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Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

We were very pleased to meet with so many parents who visited with us at our BBQ, Book Fair and Open House on Thursday, September 17. It was great to see so many supportive families and parents. Thank you to School Council and the volunteers who did such a great job to make our BBQ and Book Fair such a success. The weather was perfect. The hot dogs and hamburgers were excellent.

It is essential that parents, guardians, teachers and students communicate clearly and work together in the best interest of our young people. Education is a shared responsibility. It is a partnership that must exist between the home and the school. Together with your support and interest in your child's learning, we can provide him/her with the abilities and skills to be an independent, life-long learner.

Parents - please ask to see your child's student planner on a regular basis. Encourage him/her to write in their planner and bring his/her planner home daily. It is essential students' **record** homework, projects, tests and assignments as well as special days and events. As students move into the older grades this is one more way children take more responsibility for their learning as well as fostering greater independence. Organization and time management are life skills. We are all stakeholders in our children's future.

Book Fair

We would like to thank everyone who visited this year's Book Fair. Once again, it was a huge success. Since we receive 70% of the sales back in books, hundreds of new titles have been added to the library and classrooms.

We would like to congratulate Alex Melville on winning the Family Night Event Draw. Alex was able to choose \$25 in books for himself while his teacher, Mrs. Nicholson, also received \$25 in books for her classroom. Congratulations to all the poster winners as well.

We would like to thank Heather Prior, Mary Blakey, Pam Lockhart, Bev Woods, Janice Clark, Christine Cooke and student helpers Emily Prior, Julia Prior, Suzanne Lockhart and Umer Khan who helped make this year's Book Fair a wonderful event for all the students and families of King George VI School. **We look forward to seeing you next year!**

Classrooms will soon begin to plan Halloween activities. Pumpkin art, ghost, goblin, witch recipes and poetry are in the works. To assist you in your planning we intend to encourage students to **wear their costumes to school Friday, Oct. 30.** No masks please. Kindergarten teachers will communicate costume attire for the JK SK A and B days. As directed by the teacher some classes may choose traditional black and orange dress.

World Teachers' Day

The Lambton Kent District Board of Education is recognizing **October 5, as World Teachers' Day.** Teachers are being recognized internationally for the dedication and commitment that they bring to students each day in classrooms around the world. At King George VI Public School, we are very proud of every one of our teachers and E.A. support staff. Each day, our

teachers demonstrate their caring and concern for our young people. We wish to acknowledge the important role they play in the lives of children, parents and guardians. We appreciate all that they do, especially in the face of the challenges of these changing times.

Monday, October 12th is Thanksgiving. We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and hope you enjoy this family time together. **Students WILL NOT ATTEND school on that day.**

Family Reading Magazine Program

Again this year we are planning to sell magazine subscriptions as our first school fundraiser. A letter with more information will follow. Our kick-off assembly will take place October 6th in the afternoon. A special thank you to Cathy Brinksman for organizing and co-ordinating this school fundraising activity. Please contact Mrs. Brinksman at 542-2137.

EQAO

Last year's EQAO results for Grade Three and Grade Six students who participated in the assessment in 2009 10 have been released. Our school results have been shared with staff, students and parents and are available on the Lambton Kent District School Board Website. Each student that participated will receive an Individual Student Report.

Celebrating Success!

Great Things Happening at King George VI Public School! Terry Fox Walk/ Run

Our Terry Fox Walk/Run took place on Thursday, September 24. We would like to thank everyone for your support of the Terry Fox Run. We would especially like to thank Mrs. Stephenson for coordinating this worthwhile event for the students. Great Job.

Sports News

Our Senior Boys and Girls Soccer team participated in a Soccer Tournament on September 29th. Boys team members: Craig Gunn, Ryan Kennedy, Lucas Maenpaa, Luke Claeys, Ethan Shackleton, Matt Rankin, Chris Simeonakis, Connor Black, Shaun Haisman, Kolton Knott, Easton Klaudi, Logan Bremner, Trenton Lowe, Steven Crossman. Girls team members: Jamie Cobby, Sarah McQueen, Emily Sparham, Julie Nethercott, Katrina Barnard, Payton Gleave, Mackenzie Davis, Alexa Leonard, Cassidy Crowe, Caitie Brown, Diana Mainye, Maddy Stewart, Summer Catt, Samantha Schoch, Keely Roszell. Well done boys and girls. Congratulations to our girls who won the Sarnia North Division. A special thank you goes to Mr. Smith and Ms. Dennis for preparing these students for tournament play.

