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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Every week or so, the office sends out phone messages using a broadcast system. This information is meant to help keep more families in the loop. Sometimes information that impacts our families comes up between newsletters and we want to share it with you. Calls are programmed to be sent out between 4:15 and 6:30 pm. If you get a call from the school around that time, it is most likely the message sender reaching out to share this information.



MORNING ROUTINES

The morning bell rings at 8:50 am. It is incredibly important that all students are at school on time for this entry bell. When kids are late for school they come to the front door. It is important for families to know that when the national anthem is playing (usually 5 minutes after the bell goes) we will not answer the front door. As soon as 'O Canada' is finished, parents/caregivers may drop their child(ren) at the door and they may proceed to class on their own.

INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR

We are experiencing a worrying increase in negative and hurtful language from our students. Some of this language is in the form of name calling or mean jokes and some of it contains racial, homophobic or other judgmental and discriminatory language. I am inviting all families to talk about how important kindness is. Kind words never get us into trouble. Name calling never helps a situation. Telling 'jokes' that might include inappropriate language or terms are never funny. Importantly, using a discriminatory word or name does not have to be directed at a person in order for it to be considered damaging.

At King George, we strive to create a safe environment for learning and working. This means we also work to redirect language and educate students about what is acceptable and not acceptable language to use. If we struggle to have a positive result by redirecting a student, we will move into a progressive discipline process. Any language that is seen as harmful or is considered as discriminatory against a person's race, skin colour, ethnicity, economic status, ability, faith, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression or any other prohibited grounds will be taken seriously.

I encourage you to refer to the Grand Erie District School Board's Safe and Inclusive Schools policies, and visit the Ministry of Education's website at <http://edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/climate.html>.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Information cards were sent home last month regarding the procedure to follow when it comes to inclement weather days (Snow Days). Please remember we are **ZONE 4**. If another zone is closed, but not zone 4, then King George will be open and running as usual.



SOCCER-BASEBALL

Congratulations To The Owls!



In an exciting championship intramural soccer-baseball game, the Owls were victorious over the Sloths 22-17. In total, almost 60 students in Grades 4-8 participated in the intramural soccer-baseball program. The league was comprised of four teams. Miss Terdik wishes to thank the boys and girls for their commitment. All players improved their skills and knowledge of the game. Thank-you also to the parents and grandparents of several students who came on a weekly basis to cheer on the kids.