

"Dream Believe Work Achieve"

"Always Try To Be A Little Kinder Than is Necessary."



Knowlton Academy Welcomes You Back To School!

August 30, 2017

Dear K.A. Families,

Welcome to our 2017-2018 school year. I hope your summer was lovely, spending special times together as a family. I never stop pinching myself at how lucky I am to be Principal of this wonderful school. Knowlton Academy is truly an amazing school. We are so fortunate to be part of and supported and surrounded by a very warm, generous community. As I say each year, we will envelope your children with love, helping them to grow as both learners with a keen sense of curiosity and as caring children of the world. Once again, the classes will be brimming over with new learning adventures and lots of laughter and wonder! This year, we have a strong team, a nice blend of excellent experienced teachers and support staff and we are again welcoming some new early career teachers who will certainly add a richness to who we are at K.A.

Please continue to be involved in your children's education, helping them to have a truly joyous, successful year. Please feel free to stop by, call or email (gorer@etsb.qc.ca) if you need to speak to me.

Please read our newsletter carefully. It contains a lot of important information. Here's to a truly memorable school year.

Sincerely,

Renalee Gore

Kindness

"Shall we make a new rule of life...Always Try To Be A Little Kinder Than is Necessary"

J.M. Barrie

This summer, I read a truly special novel called 'Wonder' by R.J. Palacio. It took my breath away! There is also a picture book called 'We're all Wonders' by the same author. The movie is coming out in November. This book is about a boy called Auggie who was

born with a facial difference which prevented him from attending school until 5th grade. The above quote is towards the end of the book. The grade 6's are reading the novel this year. This year's school wide theme and focus is 'Kindness', driven from this story. Activities will take place both in classes and school-wide starting on Day One. I'll tell you lots more in our next newsletter. Kindness.....It's so right! If everyone always tried to be a little kinder than is necessary – imagine the world! That's who we want to be at Knowlton Academy.

Now here's our news!

Knowlton Academy Staff:

Please welcome our new teachers Heidi Neil, Isabelle Leroux, Marie-Catherine Nault, Emily Broadbent and Emilie Roy-Seguin to our K.A. family. They all come with so much to offer our students. They will all be well loved by our students!

Teaching Staff

K French	-	Marie-Claude Lemieux
K English	-	Annie Butler
Cycle 1, Yr 1	-	Ann Staton
Cycle 1, Yr 1	-	Mylène Bessette/Emily Broadbent (Wednesdays)
Cycle 1, Yr 2	-	Heidi Neil
Cycle 1, Yr 2	-	Lee Mosher
Cycle 2, Yr 1	-	Annie Lemay
Cycle 2, Yr 1&2	-	Barb Plouffe
Cycle 2, Yr 2	-	Isabelle Leroux
Cycle 3, Yr 1	-	Charlotte Coles Blumenfeld
Cycle 3, Yr 1	-	Marie-Catherine Nault
Cycle 3, Yr 2	-	Sue Garneau
Cycle 3, Yr 2	-	Sarah Lenz
Sec. 1	-	Sheila Perry
French Specialists-		Mylène Bessette, Annie Lemay, Lee Mosher, Isabelle Leroux, Emilie Roy-Seguin
Staff Assistant -		Barb Plouffe
Arts	-	Josée Bourbeau
PE C1 Yr – Sec. 1-		Nicolas Lemaitre
PE K - C1 Yr 1		Emily Broadbent
Resource-		Anne Rzyzora, Emily Broadbent (EI)

Secretarial/Office

Brenda Scott
Heidi Bejcek

Maintenance/Caretaking

Margot Bédard
Frank Bailey

Daycare

Debbie Melanson
Josée Dufresne
Lynn Plouffe
Brenda Rhicard

Supervision:

Debbie Melanson
Josée Dufresne
Brenda Rhicard
Kathleena Ruel
Alison Steel
TBA

Student Support

Lynn Plouffe
Josée Dufresne
Lisa Laflamme
Kathleena Ruel
Brenda Rhicard
Heather Croghan
TBA

Brome Fair : Grade 1 to Secondary 1 will be attending Brome Fair on Friday, September 1. Please send your permission slip and \$5 per child by Thursday morning. In the event of a **downpour**, the activity would be cancelled and the students would have a normal school day. **Students must wear the navy school uniform** in order to easily identify KA students. Students staying at the fair must be picked up by 1:50 at the main gate. This must be stated on the permission form.

