public School. As many of you know, our school was well under construction over July and August. Students and staff have come back to school to newly renovated floors, ceilings, LED lighting, and cabinetry. In addition, 7 of our 9 classrooms and our Library are now host to brand new furniture and new interactive whiteboard technology. Along with this, our Library now has 24 new Chrome Books for students to access and use, as well as a large Xerox printer to copy resources to.

As we settle into our routines and get our classrooms organized, I would like to thank all our staff, as well as Mr. van Alosty and Mrs. Taylor for their diligent efforts over the last while, as we were unable to access the building until just before Labour Day. We are hopeful that the finishing touches will be ready for us to share with you at our **Open House/Meet the Teacher** evening being held on **Thursday, September 27th from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.** The always popular, Bewdley Lions Club will be here with their food trailer at 5 p.m. to provide food for families who wish to purchase supper. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Sausage/Peameal on a bun fries and poutine will be available as well as a variety of drinks. Our **Book Fair** will also be open for the duration of Open House. Further information regarding our Book Fair, being

held during the week of September 24th - 28th, will be sent home by our Librarian, Mrs. Norsworthy.

Following the Open House we will be having our first School Council meeting of the year, further details regarding our School Council meeting and an information pamphlet are included with this newsletter.

As we begin the 2018-2019 school year, we encourage all our families to become as involved as you can with helping make this year another memorable one! As always we are welcoming new families to join our Camborne School Council (see attached form for details). Please know that your participation in Council can be as involved as you would like and there is no pressure to dedicate all your time to our school - we are thankful for any help we can get from our families, at any point throughout the year.

A reminder to all families to please pay close attention to the information that your child will be bringing home during the school year, especially the forms that are being sent home this week. We ask that you please complete and sign all forms and return them to the school promptly, no later than Friday, September 14th please.

Our first newsletter is quite lengthy but contains information that is important to student safety, school procedures and opportunities for involvement.

Further information can also be found in your child's school agenda. We ask that you take some time to carefully read the School Code of Conduct included in your child's agenda (Grades 1-6). It is my hope that you will find a lot of valuable information here that will help your child be as successful as possible at school. You can always find additional information on



the school website at <http://camborne.kprdsb.ca/> or on the board website at <http://www.kprschools.ca/parents/>

Of course, getting back into school routines is always a little challenging, but like you, we know that by working together, we maintain and improve the positive learning environment at Camborne Public School.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to re-connecting with our families and meeting families new to our school this year.

Sonal Ness, Principal



Parent Conference on Mental Health

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Camborne Public School is pleased to host **Sara Westbrook**, a motivational speaker, to come to our school and talk with students about building self-confidence and resilience! She will be at Camborne Public School on Thursday, October 4th to present to our students during the day. In addition, we are inviting parents for a **free** evening presentation. Please mark the evening of October 4th, 2018 on your calendars!

Sara is a speaker, singer and author who presented at KPR's parent conference on Mental Health in 2018. To find out more about Sara, please visit her website at <https://www.sarawestbrook.com/>

Trustees - Your representatives on The Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board are Jaine Klassen Jeninga and Anthony

Caruso. Contact information for the trustees is on the first page of this newsletter. Please call the school initially if there is an issue involving the school or classroom. Concerns about Board policies are best addressed to your trustee.

Our Staff This Year

JK/SK	Mrs. Gallagher
JK/SK	Mrs. Blue
Grade 1	Mrs. Linton
Grade 1/2	Mrs. Nalysnyk
Grade 2/3	Ms. Bradbury
Grade 3/4	Miss Kennedy
Grade 4/5	Mrs. Iacobelli/Mme. Malenfant
Grade 5	Mrs. Dunn
Grade 6	Mrs. Hall/Miss Lowe
Core French	Mme. Malenfant
Planning Time Library	Mrs. Norsworthy
Early Childhood Educator	Mrs. Klein-Birks
Early Childhood Educator	Miss Guida
Educational Assistants	Ms. O'Connell & Mrs. Hansen
Child & Youth Worker	Mrs. Elder
Principal	Ms. Ness
Secretary	Mrs. Taylor
Custodian	Mr. van Alstyne

Verification Sheets - Each year it is necessary to update our records due to address and telephone changes, etc. **Please check your child's Student Registration Verification information form and return to the school no later than Friday, September 14th 2018.** Please also include, somewhere on this form, your e-mail address(es). Please sign and return this form even if there are no changes to your child's information as this form is kept by your child's teacher after updates have been made in the school office. Please note, when selecting an emergency contact please try to choose someone within our area who would be able to get to the school quickly in the event of an emergency. If any of the information changes during the school year please notify the school office immediately. It is imperative that we have up to date information on file in case of accident or emergency.

