



King George VI News

February 2012

Look What's Happening Here!

February 1—Boys Basketball, NCIVS, 5:00
 February 3—PD Day (no school for students)
 February 6—FundScrip orders due to school
 February 8—School Council Meeting, 6:30
 February 8—Boys Basketball, NCIVS, 7:00
 February 9—National Sweater Day
 February 9—Spaghetti Dinner, 6:00
 February 10—Grade 8 Grad Photos
 February 13-17—Kindergarten Registration
 February 13—Q&A with Chris Hadfield
 February 14—Happy Valentine's Day
 February 15—Grade 8 Tour Day at Northern
 February 15—Boys Basketball, 7:00
 February 17—Jump Rope for Heart, K-4
 February 17—Report Cards are sent home
 February 20—Family Day (school is closed)
 February 24—Pizza Day
 February 24—Spirit Day - Pyjama Day
 February 27—Boys Basketball Semi-Finals
 February 28—Celebration Assembly, 2:00
 February 29—Lifetouch SK Celebration Photo
 March 1—Lifetouch SK Celebration Photo

Going Paperless? - If you would like to NOT receive a paper copy of newsletter, please email me at kohutru@lkdsb.net. Instead, I will send you an email notification when our newsletter is posted on our website (<http://www.kinggeorgesixth.com/>). Thanks for helping us to be environmentally friendly!



Professional Development Day

Friday, February 3 is a professional development day for teachers, so there will be no school for students. Teachers will be working on assessment and evaluation practices throughout the day.

Writing is Important at King George

For the months of February, March and April we will be writing narratives (stories) and you can help. Please talk to your children about their writing; show your enthusiasm for their successes and progress; help them understand the type of writing they're doing.

What is a Narrative?

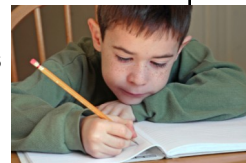
- Main character or characters

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- Can be present, past or future tense
- Has a problem that is introduced early and resolved by the end of the story
- Beginning (setting, character), middle (describes events), end (conflict resolved)
- Defined setting
- Uses dialogue or descriptive language
- For the purpose of entertainment
- May have a variety of moods
- May teach a moral
- Could be true or fictitious
- Logical or sequential order

Young Writers Contest—Another way to support your child's writing is to encourage him/her to enter the Young Writers Short Story Contest. The deadline is March 23, 2012.



For more details, please visit their website at <http://www.youngwritersofcanada.ca> (see Contests tabs).

Character Development and Celebration of Learning

February is empathy month at King George. Empathy is the capacity to recognize and share feelings (such as sadness or happiness) that are being experienced by another person.

This month we will honour students who demonstrate empathy at our Celebration Assembly on **Tuesday, February 28 at 2:00 p.m.**

"We must remember that intelligence alone is not enough. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education." (Martin Luther King Jr.)

Emotion
Empathy
 Kindness
Compassion
 Sympathy
 sympathy
 feelings
 NiceShare
 Understanding



Early Years Registration

King George VI PS invites all parents to register their children for September 2012 Junior Kindergarten and Senior Kindergarten Classes from **February 13 to 17** during normal school hours, except on **February 15** when the office will be open until 5:30 p.m. Children, four years of age on or before December 31, 2012 may be registered for classes beginning September, 2012. It is important that parents register their children at this time to allow us to plan class sizes for September. It is not necessary to re-register for Senior Kindergarten if your child is presently attending Junior Kindergarten in a Lambton Kent public elementary school. Documentation showing proof of age must be presented at registration.



Premier

Awards for Outstanding Educators

These awards celebrate educators and support staff who make remarkable contributions to Ontario's education system. Do you know someone who deserves to be recognized? To learn more about the awards and how to nominate, visit www.ontario.ca/teachingawards.

Family Day Holiday

On **February 20**, Ontario will celebrate Family Day. All schools will be closed.



Fundraising

FundScrip—Order forms have been sent home and are due back on Monday morning, February 6. Gift cards will be received in plenty of time for

IMPORTANT BUS NEWS
www.schoolbusinfo.com
WE ARE ZONE 2
 Please listen to your local radio for bus updates during inclement weather.
 Please encourage your children to always follow the bus safety rules.



