



# Knowlton Academy News

## May 2017

Dear Families,

My goodness, it's May already, only two months left of school. May and June as always, will be packed full of lots of learning, end of cycle exams, year-end evaluations, special activities, sports and school trips and our KA Gardens Project will be well underway!

Please make sure your children dress for the weather, respect the dress code, dress in K.A. dress code attire from Monday to Thursday and appropriately for free-dress Fridays. (Remember sunscreen, hats/caps and our 2-shoe indoor-outdoor policy.

Here is our May News.

**School Fees:** We are nearing the end of the school year and it is time to send all unpaid fees to collection! If you have not paid your fees yet, please do so immediately (CASH ONLY). The unpaid files will be sent June 1. All payments must clear the bank by May 26. Mrs. Gore is in the process of calling all families with outstanding fees.

**ETSB Grade 6 Math Competition:** On Friday, April 21st Libby Richardson, Kathryn Moreland, Evan Jersey and Rygel Dagenais traveled to Magog to compete in the finals of the ETSB Grade 6 Math Competition. After close to 3 hours of gruelling math challenges and leading in points for the entire event they were awarded the winning trophy. Congratulations from all of us at Knowlton Academy!

**Exams:** Please make sure our Grade 2, Grade 4 and 6 students are well rested and attend school daily. Grade 4 and 6 have LA, Math and French exams. Grade 2 have Math exams. Sec. 1 exams are in June.

**Grade 6 Easter Basket Raffle:** The grade sixes would like to thank all of the parents who sent in loonies... with their children to buy raffle tickets for our Easter Basket Raffle and Bake Sale. Thanks to you, we were able to raise funds needed to pay for our special class trip. The winner of the basket was Lisa Laflamme who kindly shared it with Mme. Annie's grade 3 class.

**Community Centre Youth Dances:** Pre-teen dances seek volunteers. Each month we welcome a crowd of kids to our pre-teen (Grade 4 – Sec. 1) dances at the Centre Lac-Brome. At every dance, we need parent volunteers to help us supervise and to make sure that all the many kids have fun and are safe. We would really appreciate your help, so we can continue to offer this popular activity. The next dances are on May 12 and June 9, 2017 from 7 :00- 9 :45 \$5 admission, \$1 Snack. If you are interested in giving a bit of your time for the youth in the

community, please call **Joanne Nowak, Family Resources at (450) 242.2020 Ext 306** Thanks very much!

**Kindergarten Orientation:** Knowlton Academy Kindergarten Orientation is on Thursday May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017. This will be an opportunity for you and your child to become familiar with the Kindergarten teachers, meet other staff members and see the Kindergarten classrooms. The visit for group A will begin at 8:30 am and finish at 9:45 am. The visit for group B will begin at 10:00 am and finish at 11:15 am.

**KA Greenhouse and Gardens Project:** Our Knowlton Academy Greenhouse and Gardens Project is officially underway with the students. Here is our news from Jen Harrison, our “KA Gardens” co-ordinator. **Knowlton Academy School Garden:** After many months of planning, meetings and organization, we have the go ahead to begin building our school garden! In the upcoming month the greenhouse, raised beds, deer fence and gardens will become a reality. The garden will serve as a unique and inspiring teaching tool while it nourishes our students' bodies and minds. If you would like to volunteer in the construction of the garden, have excess seeds or an unused boat or canoe (to be used as a raised bed garden), please contact the school. Here are two videos about school gardens to enjoy.

[https://www.nfb.ca/film/crack\\_in\\_pavement\\_digging\\_in/](https://www.nfb.ca/film/crack_in_pavement_digging_in/)

<https://www.barnraiser.us/projects/kids-getting-local-with-real-food>

**Art Exhibit:** Examples of students' art work will be on display in the main hallway on May 18. While visiting the Kindergarten Orientation, Sec. 1 play and KA Book Fair, please take time to enjoy the wonderful art projects produced by our students under the artistic leadership of Mme. JoJo .

**Book Fair:** The final book fair of the year will be held on May 18 in the library. Students must be accompanied by parents. Cash and Interac available. No credit cards. Hours are 8:10 – 11:40, 12:40 – 2:40, 5:30 to 7:30.

**Choir:** Knowlton Academy's choir will be performing at the AAESQ/QESBA Provincial Annual Administrators English School Boards Conference at Chateau Bromont along with other ETSB students on May 25 at the opening ceremonies. Rygel Dagenais will be accompanying the choir with his cello as well as playing during registration. Amelia Macey will also perform at the Conference closing ceremonies on May 27.

**Library books:** Please check desks, lockers and at home for any unreturned library books. Send them in as soon as possible. You will be receiving a bill for any books that are not returned.

**Earth Day:** Knowlton Academy did a clean-up in the school yard on Thursday, April 20, organized by Student Parliament.

**Volunteer Appreciation:** At Knowlton Academy, our excellent volunteers help to make our school a better place. As a token of our appreciation for their generosity of time and caring, we

are hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Thursday, June 1. Sarah Mather Raymond, a long-time volunteer at Knowlton Academy was nominated and celebrated at a celebration at the school board on April 26 as our Volunteer of the Year. Congratulations, Sarah!

**Music Lessons:** Our guitar lessons have ended. Violin lessons will end May 17. I am so pleased with how well the students have done with their instruments. A huge thank you to Joel Patch for giving the guitar lessons and to Charles Gregory for the violin lessons. Most of our music students have shown great perseverance! We hope to have the programs up and running again next year and hopefully continue with piano, as well. Our violin students will be inviting their families to a small concert and celebration on Wednesday, May 17 at 12:15 in our library. An invitation will go home next week.