Information Release/Internet

Permission Forms - You will also be receiving an Information Release Form consenting to the use of student work and pictures for displays around the school, by the Board, and by local news media as well as a permission for use of the computer/ internet. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these forms please do not hesitate to contact the school. Please read the forms carefully before signing.

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures -

Please ensure your child arrives at school **on time** in order that they may benefit fully from class and school programmes, and also do not disrupt classes in progress. Students should enter and exit through their assigned doors unless being dropped off by a parent when classes are already in session.

Students are supervised at all times during school hours. Supervision begins at 8:10 a.m. (fifteen minutes prior to the bell). Please ensure that students who walk, or are driven to school, do not arrive at school prior to this time as there is no supervision. There is no after school supervision provided and students who walk, or are driven to school are expected to leave the school premises promptly at 2:45 p.m.

As a staff we are committed to ensuring that our students are getting to and from school safely. **Please obey the No Parking signs posted in the school driveway.** This area is reserved for staff parking only and school buses during bus arrival and departure times.

Parents should **NOT** be driving through the front parking lot when there are buses dropping off/picking up students at the beginning/end of the day. Parents are also asked not to park on Kennedy Road when picking up children at the end of the day. **Please park in our side parking lot (off Jibb Road) and instruct your child(ren) to meet you there.** To avoid excessive noise and overcrowding in our hallways at the end of the day, parents picking up students are asked to please wait for their child(ren) at the assigned exit doors of the school. Thank you for your co-operation with these important safety measures.

Bus Transportation - There are five bus routes which serve our school, all operated by Campeau Bus Lines. Students are picked up and dropped off at the same stop each day unless alternate arrangements have been **pre- approved by STSCO** - Student Transportation Services of Central Ontario. Please note that a child may only ride on his/her assigned bus.

Junior and Senior Kindergarten students **must** be supervised by an adult while waiting for the bus and when being dropped off by the bus. If there is not an adult at the stop to meet the student, drivers are instructed to continue on the route, inform the bus company and school and return the student to the school.

Here are our bus numbers:

Bus 149	Bus 169
Bus 155	Bus 170
Bus 158	

It is important that students transported by bus know their bus number.

During times of inclement weather regular school bus routes may be cancelled, delayed or changed. The STSCO website, (www.stsco.ca) as well as local radio stations CHUC (1450 AM) or THE BREEZE (107.9FM) announce cancellations, delays and changes first thing in the morning and continually throughout the day. If you suspect changes to your child's regular school bus run during times of inclement weather, please check the STSCO web-site or listen to the radio station regularly throughout the day. **Please note, buses cancelled in the morning are cancelled for the full day and will not return students home at the end of the**



day.

Lost and Found - Our Lost and Found box seems to constantly overflow with items of

clothing, shoes, etc. In an effort to return these items to students we are asking parents to please **LABEL** their child's clothing. Many children's clothes come with a label sewn into the fabric. Otherwise there are various companies who make labels i.e. Mabel's Labels www.mabelslabels.com At the end of each term items are laid out in the hall for perusal, before being donated to charity.

Absenteeism/Safe Arrival Procedures

If your child is to be absent from school, or late, **parents are asked to please contact the Safe Arrival system, before attendance is taken at 8:30 a.m., in any of the following three ways:**

- By calling **the new** toll free number 1-844-434-8119
- By logging into the Parent Portal website - **studentabsence.kprdsb.ca** to set up the eligibility to report absences on-line, or
- By downloading an app onto your iOS or Android device.

You are able to use whichever of these methods you prefer to report your child's absence, or future absences/lates, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Please do not call the school office to report your child's absence.

