



Knightly News

UPCOMING DATES:

October 2, 2018

Cross Country Regionals

October 5, 2018

Pizza Lunch

Terry Fox Run

October 8, 2018

Thanksgiving (Holiday)

October 9, 2018

Family Literacy and Math
Event: 3:30-5:30pm

Home and School Meeting:
6:00pm

October 16, 2018

London Knights Visit

October 19, 2018

Pizza Lunch

October 25, 2018

Shining Knights Assembly

October 26, 2018

PD Day

October 29, 2018

Photo Re-take Day

Thank you for a GREAT start!

September was a great first month of school! Thank you to staff, students, and parents for making back to school a great success!

It was so nice to see so many families come out to our Meet The Teacher Night. Thank you to the Home and School for organizing the pizza and our staff for opening up their classrooms. We look forward to hosting families in November for the Interview Day.

On September 28th, the staff were very busy ana-

lyzing our school data. We learned a lot about our students' understanding of math, and are working on updating our School Improvement Goals. Please take some time to read the Home Connections article in this newsletter about Productive Struggles In Math.

Several of our Knights will be representing our school at the Cross Country Regional Meet on Tuesday. Good luck to our runners!

JK-Grade 3 students and their families are invited to the Literacy and Math

Event hosted by Investing in Children on Tuesday October 9th from 3:30-5:30pm. Come check out "A Whole Bunch of Robert Munch!" Information is enclosed in this newsletter and reminders will be sent home this week.

Our first Shining Knights Assembly will be on October 25th at 9:30am. Parents are welcome to join us for our first assembly of the school year! We will be celebrating Respect.

Ms. Floris and I hope everyone has an enjoyable Thanksgiving Weekend with your family!

Bikes and Scooters

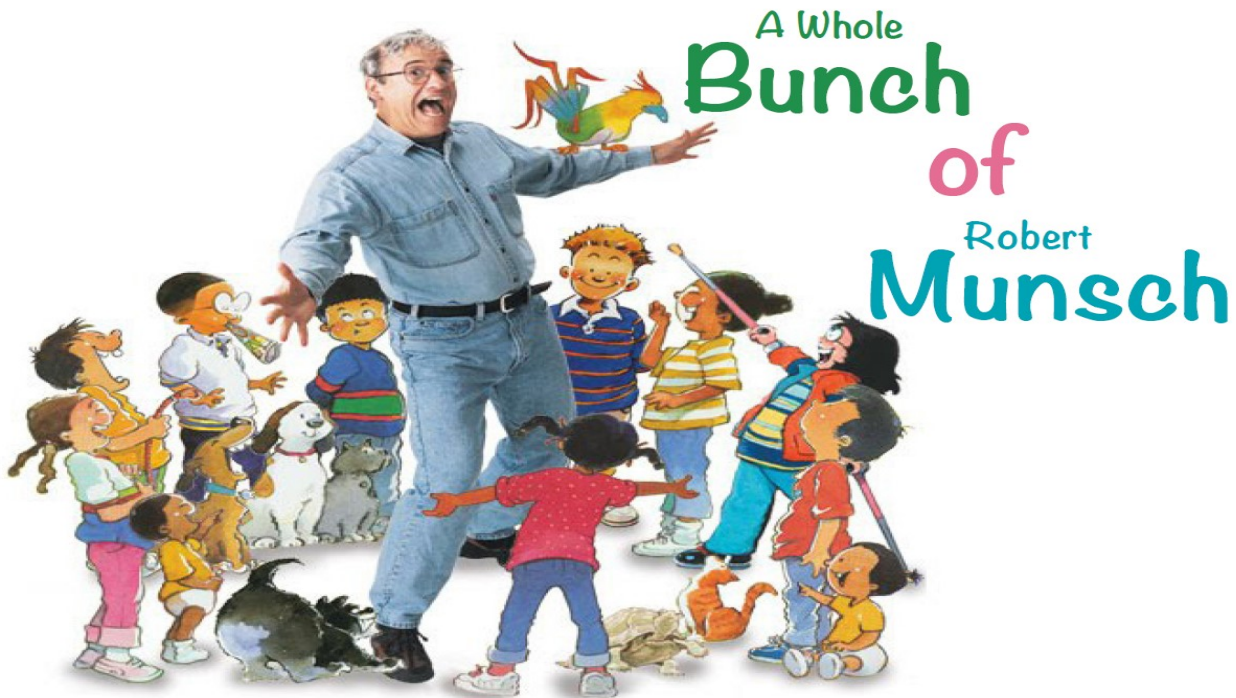
Students riding bikes and scooters to school must have a way to lock them up in a safe location **OUTSIDE** of the school building.