Volunteering on Class Trips: We greatly value our wonderful volunteers at Knowlton Academy. If you are volunteering on a class trip, **parents cannot bring younger or older children along.** Your focus must be on those students in your charge for the day. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Homework: Our homework policy this year is different for Cycle 1, 2, 3 and Secondary 1. You will be getting a letter shortly regarding homework from your child's teacher. As the children get older, the expectations change. Please remember that **the more children read the better readers they become. The more children write the better writers they become.** Reading and writing can take many forms. We want your children to love coming to school, to be happy and to strive for excellence. We have high expectations for every child and adult at Knowlton Academy.

A Reminder: As a staff with Governing Board approval, we decided last year that if your children forget books, homework, ipads, gym clothes, musical instruments, permission forms, etc., they will not be allowed to call home to ask for the forgotten item to be brought to school and we will ask you NOT to come to the school to bring it either. The only exception will be lunches and any medication. Your child will learn to problem-solve, hopefully to pack their bookbags carefully the night before and double-check for what is needed and hopefully will help build responsibility. Thank you for your co-operation. We also ask that all parents report to the office and that you do not go to the classroom as it disrupts the teaching.

K. A. Gardens: Our gardens are bursting with produce from its first growing season. Our students will be incorporating our new gardening program into their curriculum with the help of our co-ordinators Jen Harrison and Jen Ruggins Muir. It should be an exciting year. Our yummy healthy produce will be used both in our cafeteria and Bistro programs. Stay tuned for ongoing information.

Choir: New members will be welcome to sign up soon. More information to follow from Lucy Hoblyn, our choir leader. Our older choir members will be part of Knowlton Players production of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' in November.

Student Parliament: Once again, we will have a student parliament in Cycle 3 and Secondary 1. Last year's Parliament was amazing and learned many important leadership skills. I can't wait to work with this year's group. Sheila Perry will join me in working with this year's Parliament once again.

Razia's Ray of Hope Foundation: Meet our 3 girls that we are sponsoring again this year at the Zabuli Education Center for girls in Afghanistan. Asma (8), Kreshma (9), Benafsha (6). I am very proud of our students for once again raising over 900\$ last spring to make this possible. I can't wait to receive more letters from the girls to share with the students. When you come to school, the girls' pictures will be displayed by the front of the office.

Tutoring: Does your child need help with reading, fluency, phonology, comprehension or just needs to refresh his or her skills? Call Mrs. T. at 450 242 1569 or sheryltaylor7@gmail.com.

Nut-Free School: Please note that Knowlton Academy continues to be a "Nut-Free School". We have students with **life-threatening allergies** to nuts. Therefore, it is imperative that **no food products containing nuts come to school.** While this may be an inconvenience to some, we appreciate your full cooperation for the safety of all of our

students. Please verify food labels carefully so as not to endanger the lives of these students.

Cafeteria Services: Once again, Wanda Willis will be in charge of the cafeteria and a complete meal may be purchased for \$4. See menu for additional prices. The cafeteria services will begin on August 30. You may send in money on each day that your child will have lunch or you may send in any amount and Wanda will deduct as the child uses the service. **This year, there will be absolutely NO CREDIT. In the event that your child forgets his/her lunch, you will be asked to bring a lunch or money by snack-time at 10:20.** Please note that the microwaves are available only to **reheat** leftovers that are already precooked (**no frozen dinners, please**). Microwave popcorn is not permitted. We encourage all students to use re-usable containers in the lunchbox in order to limit the amount of items going into the trash and to help save the environment. Lunch for K – 3 is at 11:40. Grade 3/4 to Sec. 1 is at 12:10.

Breakfast Program: Once again, thanks to many donations and our wonderful group of volunteers, we will again be offering a free Breakfast Program. It will start on Thursday, **August 31 from 7:55 to 8:10 a.m.** A huge thank you to all the volunteers for their continuous help in this program. We are waiting for confirmation of our “Breakfast for Learning Grant for 2017-2018 which will continue to allow for fresh fruit and more variety in our menu!

Buddy Classes: Our classes buddy up for many activities over the year. Each younger class has older buddies that they really bond with over the year.

About My Child: Please take the time to fill out this very important sheet you will find in your package telling us all about your child as only you can. The information is priceless! Please send it back within the next few days.