Parents who **have not** reported their child's absence through the Safe Arrival system will be contacted by an automated telephone system. This system will continue to attempt to reach parents at multiple contact numbers for a predetermined amount of time.

Student Sign In/Out sheets are located

outside the office for any student who arrives or leaves the school outside regular school arrival/dismissal times.

Home and School Communication - At the beginning of each month the school produces a monthly **newsletter** outlining events taking part throughout the month. This newsletter, as well as additional news and the monthly calendar, are available on our school website for your perusal. **If you would like to receive paper copies of our monthly newsletter, please send a note to your child's teacher, or notify the office.** Classroom teachers also post/distribute monthly notices to update parents about upcoming activities in their classroom.

For parents who prefer to use an electronic version of home/school communication please visit the relatively new KPRDSB Edsby communication website at <http://www.edsby.com> There is a page specifically for parents as well as an introductory video. Students are also beginning to use this communication tool within the classroom. Edsby is the best place to keep up to date on your child's school information and progress. Edsby provides each parent with their own account. Edsby also keeps everything safe and secure within the confines of our school board, no-one from the outside world is allowed access.

Parents are always welcome to call or visit the school to discuss a student's progress or address a concern. However, please keep in mind that an appointment is preferable as it is not appropriate for a teacher to leave their class unattended to talk to a parent during instructional time. Also, staff may have other commitments or appointments outside school hours and

cannot always meet spontaneously. The principal will always meet with someone who drops in, if she is available. However, an appointment will ensure that she is in the building and sufficient time for the meeting is designated. If your concern is of an urgent nature, please call the school office and we will see if the relevant person is available. Every effort will be made to address concerns promptly.



Volunteers - The Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board

recognizes the value of having volunteers in our schools providing assistance to our staff and students. The Board, in its desire to provide a safe learning environment for students, along with support for our volunteers has a volunteer policy in place. **All school volunteers** must provide the Board with an up-to-date Criminal Record Check, including a vulnerable sector search prior to volunteering at the beginning of school each year. Forms are available in the office.

The Criminal Record Check is valid for a 12 month period.

volunteers shall maintain confidentiality and adhere to the code of conduct normally expected of employees including meeting the requirements of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, regarding all student and school issues.

There is a Volunteer/Visitor Sign In sheet located outside the school office, as well as identification tags. Please make sure you wear an identification tag whilst in our building, and sign in/out when visiting the school. This helps us to keep track of the

volunteers who are in our building, in addition to honour the number volunteer hours that are donated to our school.

Health - Please be sure to notify your child's teacher if there is a health concern or medical condition which could affect your child's success or safety at school. For students with severe health issues the school completes a Plan of Care to deal with specific emergencies that may occur during the school day. Examples would include students who are anaphylactic, have diabetes, epilepsy or other serious medical conditions.

It is important that families communicate this information to the school immediately so we are able to assist your child appropriately. If your child needs to take medication at school for health related problems such as asthma or allergies, please contact the office for a Consent to Administer Medication form. Board policy requires that this form be completed by parents, doctor and school administration before any medication can be administered to a student. **This form needs to be renewed at the beginning of each school year.**

With the exception of an EpiPen, used for severe/immediate allergic reactions and more recently, the passing of *Ryan's Law which allows students to carry inhalers, students are not permitted to carry medication on their person while at school. All medications are kept in a locked cupboard and the administration of such medications must be supervised, monitored and recorded by school staff. ***Ryan's Law 2015** was passed by the Ontario Legislature. This piece of legislation is an important step to support the well-being of students with asthma in Ontario schools.

If your child has asthma, we ask that you immediately contact our office to provide information about your child's medication. With your permission, your child will be allowed to carry his/her asthma medication. The Ministry of Education website has resources on asthma that can be found at:

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/healthyschools/anaphylaxis.html>.



Nutrition Breaks - Our school is on the 'balanced day' programme which gives students two, forty minute breaks per day, from 10:05 - 10:45 a.m. and 12:25 - 1:05 p.m.

Students spend the first twenty minutes of the break outside and then come inside to eat for the remaining twenty minutes.