There will be NO scooters or bikes stored inside the school building at any time.

Students and parents have access to bike racks at the front of the school and on the south end of the building.

Kindergarten to Grade 3 Families are invited to...

Investing in Children Presents
Family Literacy & Math Event
for JK to Grade 3 students and their families



Knollwood Park Public School
Tuesday, October 9th, 2018

3:30pm - 5:30pm

**Drop in for activity stations,
snacks and door prizes!**



[@InvestChildren](https://twitter.com/InvestChildren)

[#familyliteracy](https://twitter.com/familyliteracy)

www.investinginchildren.on.ca



School Cash Online

Please read the following information about how to sign up for School Cash Online for Knollwood Park P.S.

SchoolCashOnline

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Knollwood Park P.S. now has access to [School Cash Online](#)! It is easy to use, safe and convenient way for parents and guardians to pay for their children's school fees, field trips and other student activities. To register for School Cash Online, please follow these step-by-step instructions:

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

Step 1: Register

a.) If you have not registered, please go to the [School Cash Online](#) home page and select the "Get Started Today" option

b.) Complete each of the three Registration Steps
* For security reasons your password requires 8 characters, one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and a number.

Paying for school items just got easier!
Sign up to get started today.

What is School Cash Online?
School Cash Online is an easy way to pay for your children's school fees.



Get Started Today

Sign Into Your Account

SchoolCashOnline.com
Hello Parent,
Please click the link below to confirm your email address.
<http://www.thamesvalley.schoolcashonline.com/Registration/ConfirmConfirmationEmail?F1x754b3-7052-4e49-b27e-703ee932b411>
Copy the link and paste it into your web browser, if the link doesn't work.
Contact support at 1.866.961.1803 or email parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com.
Thank you,
Your School Cash Online Support Team

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 the email address and password just created with your account.

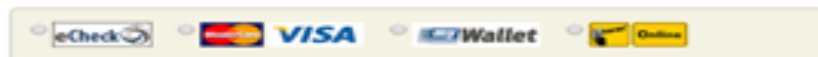
Step 3: Find Student

This step will connect your child(ren) to your account

- Enter the School Board Name – [Thames Valley District School Board](#)
- Select the School Name – [Knollwood Park P.S.](#)
- Enter your child's first and last names
- Enter your student's 9 digit student number (contact our office for your child's number)
- Enter your child's date of birth
- Select **Confirm**
- On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check the **Agree** box and select **Continue**
- Your child has been added to your account

Step 4: View Items

Once you're in, you can click on **Items** to see all of the different items and fees that have been posted. There may be things in there that don't pertain to your student; just ignore those. Find the item your student is asking you to pay, click on the live link and another screen will come up with the option to **Add to Cart**. Once you're done adding the desired items to your cart, you click **Continue** to be directed to the Payment Method Screen. Parents can choose to use [eCheck](#), [Mastercard](#), [Visa](#) or [Interac](#) Online payments.



The rest is easy; you check out just like any other online shopping process used.

If you're still struggling at some point in these steps, call the school and we can walk you through it. 519-452-8290

Productive Struggle In Math

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THAMES VALLEY MATHEMATICS

Home Connections in Mathematics

Productive Struggle in Mathematics

We, as parents, want our children to succeed in school. We feel uncomfortable when our children struggle and often want to make the work easier to help them (and us) escape the discomfort.