School Photos: School photos will take place on **Tuesday, October 10, 2017. Students must wear school uniforms.** Date for retakes to be confirmed.

“Meet the Teacher Night” and Annual General Assembly for K.A. 2017-18

Governing Board: Our Meet the Teacher and Governing Board Elections will be held on **September 14, 2017 beginning at 6:00 p.m.** in the gym and ending by 8 :00 p.m. Our 2017-18 Parent Participation Organization (PPO) will also be formed that evening. I strongly urge parents to become involved in our Governing Board or PPO. We will have some open seats on Governing Board and PPO is unlimited. Both bodies are crucial to making Knowlton Academy the wonderful school it is! To contact PPO, email Kimberlea at kimberlea_whitehead@hotmail.com

In an effort to accommodate parents with more than one child, the teachers will be available offering 2 sessions where you will have an opportunity to meet them and to become more familiar with the program and class procedures. Please understand that

there will not be an opportunity to discuss individual students. If you have specific concerns regarding your child, please call the teacher or Mrs. Gore.

1st Knowlton Sparks, Brownies and Guides will be inviting all the girls from Kindergarten to Grade 6 to attend a 'try it meeting' in September. Watch for their invitation. They will be setting up a table in the hallway on Sept. 14 for Meet the Teacher Night.

Terry Fox Run will be held on September 28 at 1:00 pm. More information will follow.

Mrs. Gore's Birthday Celebrations: Birthdays are celebrated at the end of each month. Each child gets a card and a special book of their choosing from Mrs. Gore. August is celebrated with September and July with June.

Consumable & Supervision Fees: You will be receiving your Supervision/Consumable fees. Payment is due by **September 30, 2017**. If you are unable to pay fees in one payment, **please see the office to set up a payment plan**. Take note that all outstanding fees will be sent to a collection agency. Our fiscal year ends June 30, therefore we cannot accept payments after June 1. In the event of an NSF cheque, you are responsible for the \$7 charge as well as the original amount. This amount is to be paid in cash and all future payments will be in cash only. We will be contacting some families directly.

Homework Program There will not be an after school Homework Program this year. The monies will be used for extra in-class support.

Library: Lucy McAuley is once again co-ordinating the running of the library and is looking for volunteers to help replace books on shelves, sign books out and help with the 'literacy book bags', etc. Please let us know if you would be interested in volunteering some time. **We are in crucial need of help taking an inventory in the library** (3 volunteers for 1 day). Please let us know as soon as possible if you can help with the library.

Family Literacy Bookbags: Our wonderful Family Literacy Bookbag program will come back this year. Families will receive an information package and sign up sheet later on. This is a very special program allowing you to enjoy wonderful themed books, games and videos together as a family for a week at a time. We will be reworking some of our bags so our program will only start up once Tara Moar and I have reorganized. Let us know if you are interested in helping.

Literacy: Many of you know literacy is near and dear to my heart. To that end, I am continually buying new, wonderful books for the school and I read to the classes most Monday's and Tuesday's. Our Level 3 to Secondary 1 students all have Writer's Notebooks and our literacy program across the school is strong with extra support for students who need it. (including our wonderful Village Reads program where members

of the community mentor a student 1 on 1 each week). We will be starting our year with our 'Kindness' focus.

Village Reads: We will once again be offering our Village Reads Mentoring Program. If you know someone who would be interested in becoming a mentor to one of our students in French or English helping with their reading and being a caring adult, please let us know. Sheila Perry will be our school co-ordinator for this special program.

Daycare: If you have not yet registered your child (children) in daycare and you wish to benefit from this service, please call Debbie Melanson at 450-242-1336. Please note that daycare opens at 6:45, closes at 5:30 p.m. Parents who wish to use the Daycare sporadically are reminded that a 24-hour advance notice is required and attendance will be granted if spaces are available on the requested date (we are required to respect supervision ratios).

Students may also benefit from the Daycare Service on Ped. Days, regardless of whether they are regular daycare students or not. The daycare staff and committee work very hard to provide interesting activities that make the Knowlton Academy Daycare an enticing option for Ped. Day childcare. Advance registration is required. Please contact the Daycare for further details.

Morning Entry

Daycare door – Only daycare students and their parents are permitted to enter and will be buzzed into the building. This is in effect from 6:45 a.m. to 8:10 a.m. No other students or parents will be permitted to enter through this door.