As many of you are aware, we have students in our school with **anaphylactic food allergies**. It is our policy to do what we can to keep all children safe and in an environment where parents can feel confident that their children are being taken care of. That being said, we are and continue to be a **nut safe school**. We are asking parents not to send peanut butter products, or any other items that may contain nuts. While our school remains a peanut safe school, some families have been inquiring about the use of soy butter products in lunches. In our effort to continue to support our students who are allergic to peanut/nut products, we are asking that if you choose to use soy butter products in your child's lunch that you

clearly label the items. Thank you for your co-operation with these important safety issues.

Details regarding lunch programmes will be sent home shortly. **Milk** is for sale commencing **immediately**. A 250 ml container of either white or chocolate milk can be purchased for .75 cents. Milk cards are also available for purchase at the office and cost \$7.00 for 10 white or 10 chocolate milk.



Please ensure your child has plenty of food to eat throughout the day. We often have children looking for food at the office. Snacks (provided by the Food 4 All Warehouse) are kept in the office for **emergency purposes only**, not for daily consumption. Also please ensure your child has the appropriate utensils for eating their food, i.e. spoons for yoghurt.

Annual School Photos - This year our school photos will be taken **Wednesday, September 26th**. Further information regarding picture day will be sent home closer to the time. Retakes for students who are **absent or who do not receive an order envelope** have been scheduled for Thursday, November 1st.

Please note that parents are under no obligation to purchase school pictures.

Terry Fox Activities 2018 -Our school will once again be participating in Terry Fox Activities this year. Representatives from the Terry Fox Foundation will be at our school on Monday, September 17th to present an information session and 'kick-off' assembly. Terry Fox activities will take place on **Thursday, September 27th**. Families are welcome to join us for our

activities on this day.

To raise funds for the Terry Fox Foundation, we are asking each student to bring a **toonie for Terry**. For any parents who would like to make a larger donation to this worthy cause, please visit our fundraising page at <http://www.terryfox.ca/CambornePS> Cobourg. Please note, 82 cents of every dollar raised through Terry Fox Activities goes directly toward cancer research.



School

- One of the ways we can effectively promote parental involvement is through working together on our School Council. School Council is about much more than fundraising - it is about working together to make our school the best it can be! School Council is a great way to get to know other parents and hear first-hand about some of our school priorities. Our first meeting will be held following the Open House on **Thursday, September 27th at 7:00 p.m.** please plan to join us!

Meetings are open to any parent/guardian of a student at Camborne Public School and are generally held on a monthly basis. To be a *voting member* on School Council you must attend four meetings. Future meeting dates for the 2018-2019 school year will be decided at our September meeting. Our school has an excellent reputation for having a very active group of volunteers to support student learning.

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If you are interested in being a member of our School Council or sitting on the executive, please complete the nomination form on the School Council information pamphlet and return to the school by Friday, September 14th. Should you have additional questions regarding School Council, please do not hesitate to contact us. We always welcome your questions and comments, and look forward to seeing you all very soon!

News from the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board

Health and Physical Education Curriculum

We wanted to provide an update on the Health and Physical Education Curriculum for the coming school year. As you know, the government has announced a broad public consultation on this issue. While this consultation is underway, the Ministry of Education has re-issued the 2010 Health and Physical Education Curriculum for elementary students.

We know that our teachers and school support staff are well-trained professionals who will continue to be committed to supporting the well-being and healthy development of students.

We are also obligated by legislation to follow the provincially approved curriculum. Our teachers are highly professional, and will teach the curriculum in a developmental and age appropriate manner as they have always done.

As with any question you may have about anything related to your child's learning, the best place to start is with their classroom teacher. These conversations can

strengthen positive relationships between parents and teachers, and resolve concerns at the level closest to the issue.

More information is also available on the board's website at: www.kprschools.ca

Dates to Remember

September 4th - First Day of School

September 17th - Terry Fox Assembly

September 25th - Book Fair Arrives!

September 26th - School Picture Day

September 27th - Terry Fox Activities

September 27th - Open House/Book Fair -
5:00 -7:00 p.m.

September 27th - First School Council
Meeting, in the Library at 7:00 p.m.

September 28th - PA Day - no school for
students