Cross Country

Mr. Murray has begun training the students for Cross Country. Our students will be involved in the Petrolia Optimist Cross Country Meet in Petrolia on Wednesday, October 7th. The city meet will take place on Wednesday, October 14th at Canatara Park. Special thank you to Mr. Murray. Our cross country team members are: Alex Martindale, Elizabeth Barnard, Jessica Rowlinson-Thorpe, Jordan Withers, Mili Shah, Hannah

Zuniga, Sarah Black, Emily Bradshaw, Chloe Kennedy, Jordyn Miller, Jocelyn Stewart, Forum Naik, Meaghan Pearson, Hope Horton, Priya Thandrasisla, Cassidy Crowe, Emily Nickerson, Maddie Stewart, Emily Sparham, Katrina Barnard, Anjali Rawat, Julie Nethercott, Alexa Leonard, Caitie Brown, Samantha Schoch, Varun Pardeshi, Burke Roszell, James Sung, Alec Trusler, Jamie Lambkin, Tanner Dunn, Brad Hunking, Chance Bremner, Slater Bailey, Dawson Shackleton, Theo Joyce, Max Steeves, Craig Machan, Jake Trusler, Connor Gunn, Chris Simeonakis, Ethan Shackleton, Matt Rankin, Craig Gunn, Kolton Knott.

Grade Seven Hepatitis B Dose

The **Grade seven** students will receive their first Hepatitis B shot on **Thursday, October 8th**. Medical permission forms have already been sent home.

Grade Eight Girls HPV

This vaccine shot will be **Thursday, October 8**. Medical permission forms have already been sent home.

Dental Screening

The Lambton Health Unit will conduct dental screening for select grades. The date and grade levels have not yet been determined. If you **DO NOT** wish your child to be involved with this brief (approximately 30 seconds) oral examination, please contact the Lambton Health Unit.

School Council Members

We look forward to a productive school year. The parent members are: Anita Trusler (chair), Tracey Machan, Kelly Steeves, Sharon Nethercott, Bev Woods, Richard Pointon, Doreen Pointon, Linda Unsworth, Lori Schoch, April Barnard, Leanne Snider. Teacher rep is: Mrs. Stephenson. Thank you to all parents who have come out and shown their support. The next school council meeting is **Tuesday, October 13th at 6:30 p.m**

Flu Shots

Voluntary flu shots, for students in **Grade One to Grade Eight**. The date has not been announced yet. Permission and medical forms will be sent home at a later date.

MedicAlert's No Child Without Program is at Our School

The *No Child Without* program offers a free MedicAlert membership to students who attend our school and are between the ages of 4 up to their 14th birthday. If your child has a medical condition, allergy or is required to take medication on a regular basis then you should consider a MedicAlert membership through this program.

Your child's voice in an emergency, MedicAlert membership;

- Gives emergency first responders immediate access to your child's medical information on their MedicAlert bracelet or necklet
- Enables first responders to quickly obtain up to date medical information by means of the child's Electronic Health Record through the **24 Hour Emergency Hotline**.
- Communicates with the parent or emergency contact upon activation of the **Hotline**
- Allows free updates of the child's medical record as needed

MedicAlert identification can alert school staff, friends, coaches and others about your child's medical condition should an emergency occur.

For further information come to the office for a brochure or visit www.nochildwithout.ca. To register your child you will need a *No Child Without* brochure from the office.

If your child is already part of the *No Child Without* program and there have been changes to their medical condition, medications or emergency contact information, call MedicAlert at 1-866-679-3220 Ext 1 to update your child's file.

World Milk Day

On Wednesday, September 30 King George Students and Staff received a free milk for World Milk Day. We would like to thank Mrs. Woods our School Milk Coordinator and the Elementary School Program.

School Snack Program

On Monday, November 2nd we will be starting the school healthy snack program. Each student will be able to receive a healthy snack at the first nutrition break of the day, in addition to what is provided from home. An example of a healthy snack would be cheese and crackers with an apple or bagel with cream cheese and an orange. There will be no charge to the students for this program. However, donations in the way of funding or products would be greatly appreciated by the committee. Please contact the office if you are interested in supporting this program. Thank you to Mrs. Woods for spearheading this program.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2009 10

Our first General meeting of the School Council was held on **Tuesday, September 8th in the school library**. Future meeting dates are:

October 13/09
November 10/09
January 12/10
February 9/10
April 13/10
May 11/10

PIZZA DAYS

Pizza Days are held once a month on Friday. Future dates are:

October 16/09
November 20/09
December 18/09
January 15/10
February 19/10
April 16/10
May 21/10
June 11/10



Mr. A. Miller
Principal



One should guard against preaching to young people success in the customary form as the main aim in life. The most important motive for work in school and in life is pleasure in work, pleasure in its result, and the knowledge of the value of the result to the community.

Albert Einstein (1879 - 1955)