



King George VI News

September 2011

Welcome Back to School!

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and is ready for an exciting year. A warm welcome to our returning families and to the families new to King George VI Public School. I have heard wonderful things about our King George families and am looking forward to working with you this year.

As always, we have high expectations for our students. This year we will continue to use the four **TRIBES agreements** to remind students about proper behaviour at school:

- **Attentive Listening**
- **Mutual Respect**
- **Participation (Right to Pass)**
- **Appreciation (No Put Downs).**

The staff and I look forward to working together with you to provide the best possible educational programmes for our students. We trust that your children will find their educational experiences and associations at King George rewarding.

I would like to extend a warm King George welcome to all of the new students starting this year, as well as our new staff members:
—Mrs. Carruthers (Gr. 3), Mrs. Piquette (Prep), Mr. Ray (Gr. 6/7) and Mrs. Holmes (Kindergarten).

Mrs. Kohut, Principal

Look What's Happening Here!

- September 6—First Day of School
- September 13—School Council Meeting
- September 19-20—Lifetouch Photos
- September 20-23—Scholastic Book Fair
- September 22—Meet the Teacher Barbecue (see flyer sent home)
- September 23—Terry Fox Run
- September 26—Professional Development Day for Staff (no school for students)
- September 30—Celebration Assembly
- September 30—Terry Fox Run raindate
- October 10—Thanksgiving Holiday



KGVI Staff for 2011-12

- Mrs. Michelle Murray—Early Years (B Days)
- Mrs. Jennifer Holmes—Early Years
- Mrs. Judy Lamb—Grade 1

KING GEORGE VI PUBLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Mrs. R. Kohut 519-344-2942
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 Email: robbinja@lkdsb.net
 Website: <http://www.kinggeorgesixth.com/>

- Mrs. Angie Davison—Grade 1/2
- Mrs. Coleen Hirtle—Grade 2
- Mrs. Laura Carruthers—Grade 3
- Mrs. Shirley Clarke—Grade 3/4
- Mrs. Susan Shaw—Grade 4/5
- Ms Deborah Dennis—Grade 5
- Mr. Aaron Edlington—Grade 6
- Mr. Marcus Ray—Grade 6/7
- Mrs. Melissa Dent—Grade 7/8
- Mr. Ted Janssens—Grade 8
- Mrs. Shelley Brown—Resource
- Mr. Michael Murray—Library/Phys. Ed.
- Mrs. Jan Seabrook—French
- Mrs. Carilyn Piquette—Prep
- Mrs. Dot Davis—Prep/Music
- TBA—French/Prep
- Mrs. Sandy Daly—Educational Assistant
- Mrs. Jessie Shanks—Educational Assistant
- Mrs. Janet Robbins—Secretary
- Mrs. Rene Taylor—Custodian



Meet the Teacher Night Barbecue

Please come to our Open House on **Thursday, September 22** from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. This is an opportunity for parents to meet their child's new teacher and principal in a relaxed atmosphere. We invite you to tour the school and the classrooms.



Writing is Important at King George



Writing continues to be a strong focus at King George and you can help. 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.

Student Planners

We will be offering planners for students from

Grades 1 to 8 again this year. We ask that each student help cover the cost of the planner by bringing in \$5 this week. It is important to encourage your child to use his/her planner every day by checking it EVERY night. This will show your child that you believe being organized and responsible are important traits to be successful.

Medical Health

Allergies/Health Concerns—Please draw to the attention of the school office as well as your child’s classroom teacher any ALLERGIES or other HEALTH CONCERNS. Together we can work toward the well-being of your children.

No Child Without MedicAlert Program—No Child Without® is a charitable program that offers all elementary school aged children with medical conditions or allergies, **free** MedicAlert protection regardless of their financial resources. We all live busy lives and sometimes we forget to share important information with the people to whom it matters most. MedicAlert can help. MedicAlert identification goes everywhere your child goes ensuring that important medical information is accurately and clearly communicated. If you feel your child should be part of the MedicAlert program, please call the school office for information on how to apply. For further information come to the office for a brochure or go to www.nochildout.ca.

To register your child you will need a **No Child Without** brochure from the office.



Peanut Allergies—Some of our children have severe peanut

allergies. To keep them safe, please pack peanut free lunches for your children. When you see a package that says “May contain nuts or nut products” it means that that product is not suitable for school.



School Hours (Balanced Day Schedule)

Yard Supervision	8:55 - 9:10
First Period	9:10 -10:50
Nutrition Break	10:50 -11:10
Recess	11:10 -11:30
Second Period	11:30 - 1:10
Nutrition Break	1:10 - 1:30
(Crossing Guard on duty 1:10 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.)	
Recess	1:30 – 1:50
Third Period	1:50 – 3:30
Dismissal	3:30
Buses Load & Leave	3:30 – 3:40

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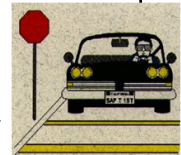
Students can only leave the building during the day with the permission of parents and the principal.

Safe Arrival

Please let the school know if your child is going to be absent or late by calling or emailing (robbinja@lkdsb.net) the school. If you are unable to contact the school, Mrs. Robbins will contact home, work, or emergency contact numbers. Should this information change during the school year, kindly let the office know. This is the only way we can reach you in case of an emergency.

Crosswalks

Students are reminded that they must wait on the sidewalk until the crossing guard has stopped traffic. Students should walk on the crosswalk, walk their bikes and obey the crossing guard at all times. Students are reminded the guard is there to escort them across the street safely and quickly. Interference with the guard could cause a serious accident.