While helping and making challenging material easier for our children may feel like the right thing to do, research shows us how being *less helpful* is more supportive of learning – permanent change in understanding. Learning is greatest when children are given challenging tasks requiring thinking and reasoning. This active thinking is where sense-making, deep understanding, and self-confidence grows.

Productive struggle in mathematics is the sweet spot we all experience when we have just enough support and prior knowledge to engage with a challenging problem. There is no learning without struggle. Doing the thinking for a child by explaining what must be done or providing a formula ensures there is zero thinking and, thus, no learning.

There are two important aspects to this idea:

- 1) *Productive*: children need support in the form of math tools (like coins or counters) and gentle guidance. E.g., "I wonder if a picture might help you understand this problem?"
- 2) *Struggle*: the task can't be immediately obvious to the child

If a supported child struggles to the point of nearing frustration, it is appropriate to change the task to avoid unnecessary upset.

Messages our children need to hear:

- "I would love to help you with your homework. Before I do, I'm really interested in how you thought about this problem."
- "Problem solving is what we do when we don't know what to do!"
- "You worked really hard on that problem to find a solution. That is impressive."
- "How does it feel to know that you wrestled with that tough problem and figured it out?"
- "I'm glad you made that mistake. Your brain grew at that moment. When you realized you had made a mistake, your brain grew even more!"
- "Doing mathematics is about being challenged. This is hard. This is fun!"

Links to Support You at Home



<https://www.youcubed.org/>
<https://www.mathplayground.com/thinkingblocks.html>
<https://solveme.edc.org/mobiles/>
<https://mathies.ca/>

So, let's value and celebrate the struggle our children experience and forget the "that was easy" button.

Home & School and School Council



Are you interested in being involved in school events and activities? Would you like to help out with Pizza Lunches and Fundraising initiatives to support our school?

The Home & School and School Council meet once a month at the school to talk about how to support all of our students and the school community.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 9th at 6:00pm in the School Learning Commons.

Everyone is welcome!

TOONIES FOR TERRY

On Friday, October 5, students at Knollwood Park will participate in the Terry Fox School Run. Schools across Canada are running to remember Terry's courageous Marathon of Hope, and to raise funds for cancer research.

Students and staff will assemble outside at 2:30pm and will run and walk around the inside perimeter of our school grounds for approximately 30 minutes. Parents and community members are welcome to join us.

As in recent years, we are asking each student to bring in a "Toonie for Terry" from now until October 14. ALL funds raised will be sent directly to the Terry Fox Foundation to help fund important cancer research. Donations will be collected by classroom teachers, and we will have a donation can in the office.

Pop Tab Collection

Knollwood is collecting pop tabs for one of our students in need of a wheel chair. Start collecting tabs from any type of pop or drinking can, tuna can, etc.

When you have too many to store, send them to the school and we will put them in one of our large jugs.

Let's work together to help one of our Knights!



School Website and Twitter

Knollwood has a new school website!

Please visit our new website at: <http://knollwoodpark.tvdsb.ca>

And follow us on Twitter: [@KnollwoodPark1](https://twitter.com/KnollwoodPark1)

How to Access the Parent Portal

Enter the following address in your web browser:

<https://www.tvdsb.ca>

Hover over “Parents” and a drop down menu will appear

Click “Parent Portal”

Video Instructions on how to create and log in to your account are available on the login page.



A reminder that Knollwood Park Public School is a Nut Free Environment. We do have students in our school who have severe peanut/nut allergies. Given that all students use our Learning Commons, gym equipment, and library, we are asking families in our school community to be diligent in choosing lunches and snacks which are completely nut free. Even those which “may contain traces of nuts” can cause a serious and life-threatening physical reaction.

If your child has an allergy or other prevalent medical condition, please come see us in the main office, so that you can fill out an Individual Plan of Care form.

Contact Us:

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at the school by phone (519) 452-8290, or email knollwoodpark@tvdsb.ca

