



Knightly News

SEPTEMBER 2019

MAKE **TODAY** THE DAY TO **LEARN** something **NEW.**

UPCOMING DATES:

September 3, 2019

First Day of School

September 9, 2019

Home and School Meeting at 5:15pm

September 27, 2019

PD Day (No School)

October 7, 2019

Home and School Meeting at 5:15pm

October 14, 2019

Thanksgiving Holiday

October 25, 2019

PD Day

Welcome Back Knollwood Knights!

Welcome Back to School Knollwood Knights! We are excited about starting another amazing school year, learning together.

Everyone has worked hard to prepare for the year ahead. A very BIG thank you to our custodial team, Ms. Edwrads, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Hussein. They have worked tirelessly to clean our school and have it ready for your return.

Thank you to Ms. McLean, our administrative assistant, for ensuring we have classroom supplies organized, and all of our new families are registered. If you have any questions, please come to the main office and we will be happy to help!

Our teachers have been working throughout the Summer months, planning and preparing for the school year. Math and Literacy will be our focus, and we will also be incorporating a well-being aspect to our school goal. Staff will be looking at our school data in September to determine our direction. There will be more information about our School Improvement goals in the monthly newsletter and on the school website.

Ms. McKenzie and I are excited to start off the 2019-2020 school year with a "pop" of Knights colour down our Junior/Intermediate and Primary hallways. A special thank you to Charlotte Baker for helping us fix up the outdoor mural and paint some inspirational quotes throughout our hallways.

Please check out our school website at <http://knollwoodpark.tvdsb.ca>. You will find all school information on this site, including our monthly newsletters (September will be the only paper copy sent home). Parents can subscribe to the website and receive updates and notifications as new information is posted. You will have an opportunity to subscribe and receive further information at our Meet The Family Night. Please look for further details on date and time for this event.

YOUR *attitude* DETERMINES YOUR *direction.*

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Annual Verification Forms

Your child's/children's annual verification forms for the 2019-2020 school year are now available through the TVDSB Parent Portal (www.tvdsb.ca/parentportal).

Important Forms found in the Parent Portal include;

Student Information Updates

Student GOTVDSB Activation

Individual Plan of Care documentation

Please take a few minutes to complete these forms online. The use of the Parent Portal will expedite the process in ensuring that accurate information is on file at the school with respect to your child/children.



School Cash—Online Payment Website

Please use the Parent Portal to access the Online Payment website (School Cash) to register and pay student-related fees, like field trips and fundraising initiatives. The Online Payment site accepts payments using credit card, interact, and direct withdrawal to make payments easier.

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

Our FIRST meeting is Monday, September 9th at 5:15pm in the Library Learning Commons.

Everyone is welcome! Childcare will be provided.



A reminder that we are a Nut Free Environment at Knollwood Park Public School. 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.

Individual Plan of Care (IPOC) documents are available online through the Parent Portal. If your child has an allergy, please complete an IPOC as soon as possible.

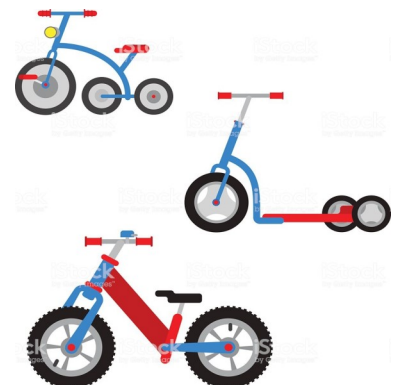
Bikes and Scooters

Students riding bikes and scooters to school must have a way to lock them up at the bike rack **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 by the South side of the building.

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Individual Plan of Care

To ensure children with potentially life-threatening medical conditions remain safe while attending school, TVDSB requests Parents/Guardians update the necessary medical information on the Parent Portal so that an Individual Plan of Care (IPOC) for the student can be reviewed by the school's administration. Medical conditions considered potentially life-threatening may include: Asthma, Anaphylaxis, Epilepsy, Type 1 Diabetes, and any other potentially life-threatening condition that could result in a medical incident (discuss with your school administrator).

Parents/Guardians can provide important information about their child's life-threatening or prevalent medical condition by logging into the TVDSB Parent Portal and clicking on the following tab: Student Medical Information. Once an Individual Plan of Care is submitted, the school administrator will then review the information. Parents/Guardians may be contacted for further information if required.

Parents/Guardians who cannot access the Parent Portal on the Internet should contact the school office. Please note that Parents/Guardians are expected to be active participants in supporting the management of the student's prevalent medical conditions while the student is in school. It is the responsibility of Parents/Guardians to inform the school of such conditions to ensure the student's safety at school.

