

Knowlton Academy Newsletter

October 2019



Dear Families,

September has flown by – it was so busy with getting to know each other in our new class families, cross country, garden activities, garden media day, a wonderful, very special harvest lunch last Friday followed by our Terry Fox Run and a visit by our MNA, Isabelle Charest, who put a lovely post on her facebook page. I know we will have a grand year ahead.

*****Please note, there is absolutely NO SMOKING on school property, whether during school hours or outside of school hours.*****

Here is our October News:

Annual General Assembly and Meet the Teachers: On September 12, Knowlton Academy had its 2019-20 Annual General Assembly and Meet the Teachers evening. Thank you to everyone who came out. Here is our KA Governing Board. **Parents** – Lisa Simard (Chair) Natalie Marcoux, Dominique Charland, Melissa Cahill, Lisa Simard, Terence Mansell, Elena Frantova, Gaelle Delorme, Michel Simard (alternate). **Staff members** are Sheila Perry, Sarah Lenz, Emilie Roy-Seguin, Debbie Melanson, Sue Garneau, Ann Staton, Josée Dufresne. Commissioner is Richard Gagnon, Principal is Renalee Gore, Central Parent's Committee Rep is Terry Mansell. Meeting dates are September 30, November 4, December 6, February 3, March 23, and May 25 at 6:15. Meetings are open to all.

PPO News: On behalf of the Parent Participation Organization (PPO), I would like to inform you that we had our first PPO meeting on September 24 and elected our council: Kimberlea Whitehead (Chair), Abigail Allen (Vice-Chair), Aleutia Funderburg (Secretary) and Nicole Clements (Treasurer). Our year has gotten off to a wonderful start and we have several new PPO Members! Congratulations to these new members and our sincerest welcome! **Our next meeting is October 22 at 6:30.**

Coffee Fundraiser October 4 – 25: Everyone was so excited about getting started selling coffee we decided to start early, **forms will be going home Friday, October 4th with your child."**

There will also be another Family Bingo night December 6! Stay tuned for more information.

If you have questions on how you can help, donate, or contribute in your own way, please do not hesitate to contact the PPO (kimberlea_whitehead@hotmail.com).

KA Garden: The garden got off to a great start this year with lots of activity. The students have been busy harvesting and working. Our outdoor kitchen was completed and looks wonderful, the kids can now pick, prep, cook and eat right there in the garden! Our perennial space is coming along very nicely and has a beautiful new arbor. This month, we will be completing the harvest, the beginning of construction for our new pergola and putting the garden to sleep for the winter. We had some very exciting visits as well last month from CTV news, La Voix de L'est, Le Guide and Isabel Charest. We are very proud!

Theatre Lac- Brome: Come see Les Foutoukours at Théâtre Lac-Brome on October 27th at 2 pm!

Two clowns who, through their quarrels, acrobatics and solitary moments, touch your heart and make you laugh. A balancing act and more are sure to make you sing and dance! Adult tickets are priced at \$30. Children aged 14 years and more come for only \$10. Children (teens) aged 13 years and younger come for free! Call TLB at (450) 242-2270 to reserve your tickets now! Don't miss this great family activity!

Odyssey Program: Coming from the Drummondville area, Éric Leroux is our French Second Language Monitor (Odyssey Program) for the 2019-2020 school year. He has a lot of work experience with children. In collaboration with our F.S.L. teachers, Éric works in classrooms with whole groups and with little groups of students as well. We already appreciate his positive attitude and his extra support.

August/September Birthdays: Mrs. Gore will be giving out birthday cards and books shortly for those birthdays.

School Fees: **Deadline for paying school fees was September 30.** If you were unable to pay the full amount by that time, please see the office to set up a payment plan. You can send post-dated cheques.

Important Papers: Please return any and all forms (if applicable) – Health, Field Trip, Internet, About My Child, etc. to the teachers as soon as possible.

Peanut-Free School: A friendly reminder that we are a peanut-free school.

Kitchen/Cafeteria: On September 13, we had our new kitchen/cafeteria unveiling to our donors, many of whom had never been to Knowlton Academy before this, but wanted to support our students. Most were very taken with our school, how lovely, welcoming and vibrant it is with so much that we offer our students. We are now ordering new cafeteria tables (round and long) which will make our transformation complete. They should arrive before Christmas.

Knowlton Academy Student Parliament/WE Group: Our Student Parliament is in the process of being formed. This year, we will have a separate “WE Group” to allow more students to participate. More news to come on our WE campaigns for this year and student parliament activities. As part of our WE SCHOOL involvement we will once again participate in the WE SCARE HUNGER campaign. During October, we will be asking KA families to donate non-perishable food items in support of the Knowlton Food Bank. Details to follow. KA will participate in the WE ARE SILENT campaign in November. We will raise awareness of the many children whose voices go unheard by taking a vow of silence.

Clothing/Dress Code: We are reinforcing our dress code policy. Any student not wearing their uniform from Monday to Thursday, will miss their free dress Friday that week. We do have some gently used clothes available here for a donation. Navy uniform clothing and gym t-shirts and hoodies are available for purchase at Toro Graphix. (605C Knowlton Road)

Rainy Day Toys: If you have any fun things in good shape to donate for our rainy day bins, please bring them by.

Evaluation of Learning Standards and Procedures: You should have received your summary sheets for the 2019-2020 Standards and Procedures for your child’s Evaluation of Learning. This is a summary of what will be evaluated and the reporting dates for the school year. These were sent home on September 30.

Interim Reports: You should receive your child’s Interim Report on Thursday, October 10.

Dance Program: Our Dance Program run by Heather Croghan will start October 7 to February 28. More details to come. This is for our Cycle 3 and Sec. 1 students.