Please note that for all other students, supervision is in place as of 7:55 a.m. at which time the door will be open. Students will not be admitted to the building prior to that time as there is no supervision. ***For children who walk, bike or come to school by car, please make sure they do NOT arrive prior to 7:55 a.m.***

Please drop off your children by the daycare door. They can walk on the path to the front playground where they will be supervised until it is time to enter the school. As a rule, we ask that you leave your child on the playground and let them enter the building on their own with the other students. No cars are permitted on the front driveway until the students are in the school.

Parking space is often limited. Parents who are volunteering at the school are asked to park along the grass at the back of the school, **at the far end so that buses may park** for the afternoon dismissal. Volunteers or guests may continue to use the "Visitor's Parking" at the front of the school if they are arriving after 8:15 a.m. **Please sign in at the office upon arrival.**

In accordance with the School Board's policies regarding safety measures in all the ETSB schools, a buzzer and video camera system is being used for entry to the school. You will have to press the button located to the right of the front door and wait for a voice response from the office or daycare before the door will be unlocked.

Afternoon Dismissal

Front door- Parents arriving to pick up their children must **wait outside** until the supervising teacher opens the door for sign-out. This is in keeping with our Safe School Policy.

Dismissal times remain the same with classes ending at **2:40 p.m.** and buses departing at **2:50 p.m.** In the best interest of **safety**, students being driven home at the end of the day will be dismissed at the **front door** rather than the basement. Parents (or the delegate as indicated in the note from parent) will be required to sign their child out with the teacher on supervision duty at the front door. **It is important that we receive a note from you indicating that the child is not to take the bus.** This note should be received no later than during homeroom on the day the child is to be picked up. **Phone requests will not be accepted unless for emergencies.** If your child will be picked up every day for the entire year, or for a specific period of time, one note indicating the dates where the child is to be picked up will suffice. These notes will be used to prepare the sign out sheet. **Please remember that without a note, the teachers will be directing children toward their regular transportation arrangements.** When picking your child up, please arrive for the 2:40 – 2:50 dismissal period and meet your child and the supervisor at the front door.

Please understand that for safety reasons, no vehicles can enter the front driveway during recess (10:20 – 10:40) and lunch (11:40 – 12:40). All vehicles that need to enter during this time must use the Academy Lane entrance and then walk to the front door and buzz in using the office button. If there is no response, use the doorbell near the window.

After School Sports and Activities- When they begin, parents coming to pick up their children should use the front door. If you need to arrive earlier, please use the buzzer system, or if there is no response use the doorbell. The activities supervisors will bring the students to the front door.

Daycare – Please use the daycare door and buzzer system when you pick up your child. We thank you for your cooperation and understanding. Your children's safety is a priority for us.

Emergency Forms/Authorizations: It is **imperative** that we receive accurate updated information, **including contact numbers where we can reach you or a delegate in the event of an emergency.** We continue to have a problem with families not providing us with this emergency information, or not updating the information in a timely manner and we cannot reach the parent when the child requires emergency intervention. **Please note that in cases where we have not received complete and updated information, we will act in the best interests of your child in an emergency.**

Medication: All prescriptions must have clear instructions and student identification on the bottle (pharmacy). If there is a change in medication, you must bring in a new bottle. Medication is kept in a secure, locked place and administered by SET personnel on staff. **You must fill out an ‘Administering Medication at School’ form before any medication is given out at school.** Please see the office.

Personal Information/Address Changes: If you have moved, or if you move over the course of the school year, you must notify us in writing of your new and complete address. Similarly, if there are changes in your child’s transportation arrangements, emergency contacts, custody arrangements, etc...we must be notified so that our records are accurate and up to date. Please contact the office immediately when you notice a discrepancy.

For safety reasons, we are not permitted to let children leave with anyone other than a custodial parent or guardian unless we have signed, written permission from the designated guardian(s). If someone other than yourself is to pick up your child, please send a note to your child’s teacher. Each year we are faced with difficult situations where the notification has not been provided to the school. We cannot stress how important it is to advise us in writing of any change. In addition, if alternative transportation is required, the request must be submitted in advance, as we cannot guarantee availability of alternate transportation.

Please note that non-custodial parents have access to school information pertaining to their child. Please send us a written request, containing complete mailing address, at the beginning of each school year.

