



# King George VI News

## November 2011

### Look What's Happening Here!

November 1—Bus Safety Presentation  
 November 8—FundScrip cards ready for pick up  
 November 9 - Rebound and Sarnia Police Cyber Bullying presentation to Grade 7/8 & 8 classes  
 November 9—School Council Meeting, 6:30  
 November 11—Remembrance Day Assembly  
 November 12—KGVY Yard Sale, 8-12:00  
 November 15—Girls' Volleyball begins  
 November 16—Grade 4/5 and 5 class excursion  
 November 17—Boys' Volleyball begins  
 November 18—Progress Reports sent home  
 November 18—Pizza Day and Spirit Day  
 November 18—Grade 4-8 excursion  
 November 23/24—Parent Teacher Interviews  
 November 25—PD Day  
 November 29—Influenza shots at KGVY  
 November 30—Celebration Assembly

### Writing is Important at King George

Writing continues to be a strong focus at King George. For the months of October and most of November we will be writing recounts. Persuasive writing will be our focus from November 21 to January 27, and you can help. Don't be surprised if your child comes home with some very persuasive arguments. She/he is learning how to make at least three good points, and to back them up with more detail. Be sure to ask for more information, before giving in! ;-)  
 Please talk to your children about their writing; show your enthusiasm for their successes and progress, and help them understand the type of writing they're doing.



### Character Development and Celebrations

November is Citizenship month at King George. Good citizenship means doing your share to make your school, your community, and the world a better place. It means helping to take care of the environment and being a good neighbour. It means treating other people with respect and dignity, and taking responsibility for what goes on around you.



This month we will honour students

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who demonstrate good citizenship at our Celebration Assembly on **November 30**.

For October we honoured students from every class for demonstrating cooperation. Way to go, Knights!

**Progress Reports**—Progress Reports will be sent home **November 18th**. Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held **November 23rd and 24th**.

### King George VI Website

We have our own website! Please check us out at: <http://www.kinggeorgesixth.com/>  
 At our site, you'll be able to find our newsletters, Mr. Murray's Sports Zone Plus, important dates, and important information. Thanks to Brian and Leanne Snider for constantly updating our site. If you would prefer to receive an email notification each month that our newsletter has been posted instead of a paper newsletter please let us know. We're happy to save trees!

### Remembrance Day

Our Remembrance Day Assembly will be held on **Friday, November 11** at 11:30. We hope this will encourage our students to think about the purpose of Remembrance Day throughout the week, rather than just on one day. Parents are welcome to attend this assembly.



### Professional Development Day

**Friday, November 25** is a PD Day for teachers. Students will not attend school on that day. Staff will be involved in PD activities with a focus on Math, Literacy and Special Education.

### School Council

Our next school council meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 9** at 6:30. All parents are

welcome to attend. Our meetings will always be held on the second Wednesday of each month.



**Fundraising**

**Yard Sale** – On **November 12<sup>th</sup>**, we'll hold our first KGVI Yard Sale (8-12:00). If you would like to support the sale, please bring your gently used items to Rene the week before. Be sure to come out to this BIG event and support KGVI!

**FundScrip Gift Cards—Fundscrip for Christmas!** Tis the Season to buy Gift Cards. Spare your friends and family from the mall this year. Take advantage of the holiday gift card-buying season and give the gift that everyone enjoys. FundScrip gift cards don't cost you a dime more than you would spend normally, but a portion of what you spend comes back to the school. It's a win-win fundraiser!

**Sports**

**Cross Country**—On October 5th our students competed in the Petrolia Cross Country Meet. Following are the results from the Petrolia Optimists Cross Country Run:  
Team champions: 9 year old girls—KGVI  
10 year old girls—KGVI  
11 year old girls—KGVI  
**Way to go, girls!**



Top Individual Results:  
Sarah J - 10 year old girls - 1st place  
Taylor C - 11 year old girls - 2nd place  
Tim M - 13 year old boys - 3rd place  
Michael H - 9 year old boys - 3rd place  
That was a good warm up for the Sarnia City Cross Country Meet on October 17th at Canatara Park. Students who placed at the City Meet went on to compete at the Cross Country District Meet at Canatara on October 28. Our boys and girls ran their hardest and showed a lot of King George spirit!

**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.



**Soccer**—On October 19 our boys' and girls' teams competed in the Soccer Tournament at Germain Park. Both teams played well and showed good sportsmanship, but neither team made it to the playoffs.

**Safe Schools**



We are Nut Aware

**Nut Free**—Thank you for remembering to only send nut free items to school in your children's lunches. We have some students with severe allergies to nuts and nut products, so reading the labels is crucial. Look for items that are made in nut-free facilities.

**From the Community**



**Free Tutoring**—Free after school help for children in grades 1-7 **who struggle with reading and math** Skill and Drill Programs will be offered in Sarnia and Co-runna. **Call the Organization for Literacy in Lambton today at 519-332-4876 to register your child.**

**Kids Help Line**—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 to your students!! 1-800-668-6868 www.kidshelpphone.ca

**How parents can help their children succeed at school**

Recent research shows that the kind of involvement that makes the biggest difference to students' chances for success in school isn't what most parents might expect. Chatting with kids about school or even asking questions about a TV show – helping to connect something kids learned in school to a real world experience – does more for students' chances for success than "drill and skill" homework sessions or endless nagging.



**Math Lesson Videos** - Check out www.khanacademy.org for Math (and much more) lessons. These are really simplified lessons on all sorts of topics (from basic addition to calculus and beyond). If there's a concept that you're not sure