**Bistro:** Our last Bistro of the year was on Friday, April 21. The Village Readers and their students were invited guests. Thank you to Miss Kathleena and Mrs. Budd for their wonderful mentorship with our Bistro students for a job well done.

**Gum and Hats:** Gum is **only** permitted **in** class with permission of the teacher to allow for better concentration. Hats are not to be worn inside the school.

**Physical Education News:** May is “Mois de l’Éducation Physique et du Sport Étudiant” (MEPSÉ). Students, staff and parents are encouraged to take part in daily physical activity. Staying fit and healthy is an everyday endeavour and the sooner it is adopted, the better your life will be! “Mens sana in corpore sano.” Get out and play; be active as a family!

The following weeks will also be used for fitness testing during PEH classes. Results will be used to select the Track & Field team, scheduled to compete at MVHS in Cowansville on Saturday, June 10th, 2017. Some 85 students were involved last year and we hope to see similar numbers again in 2017. Several after-school practices will be held in the 2 weeks before the event.

Lastly, you now have 7 weeks to get ready for this area’s largest athletic event and one of the most popular running events in Québec: The Tour du Lac Brome. The K9 (Canicross) event will again take place on Friday June 16th; see dogs and their masters race through the woods! Trail, country road and paved road events to be held on Saturday the 17th and Sunday the 18th. Visit [tourdulacbrome.com](http://tourdulacbrome.com) for more details; **register through your school to benefit from TBL resident rates.** You can E-mail me for more details: [lemaitren@edu.etsb.qc.ca](mailto:lemaitren@edu.etsb.qc.ca)

**Public Speaking:** On May 7, Ben McAuley and Aidan Meacher will compete at the next level of the Optimist Public Speaking/Oratorical competition in Orford.

**Sec. 1 Play:** This year's Secondary One Play- Complaint Department and Lemonade by Kamron Klitgaard- will be presented on Thursday, May 18. There will be an afternoon performance for KA students and staff. Parents and members of the community are invited to the evening performance at 7 pm. Tickets are \$5 and will be available from Sec.1 or at the door. A snack bar will be open before the show. All proceeds from the evening will go towards the Sec. 1 trip to Montreal. We hope the show will have you laughing out loud and we thank you all for your support.

**Student Parliament News:Dance:** Student Parliament is hosting a dance for Cycle 3 and Secondary 1 students on Friday, June 2. More info to follow. All proceeds will go toward sending our Afghan girls to school once again next year at the Zabuli Education Center with the Razia's Ray of Hope Foundation.

**Razia Do A Job At Home Fundraiser:** Between May 29 and June 8, we will be asking all of our students to do jobs at home to raise funds to be able to continue to send our Afghan girls to school next year. We need to raise \$900 in all. More details to come.

**ETSB Music Festival:** Congratulations to the K.A. choir on their beautiful singing on Monday, April 10 at Massey-Vanier. Thank you so much to Lucy Hoblyn for all your dedication with the choir. It was an amazing, joyous show.

**Dates to remember:**

May 2: Grade 4 vaccinations

May 2: PPO at 6:30

May 5: Grade 3 Math Competition at Waterloo Elementary

May 7: Kids Speak Out/Oratorical

May 11: MV Orientation for Grade 6 and Sec. 1

May 11: Last Homework Program

May 16: Governing Board at 6:15

May 17: Violin concert at 12:15

May 18 – Kindergarten Orientation, no school for current kindergarten students

May 18: Sec. 1 Play for students at 1:00, for parents at 6:30 pm.

May 18: Art Exhibit

May 18: Book Fair in library

**May 19: Ped Day**

**May 22: Victoria Day (no school for students or staff).**

May 29: Grade 6 class trip to Laval

May 29: June 8 – Razia – 'Do a job at home' fundraiser

June 1: Volunteer Appreciation supper 5:00 pm

June 2: School dance for grades 5, 5/6, 6 and Sec. 1

June 6: Renaissance Lac-Brome Program with Grades 3 and 4, Talent Show in gym in pm.

June 7 Grade 5 class trip to Montreal Science Center/Old Port

June 7: Talent Show 1:30 in gym

June 8: 4M and 6B to Environment Sutton outing

June 9: No longer a Ped Day. Daycare Talent Show

June 10: Track and Field at Massey-Vanier

June 12-16 Gr. 6 Math Exam

June 15: Kindergarten to Grimper Partout for year-end trip

June 19 & 20: Sec. 1 to Montreal for year-end trip

June 20: Grades 1S, 1/2B, 2M to Granby Zoo for year-end trip

June 21: Grades 3L, 3/4L, 4M to Camp Livingstone for year-end trip

June 21 Gr. 6 Graduation 1 – 2 p.m.

June 22: Kindergarten Celebration of Learning and last day for kindergarten students

June 23: End of Term 3 and last student day. Assembly and BBQ



## 2017 Lunch Menu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1 Hot chicken sandwiches, mashed potatoes and peas	2 Shepherd's pie	3 Grilled cheese and bacon, raw veggies	4 Lasagna and salad	5 Party burgers	6
7	8 Macaroni and cheese and veggies	9 Sausage, mashed potatoes and veggies	10 Salad bar	11 Baked fish, rice and veggies	12 Chicken burgers	13
14	15 Waffles, fruit and whipped cream	16 Chili and nachos	17 Chicken pie, mashed potatoes and veggies	18 Beef macaroni	19 No school	20
21	22 No school	23 Half club and salad	24 Ham, mashed potatoes and veggies	25 'Make your own salad bar' All kinds of lettuce and veggies and choose your own dressing	26 Pizza and salad	27
28	29 Sloppy Joes and raw veggies	30 Pancakes, fruit and syrup	31 Spaghetti and garlic bread			