If a non-custodial parent is not to have access to information, then we require copies of the legal documents supporting this. Without this documentation, we are required by law to share all school information with both parents and to permit the child to leave with either parent.

Alternative Busing: Children will not be permitted to travel on any bus other than their designated bus(es) through the month of September. After this time, there may be restrictions for some buses due to available seating. Permission must be requested in advance if you wish your child to take another bus. Send a note in with the child to the Homeroom teacher. **Do not bring notes to the office or call during the day unless it is**

an absolute emergency. For safety reasons, **we cannot accept last minute telephone requests.**

Locks: The older students will continue to have lockers. Please note that the school will not be issuing locks. If your child has a locker and wishes to use a lock, please send one from home, making sure **he/she provides the combination to his/her homeroom teacher.** Please reinforce to your child the importance of keeping his/her combination private. In the event that we must cut the lock from a locker (defect or correct combination not provided to the homeroom teacher...), the school will not assume the cost of lock replacement. **Please do not send valuables to school!** We cannot be responsible for personal items and valuables disappearing.

Bistro: Our wonderful Bistro program will continue this year under the guidance of Kathleena Ruel and Lynn Plouffe. We will let you know if we would like your child to participate in Bistro and what days Bistro will be.

ELS: Cycle 3 and Sec. 1 once again will be receiving mini-Ipads. All of our other laptops and Ipads will be used by K to Level 4. We are preparing for deployment and the teachers will be informing their classes regarding the specific deployment times for their group. Please sign and return forms promptly. ****I strongly urge parents to take the insurance offered through the school board.**** It is a very small cost but will ensure that you do not pay a large repair or loss fee if something happens with your child's ipad. Please stress with your child that having an ipad is a privilege. It is a tool to help their learning and must be treated with care. As well, it is to be used respectfully, not going to inappropriate sites or apps or sending or posting inappropriate or bullying messages. This will be closely monitored and ipads will be taken away from any students who show inappropriate usage/behavior, including bullying behavior/messages on any social media sites or through emails. Please monitor your child's computer/ipad/social media usage at home.

School Operation Hours: Classes begin at 8:10 a.m. and end at 2:40 p.m. **For ALL students, it is important to arrive on time. Homeroom is very important and helps the child to start the day on the right note.**

We have a 60-minute lunch and continue to offer a 20-minute recess. The office public operating hours are 8 a.m. – 3h30 p.m. (closed for lunch from 12:00 – 12:30). **If you wish to meet with a particular person or the principal, we ask that you please call ahead to make an appointment except in the event of an emergency.** For safety reasons, all visitors must report to the office to receive permission to circulate within the school. A visitor's pass will be issued to authorized guests and a volunteer pass will be issued to volunteers. **Only authorized individuals and staff may circulate through the building, both during and outside of school hours.**

Lost & Found: We consistently have a tremendous amount of unclaimed articles left at the school. Please clearly identify your children's property as much as possible so that

they may easily be returned/claimed. The “Lost and Found” is located at the bottom of the central stairwell. Please label all clothing clearly. **All unclaimed, non-uniform clothes will go to the church at the end of each term. Unlabeled, unclaimed uniform clothes will be washed and sold at a donation rate the following year.**

Absences from school: Please note that we appreciate children not coming to school if they are sick. If your child becomes ill during the day and is unable to stay in class, you will be required to arrange to have your child picked up. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. If your child is absent from school, please call the office early and leave a message. We are obliged to confirm all absences, therefore if we don't receive a call, we will be calling you. If we don't reach anyone, the absence must be justified in writing by a note given to the homeroom teacher upon your child's return to school. If the child will be absent for an extended period, please contact your child's homeroom teacher. Please note that the only school absences authorized under law are for illness, death in the family, court appearance or medical appointments. If your child will be absent for any other reason, this should be arranged in advance and receive prior approval from the office. **Please understand that homework cannot be provided without advance notice and reasonable preparation time for the teacher.**

Head Lice: Unfortunately, head lice frequently spread among school children. It is important that everyone understand that head lice are not discriminatory and we are all susceptible...having head lice is in no way a reflection of one's personal hygiene.

