



King George VI News

January 2012

Look What's Happening Here!

January 9—First Day Back
January 10—Dental Screening
January 11—School Council Meeting
January 12—Dental Screening
January 19—Parent's Information Night at St. Clair
January 20—Spirit Day
January 20—Pizza Day
January 20—Video Game Tournament, 3:30
January 25—Parent's Information Night at NCIVS
January 26—'Internet Safety' Parent Presentation
January 27—Term 1 Ends
January 31—Celebration Assembly
February 3—PD Day

Welcome Back to a New Year!

We hope everyone had a good break and that you are ready to jump right back into learning. We're sure 2012 will be a good one for King George!

Writing is Important at King George

We are working on persuasive writing this month. This may include advertising, letters, commercials, debates, or any form of persuasion. Have you noticed the difference in your child's writing this year?

Character Development and Celebration of Learning

January is Responsibility month at King George. Being responsible means that others can depend on you. You are willing to be accountable for your actions. When things go wrong and you make a mistake, you make amends instead of excuses. When you are responsible, you keep your agreements. You give your best to any job.

As part of your family, your child might have specific responsibilities at home. Help your child see the importance of both accepting responsibility and following through with it. *Being on time is a great way to show responsibility.*

This month we will honour students who demonstrate responsibility at our Celebration Assembly on **January 31**.

Attendance is Important!

When children arrive late for class, they have al-

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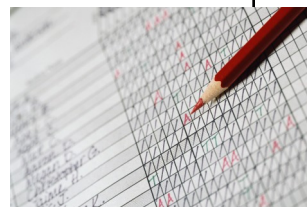
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ready missed the organizational routines and greetings, which assist the students in being ready for instruction. The teacher must interrupt the flow to direct the late arrivals to complete the tasks to



"catch up". This begins the day in an unsettled way, and is also disruptive to the learning time of the other students. When children arrive on time, the school day begins on a more positive note and they do not feel "behind". Please show your children you care about their education by making sure they arrive at school on time.

Internet Safety Parent Presentation

All parents are invited to attend an 'Internet Safety' Parent Presentation on **January 26** at 6:00 in the school library. Constable Les Jones will present information and tips to make sure your children are safe on the Internet. Please come out to attend this very interesting presentation.

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 regis-



tration.

Grade 8 to 9 Information

Grade 8 Parents Night at St. Clair will be held on Thursday, January 19 at 7:00pm.

Grade 8 Parents Night at Northern will be held on Wednesday, January 25 at 7:00pm in Gym BC.

Grade 8 Tour Day at Northern for students will be on



Wednesday, February 15. Further information will follow regarding arrangements.

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.

King George VI Website

We have our own website! For newsletters and up-to-the-moment event information, please check us out at:

**http://
www.kinggeorgesixth.com/**



School Council

Our next School Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, **January 11 at 6:30** in our school library. We welcome all parents!

Sports

Boys Volleyball - The volleyball team showed

good progress in skills throughout the season. We finished 5th overall in League play but had some very close games with other teams. Members of the team are as follows Ty Espinola, Sawyer Osborne, Tim MacNaughton, Jake Trusler, Alec Trusler, Burke Roszell, Dawson Shackleton, Max Steeves, and Calvin Cho. Way to go Knights! *Thanks to Mrs. Murray for coaching our boys!*

Girls Volleyball - The girls volleyball team played a strong first place Bright's Grove team in the final playoff games of the season. Unfortunately, the team lost both games, but were not held pointless. The final game had the longest rally point of their season. From their opening game, they continued to improve to the end of the season. The season wasn't about winning, but rather, trying hard to win. Our fabulous players included: Emily Brinksman, Taylor Clarke, Megan Hunking, Jessie Favret, Suzanne Lockhart, Riley Metcalfe, Jocelyn Stewart, Brooklyn Cobby, Meaghan Pearson, Iona Rodger, Chloe Kennedy, and Caroline Forbes. *Thanks to Mr. Janssens for coaching our girls!*



Basketball—Basketball season will begin in January, from **January 18 to February 29**. We didn't have enough girls who were interested to field a team this year, but the boys will play on Wednesdays. Once again this year, each school will provide hall/gym supervision for basketball games at NCIVS. ***Students are NOT allowed at the games as spectators unless accompanied by a parent.***

Safe Schools

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.

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.

Fundraising

FundScrip—Watch for your next FundScrip order form this month! So far we have earned over \$300 for this fundraiser. Thanks for purchasing gift cards from KGVJ.

**Parenting Advice
Teens:**

<http://>



for Tots through

www.raisingmallsouls.com/

HOW TO RAISE A CURIOUS READER

**It's Never Too Early to Foster a
Love of Reading**

- Begin reading to your child at birth.
- Let your baby play with the book.
- If the baby sometimes doesn't seem interested, put the book away and try again another time. Raising a reader takes time and patience.
- Be animated. Use different voices and facial expressions as you read. Make it fun!
- Choose books that use word repetition, rhymes, and predictable text.
- Decide on a regular time to read each day; even five or ten minutes gets children ready to read on their own.
- Before reading the book together, have your child take a "picture walk" through the book and make predictions about the story.
- Let your child turn the pages and point to words as you read.
- Encourage a love of words by playing rhyming and word games, singing silly songs, or writing stories together.

Kids Help Phone

Did you know? KIDS HELP PHONE is a 24/7 free, anonymous and confidential service for children and youth, 20 years of age and under.

They offer both phone counselling and web counselling (post a question, get a reply) on various topics such as bullying, violence and abuse, emotional and physical health, family and peer relations, dating, sexual orientation, money and jobs.

Check it out yourself today....and please spread the word!! 1-800-668-6868

www.kidshelpphone.ca



Programs for Students

The Learning Disabilities Association of Lambton County is offering their Kid's Positive Program and their Study Smart Program starting at the end of January,

Study Smart is a 10 week program for children in grade 6-9 that is designed to increase your child's study skills and habits. Ten week winter program; starting **January 25th**; Fee \$50.00.

The **Kid's Positive Program** is a social skills

What do Good Writers Do?

What Good Writers Do

- They find ideas from things that happened in their lives.
- They draw their stories the best they can.
- They share and take care of supplies.
- They work quietly until it is time to share.
- They may add words.
- They match their pictures to their words.
- Their stories have "big ideas."
- They stretch their words and spell the best they can.
- They make sure every page goes with their stories.
- Their pictures have details.
- They finish books before starting new ones.
 - They work on writing the whole time.



program designed for children aged 7-9 or 10 – 12. This program is designed to improve social and behavioral skills and to build self esteem.

Ten week winter program starting **January 25, 2012.**

Fee: Members \$60.00, Non-members \$110.00.