Valentine's Day! Thanks for all of the support you've given this fundraiser to date.

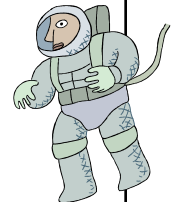
Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction—

When: Thursday, February 9 at 6:00
 Where: Dunlop United Church
 Cost: \$10 per person
 Why: Grade 8 Fundraiser
 Come out for a fun evening for the whole family. We'll have raffle draws and a silent auction with exciting gifts.



Q&A with Astronaut Chris Hadfield

On February 13th our Grade 6 and 6/7 students will be involved in an exciting online Q&A with Astronaut (and King George VI alumnus) Chris Hadfield (as part of their Space and Flight units). We'll be hooked up to Colonel Hadfield online through Adobe Connect (sort of like Skype) and students will be able to ask questions. This should be an exciting discussion for our students and we are looking forward to it.



School Council



Our next School Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, **February 8 at 6:30** in our school library. We welcome all parents!

Sports

Boys Basketball—Our Intermediate boys' team has had a good start to their basketball season. They are a competitive team and they've shown excellent team spirit under Coach Ray's guidance. Mr. Ray says the boys continue to improve both their offensive and defensive skills. Way to go, boys!

Free Throw—This month we held our Knight's of Columbus Free Throw Competition. We had a great turn out and lots of competition. The winners for each age group are:

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| Boys: | Aged 9 | Michael H |
| | Aged 10 | Alex S. |
| | Aged 11 | Chance B. |
| | Aged 12 | Hunter T |
| | Aged 13 | Jake T. |
| Girls: | Aged 9 | Kaitlyn U. |
| | Aged 10 | Sarah W. |
| | Aged 11 | Sarah J. |
| | Aged 12 | McKenzie M. |
| | Aged 13 | Serena B. |



Alternates: Austin P., Emily B.

The school winners (or their alternates) competed

in the next level of competition against other area schools on Saturday, January 28. King George was well represented at that competition.

The results from the city competition are:

Boys:	Aged 9	Michael H	5th place
	Aged 10	Alex S.	2nd place
	Aged 11	Chance B.	1st place
	Aged 12	Hunter T	2nd place
Girls:	Aged 9	Kaitlyn U.	1st place
	Aged 10	Sarah W.	1st place
	Aged 11	Sarah J.	1st place

The winners will be moving on to the District competition on the 18th. Our students should be proud of themselves! Way to go, boys and girls! *Thanks to Mrs. Menheere and Mr. Murray for organizing this event and supervising practices.*

Safe Schools

How to Keep Our Kids Safe on the Internet—

Check out our website for tips and information from the January 26th presentation by Constable Les Jones of the Sarnia Police. This presentation was interesting and informative.

No Peanuts or Nuts Please—We have students at our school who are allergic to peanuts and nuts (these items are life-threatening to them). We remind you to not send snacks or food that contain nuts or peanuts to the school. Items that contain nuts or nut products, or even those that 'may' contain traces of nuts, will be returned home.

Thank you to everyone who has tried to help us through this process. Please remember that we have nut-free snacks available at school for your child every day.

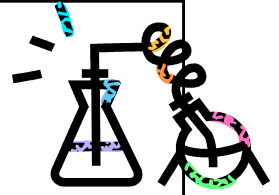


Snowballs—Snowballs are strictly forbidden at school due to the high probability of someone being injured. Please speak to your children about the safety hazards of throwing snowballs.

End of Day Routines - If there are changes to your child's end of the day routine (e.g., being picked up at a different time or by a different person, etc.) please send a note in your child's planner rather than calling the school, if possible. Phone messages are not always picked up before the end of the day, so for the safety of your child, please send a note.

From the Community

Science Fair—*The Lambton County Science Fair will be held March 23-24, at Lambton College. Students from grades 3 - 12 may enter to explore their love of science as well as win cash prizes, scholarships and trips to the Canada Wide Science Fair. For more information, please go to www.lambtoncountysciencefair.ca.*



What Parents Can Do To Help Their Children Be Successful at School

Support 100% attendance

Some kinds of absences are unavoidable, but taking students out of school unnecessarily is disruptive for learning.



"No matter how busy you may think you are, you must find time for reading, or surrender yourself to self-chosen ignorance."

—Confucius