While there is no foolproof way to prevent head lice, the following practices may help to reduce the spread of head lice:

- prompt detection and thorough treatment as per Santé Public guidelines **(check your child's head regularly...ie. twice weekly...)**
- keep long hair tied and/or pinned back
- do not share head gear
- keep gym clothes/change of clothes in a sealed bag when not in use and wash on a weekly basis
- do not share clothing
- avoid head to head contact
- keep winter hats, caps and scarves in coat sleeves when not in use
- **contact the school and/or daycare immediately when you detect lice or nits**
- **If your child has live lice, you will be contacted to pick up your child. Letters will be sent out to classes where lice has been found as a preventative measure.**

Dealing with head lice is costly, time consuming and often stressful for families. With everyone's cooperation in early detection and thorough treatment, we can assist each

other in keeping the spread to a minimum...thereby making it a winning situation for everyone!

Newsletters: In an effort to reduce paper use and unnecessary photocopies, we will not issue copies of all documents to all children in a family. We will issue documents to the **youngest child in the family. We will continue sending newsletters via email to all families with email addresses. We would like to ask that you provide us with your email address if interested in receiving electronic version of the newsletters.** Monthly Newsletters will also be posted to the web site (www.etsb.qc.ca/knowlton) and on our Facebook page. Other important information will be posted on our website as well. **Please check it regularly.** If you want updates of events going on at Knowlton Academy, please join the Facebook group 'Knowlton Academy Now'.

Facebook and other Social Medias: Please, please, please, if you have an issue/problem concerning Knowlton Academy, let the teacher and/or the office know and we will work it out/deal with it, resolve the issue, etc. I am always just an email away. (gorer@etsb.qc.ca) Using social media to air your issues is not productive, often starts a chain reaction of very negative comments (many untrue) and puts us in a very bad light, most often unfairly. Nobody is perfect and sometimes unfortunate things happen, but we resolve them quickly. We take your children's safety, security and well-being very seriously. We have put strict procedures in place for end of the day dismissal. We take bullying seriously and we love your children. Use social media to promote our school and all the great things happening here. Tell us any issues personally please. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

School and Gym Uniforms: School uniform/dress code is mandatory for Kindergarten through Grade 6. Secondary 1's do not have to wear the K.A. uniform but must dress respectfully on a daily basis. Tops are solid navy t-shirts or polo shirts with **NO LOGOS**. Sweaters and "bottoms" must be in compliance with the uniform policy as well. Pants, skirts, jumpers, etc. are to be black or navy blue, jeans are acceptable. (not ripped) Consequences will be applied in cases where the child is not complying with the school policy.

The gym uniform remains the same (purple shorts, grey t-shirt) and is also compulsory. These are also available through the office. No gym uniform is required for kindergarten. Grade 1 is optional but encouraged.

Free Dress Friday: On Friday's, the students do not need to wear their school uniforms. Their clothing choices do need to be appropriate and respectful! The Free Dress Friday privilege will be lost that week for any students not wearing their uniform on the other 4 days. **Hats** are not to be worn in school. They may be put on when getting dressed for recess, lunch or at dismissal. We would appreciate if all adults remove their hats in the school, as well, to set a good example. **Gum** can only be chewed in class with permission. It must be thrown out before leaving the class room.

Cellphones: If your child brings a cell phone to school, it is to be kept in their bookbags. Cell phones that are being used during the day, will be taken away and held by the teacher until the end of the day. Please do not call or text your child during the day. For **Emergencies**, call the office. Thank you for your cooperation.

Knowlton's Rules to Live By: Our Rules to Live By will be sent home shortly. Please go over these with your child and sign and return the bottom of the cover letter. You will also receive the ETSB Bill 56 brochure against bullying and violence with our rules. Please know that we take bullying and violence seriously at K.A. You will find our rules and reporting forms on our web-site. There are 3 bully reporting boxes in the school which I check regularly. The students also know they can come to me or any staff member and we will help them! Please regularly check your child's Facebook page and social media and internet use. Cyber-bullying is serious and will be dealt with as seriously! *Please note that no students under 13 should have their own Facebook page.*

Merit cards: The students receive merit cards for a variety of reasons and good deeds over the year. Three merit cards can be cashed in for a tea party, game or story with Mrs. Gore or a small fun item. Five merit cards can be traded for a book or a bigger fun item of their choosing. **Secondary 1's** will have their own merit card system this year. As the oldest in the school, they will also continue to have certain privileges. Our Secondary 1 students act as role models for the younger students and will have certain responsibilities building their leadership skills. Our Secondary 1's will be helping the students trade in their merit cards 3 recesses a week. (Monday, Wednesday, Friday)

Dance: We will once again be offering an excellent Dance Program for Cycle 3 – Sec. 1, led by Heather Croghan. More details to follow.