The crossing guard will be on duty before school (8:30 a.m.– 9:10 a.m.), during the second nutrition break (1:10 – 1:50 p.m.) and at dismissal (3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.).

Safe Dismissal

Busses will leave promptly at 3:30 p.m. to allow coordination of transportation with other schools. Parents picking their children up at school are encouraged to meet with their children outside of the school building at a predetermined place. Conges-

IMPORTANT BUS NEWS

www.schoolbusinfo.com

WE ARE ZONE 2

Bus transportation is provided only for students who are eligible to ride the bus. **Students will not be given bus passes to ride a bus to another student's home for sleepovers or birthday parties, etc.** Please make your own transportation arrangements for such events. **Eligible students must ride only the bus they are assigned to ride.**



Please listen to local radio in the case of inclement weather for bus cancellations.

tion in the hallways during dismissal can pose a safety issue if the numbers are high enough. **Parents are also strongly cautioned to go slowly as they leave the school area in their vehicles.** Safety of the students of King George is this school's highest priority. Since many students have allergies and animals pose a safety concern for many students, parents are requested to **not bring any animals onto the school property** without the direct permission of administration.

School Photos

The photographer from LifeTouch Photography will be at the school on **Monday, September 19 (JK/SK-Grade 4) and Tuesday, September 20 (JK/SK, Grade 5-8).** Parents will have the option to purchase portraits. An order envelope will be coming home at a later date.



Milk Program

Once again King George will be able to provide a milk program for our students. The program will begin October 3rd. The cost of a 250 ml carton of white or chocolate milk is **80 cents**. Order forms will be out this week. Please return your milk order by the due date, as late orders cannot be accepted.



Parent Involvement

Studies show that students perform better in school if their parents are involved in their education. Parents therefore have an important role to play in supporting their child's learning. By becoming familiar with the new curriculum, parents can discuss their child's work with them, communicate with teachers and ask relevant questions about their child's progress. Knowledge of the expectations in various subjects will also help them interpret their child's report. Participating in parent conferences, working on the School Council, and providing encouragement from home for completing assignments are just three ways parents can express their interest in their child's education.

School Council and Elections

We will be holding our first School Council meeting on Tuesday, September 13th at 6:30 p.m. We encourage parents to come out and become actively involved in discussing ways in which we can improve the learning environment for our students. If you would like the opportunity to

have a formal role in this year's council, please fill out the nomination form and submit it to the office by September 9, 2011. Should an election be required, more information will be sent home prior to the election meeting if necessary.



Help Wanted

Volunteers

We value the time and effort that our volunteers give to our students. If you are able to volunteer, please fill in the attached form. Our students benefit from the involvement of dedicated adults who support and encourage the boys and girls at King George.

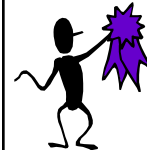
Communication Between Home and School

School Newsletters will be sent home with the youngest or only child the first of each month. These newsletters will keep you updated with regards to school activities, news and our successes. *If you do not receive a newsletter at the beginning of each month, please contact the office for a copy or go to the school website.*



Character Development and Celebration of Learning

September is 'resilience' month at King George. Resilience is the ability to succeed and prosper even after facing setbacks and hardships. It's the ability to bounce back after a negative experience.



This month we will honour students who demonstrate Resilience at our Celebration Assembly on **September 30..**

Freedom of Information

We would like to provide children with the opportunity of sharing success. We display work in the classrooms and in the halls. We often take pictures, and invite the local media to take pictures of our successes. If you would prefer that your child not have their work displayed or pictures taken, **please notify the office in writing as soon as possible.**



Safe Schools

Fire, Tornado, and Safe School Drills—Over the next several weeks children will be learning how to exit the school in case the fire alarm is sounded and where to sit in the hallway during a severe storm. Teachers help their students to remain calm and move quickly out of the building. Some students find the first couple of practices frightening. Please take a moment to chat with your children about the reasons for practicing and how to be a good team member.

This year, we will also be doing Lockdown drills, Hold and Secure drills, and Shelter in Place drills to cover all possible school emergencies.

Student Accident Insurance

IAP Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance.

IAP Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance offers protection against the unexpected costs of injury from accidents, and is especially valuable for families who:

- do not have medical or dental plans,
 - have limited plans, as it may help supplement health and dental benefits, or
- have active children who enjoy sports and outdoor activities.

For your convenience, we have made arrangements for families to voluntarily purchase student accident insurance through the IAP Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance program, underwritten by Industrial Alliance Pacific Insurance and Financial Services Inc. ("IAP").

For complete plan details, please visit www.iapkidsplus.com.

Student Transportation Department

Effective September 2011, Student Transportation has been authorized to provide transportation services to those families who may require transportation to two locations due to shared custodial arrangements within the school eligible transportation boundary.

The full procedure is available at www.schoolbusinfo.com in the policy and procedures section. For more information call Student Transportation at 1-877-330-4287 ext 410.



"There is something about a good teacher that simply takes one's breath away."

—Jerome Harste



What do Good Readers Do?

Good readers form mental pictures as they read. To improve your child's comprehension, read a book without letting him see it. Then, ask him to guess what the illustrations look like. Examples: How are the characters dressed? Is the setting bright or gloomy?



"I have always been delighted at the prospect of a new day, a fresh try, one more start, with perhaps a bit of magic waiting somewhere behind the morning."

-J. B. Priestley