Student Health Insurance will be provided by Insure My Kids. Information will be sent home with your child. If you are interested in more information, you can check out their website at,
<https://insuremykids.com/>



Student Attendance



It is important that we ensure your child(ren) attends school on a regular basis and to make sure they are on time. Regular attendance and punctuality improves student performance and enjoyment of school.

If your child(ren) will be absent from school, please use the School Messenger Safe Arrival Reporting App to report their absence.

Automated calls will begin going out at approximately 9:15am to all parents of students who have been reported absent by their classroom teachers.

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

If you want your child to be successful at school then, YES attendance does matter!

Check out these interesting facts...

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but...

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

He/she is only missing just...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ year
20 mins per day	1 hr. 40 mins per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 mins per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years

Dental Screening

The Oral Health Team at the London-Middlesex Health Unit offers no-cost dental screening to students in TVDSB schools. February 5, 2020 is Knollwood's Dental Screening Day. To give consent for this service please check "YES" on the Parent/Guardian Consent form in the Parent Portal.



Smoking/Vaping Guidelines

Students, staff, parents and visitors are prohibited from smoking or vaping on school board property and within 20 meters from any point of the perimeter of any school board property. This also includes children's playgrounds and publicly owned sports fields.

If you have any questions, please contact the main office.

Parking

We ask that everyone keep the circle driveway in front of the school clear for emergency vehicles, facilities staff, and quick pick-up and drop off of students.

Visitors, please use the parking spaces in our parking lots North and South of the school.

When parking in the parking lot, use only the spaces available. If there are no parking spaces left, there is plenty of parking on the side streets around the school. Please be courteous of our neighbours and do not block driveways.

Please do not park in the spaces labelled "Bus Zone". We need to keep this area safe for our students who are dropped off and picked up daily by our bus drivers.





Help your child prepare for school...

**Come to Play and Learn Together!
No Pre-Registration, Drop-In Format,
Snacks Provided.**

Knollwood Park Public School

Monday—Friday

9:00—1:00

Free for families and caregivers!

A Note from our School Support Counsellor

Hello to all Knollwood Park Families!

I'm so happy to be back again this year, and I look forward to seeing familiar faces and meeting our new students and staff. Here's to getting to know each other!

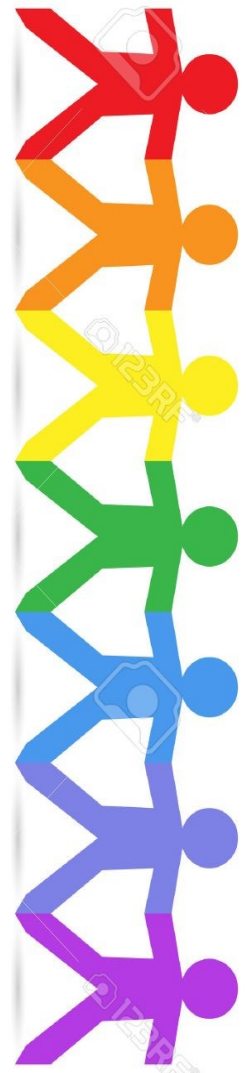
As you may know, my role as School Support Counsellor is to work with students, families, and the school team to help students achieve social, emotional and academic success. A good working relationship between family and school really goes a long way in this regard. We hope you will always feel free to ask questions about your child's school life, offer suggestions or share concerns with the school staff, including myself. We're here to help!

If you would like to contact me directly, I plan to be at Knollwood on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and alternate Fridays. To reach me, please call & leave a message at 519-452-2000 ext. 33688 or ask for me at the main office!

Looking forward to a great year,

Janet Costello, BSW

School Support Counsellor





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- School Health Consultation & Support
- [Healthy Schools Toolkits](http://www.healthunit.com/school-toolkits)
(www.healthunit.com/school-toolkits)

Oral Health Program



Dental Screening

Feb 5, 2020, 9:00 am



Grade 7 Vaccine Clinics

Nov 18, 2019, 11:30 am

June 1, 2020, 11:30 am



THANKS to The Radiology Department, London Health Sciences, Victoria Campus, Laughing Goat Yoga, Sue Amaral Photography, friends and family . . . for your community spirit and support for Knollwood. Your generous donation of backpacks, reusable lunch bags, water bottles, pencil crayons, markers, glue sticks etc. is appreciated!

Social Media

Please visit our new website at;

<http://knollwoodpark.tvdsb.ca>

And follow us on Twitter;

@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.



Contact Us:

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