Music: Thanks to our Town of Brome Lake Music Grant from 2 years ago and a S'Cool Life Grant, we will be continuing violin and guitar lessons this year and hopefully piano/keyboard lessons as well. We hope that those taking music lessons last year will continue this year. We hope new students will join, as well. More details to follow.

Term Dates: Our Interim Report will go out on October 12. Term 1 Reports will be on the parent portal on November 15 and Term 2 Reports February 14. Term 3 Reports will be on the parent portal on June 27. Report cards will be sent electronically to all those with email addresses. Paper copies will only go to those families without email addresses. Interview dates are Term 1 – November 22 and Term 2 – February 22.

Playground: In September, we will be adding a brand new beautiful slide and a skateboard bouncer. This fall, we will be adding 3 mature trees and a perennial garden where our swirly slide used to be.

Coffee and Conversation with Mrs. Gore: I am really determined to make this happen this year. Coffee, muffins and conversation. More details soon.

Our K.A. Mantra

Dream
Believe
Work
Achieve

And as an 'I' statement

I Dream
I Believe
I Work
I Achieve

Our mantra (short, meaningful and memorable) is very much part of our lives at Knowlton Academy. It goes beautifully with our longer school motto that hangs in our outdoor classroom.

Dream Big
Work Hard
Persevere
Have Someone Who
Believes in You
And You Will Be
Successful

The Special Education Advisory Committee Wants You!

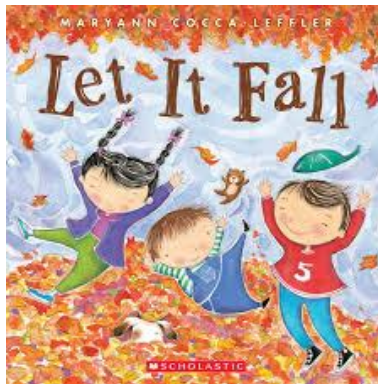
The Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) advises the school board on its organization of services for students with special needs,

educates parents and encourages them to become involved in their child's school experience.

Parents of students with special needs constitute the majority of members on this committee. The SEAC Chairperson and Parent Commissioner are selected from parent members of this committee. Other members represent the various professional and support groups in the ETSB and some social service agencies in the community.

The committee allows you to meet and talk with others who have the interest of children with special needs at heart. Meetings are held monthly in Magog at the Eastern Townships School Board Office between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. Mileage compensation is available.

If this committee interests you, please ask Mrs. Gore for an application brochure or call the Assistant Director of Complementary Educational Services, Gail Kelso, at (819) 868-3100 x55035 to give your name or to ask for clarification. Forms should be returned to your school principal by October 3, 2017.



August/September 2017 Lunch Menu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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			Hot chicken sandwich with mashed potatoes, peas	Corn on the cob and salads	NO CAFETERIA (BROME FAIR)	
3	4 Labor Day	5 Tacos with raw veggies	6 Salad bar	7 Ham, scalloped potatoes and veggies	8 Lasagne and Caesar salad	9
10	11 Sloppy Joes, coleslaw and cucumbers	12 Spaghetti and Caesar salad	13 Egg McMuffins with cheese and hash browns	14 Fish, rice and veggies	15 Chicken mozzarella panini with raw veggies	16
17	18 Chicken tacos with salad	19 Sausage, potatoes, corn, carrots	20 Salad bar	21 Pizza and salad	22 NO SCHOOL PED DAY	23
24	25 Grilled cheese and bacon, raw veggies	26 Pancakes with fruit	27 Macaroni and cheese, cooked veggies	28 Shepherd's Pie	29 Chicken burgers and raw veggies	30

Cafeteria Prices

Complete meal: (Soup, Main plate, dessert and water, milk)	\$4.00
Main Plate only	\$3.50
Soup of the day	\$2.00
Large Soup of the day	\$3.00
Sandwich/Grilled Cheese	\$2.50
All snacks	\$1.00

Water bottle, milk, juice	\$1.00
Yogourt	\$1.00
Fresh fruit	\$1.00
Daily muffin	\$1.00
small salad (bowl) upon request	\$3.50
big Teacher's salad upon request	\$5.00

For any questions or comments, please contact Wanda Willis at school.

Thanks