Music Program: Violin with Charles Gregory will start in the next while. We will shortly be ‘recruiting’ our violin students, new and returning. Guitar, Robotics and other activities are still to come.

Village Reads: Our Village Reads program started up again this week. Sheila Perry is the school co-ordinator again this year. Thank you to Sheila and our wonderful volunteers.

Knowlton Literary Festival: Sheree Fitch, best selling children’s book author of over 30 books will be giving 3 sessions to our K - Sec. 1 students on Friday, October 18. As always, the students will be well-prepared for Sheree’s visit, reading her books and learning all about her. Please visit www.knowltonliteraryfestival.ca for information on an amazing weekend with top Canadian authors. Sheree will be giving a 2-session workshop on ‘how to write stories for children’ Saturday 9:30 – 12 and Sunday 9:00 – 11:00. \$30 registration required.

Weather: The temperature outside is changing and students should dress appropriately including wearing a vest or a jacket to go outside and to come to school. We go outside every day at a.m. and p.m. recess and lunch hour unless in extreme weather conditions, wearing appropriate clothing is therefore very important.

Fire Drills: We had our first successful fire drill practice on Wednesday, October 2 with the fire department and will have two more throughout October and November. We encourage you to do evacuation practices at home with your children so they know what to do in case of a real emergency situation.

Lost and Found: There are already too many items in the Lost and Found. PLEASE PUT YOUR CHILDREN'S NAMES ON THEIR CLOTHING so they are easier to identify and encourage them to check the Lost and Found. Clothing with no names will be given away at the end of each term except for uniform clothing which will be washed and reused.

Attendance: Please call the school at 450-243-6187 and leave a message when your child is going to be absent or late.

Thanksgiving Monday is October 14 and therefore it's a holiday for staff and students.

Ped Day: October 21 is Election Day, already a Ped Day, so Daycare is open. The activity is Halloween Fun with Zombie rock painting, followed by Halloween games in the afternoon. \$20 for the day. (\$16 for Daycare, \$4 extra for the activity) For more information, do not hesitate to contact Debbie at 450-242-1336.

Occasional Bus Transportation: **Requests must be on the special form attached to this newsletter.** We have included 3 passes on one page. Please make copies to keep on hand, as hand-written notes will no longer be accepted. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Repair and Damage Policy 2019-20. Knowlton Academy Cycle 3/Secondary 1: ETSB is no longer offering parents insurance for our Cycle 3 and Secondary 1's Chromebooks. Each school is now charged at the beginning of the year based on the previous years cost and student population. ETSB has decided that each school's Governing Board will set a maximum amount for damage, breakage, loss. At our Governing Board of September 30, it was decided that for unintentional damage, the maximum to parents would be one third of the repair cost. In the case of willful damage, the maximum charge would be half of the repair cost.

Student Illness: When a student is ill at school. He/she may call home from the classroom but MUST be signed out at the office by the adult picking them up before leaving. It is critical that there are working emergency phone numbers (parent and at least one other) in case of illness, accident, school closing, etc.

Lice: As a reminder, please check your child's head regularly for any signs of lice.

Fall Fun Day: Thursday, October 31 in the afternoon. Come check out the deals on toys, games and books. Do your fall clean-up and donate to the school! Profits go to the purchase and maintenance of ski equipment for the KA Ski Program, now in its 50th year!

Passion Days: This year, we will be trying passion blocks with our students once a month. Everyone will get to sign up for an activity from a list of staff's passions. What fun!

Sports News: KA Athletics again hosted the first ETEAA event of the calendar with our annual Cross-Country; it was held, on September 25th, at Lion's Park. Some 73 KA students attended after almost 3 weeks of training. They proudly wore their purple t-shirts/black shorts and did very well representing KA: girls in Class 2, 3 and 4 won banners while Jasmine Mierzwinski, Claire Simard, Evan and Jayleen Flores-Lavigne, Jada Manson, Maggie Labelle and Colton Richardson climbed on the podium for some medals. For the second year in a row, Sutton won top honours going home with the Hamilton Cup as Overall Champion. Some 514 students from 8 schools participated; congratulations to all!

Several students, based on their good preparation and results at the ETEAA XC were invited to the RSEQ Regional XC Championship, to be held in Longueuil on Saturday, October 19th. Please consult the school web-page for more detailed information on Athletic events.

Next week, we will again host an event with the ETEAA Division 4 Soccer Festival. On Thursday, October 10th, at Lion's Park grade 2-3-4 students will play 5-a-side soccer, coached and reffed by Secondary 1 & Grade 6 students. This event is all about participation, fun and exercise. Parent volunteers needed to supervise teams. Make sure you fill in your permission slip and mention if you are available!

On October 17th, things will get little more serious with Division 1 (9-a-side soccer) and Division 2-3 (7-a-side soccer) at Lion's Park. More info to be sent home shortly along with permission slips. PARENT COACHES DESPERATELY NEEDED!

Once soccer season is done, we will move into Basketball; tournament @ MVHS on the evening of November 29th for Division 2-3 teams. More info to come in November.
Do not hesitate to get in touch if you have questions or if you are available to help!

Actively yours,

Nicolas Lemaître

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Please mark these important dates on your calendar. In the interest of saving paper, we do not always send reminders prior to the event. It is important that you mark these dates down and keep the newsletter in a safe place for future reference.

Dates to Remember:

September 30 – School Fees due. Please set up a payment plan if you haven't already done so.
October 4 – 25 – PPO Coffee fundraiser. Order forms going home October 4.
October 4 – Deadline for Terry Fox money and forms
October 8 – **PHOTO DAY** – 8: 20 Kindergarten to Grade 6 wear your uniform.
October 8 – Main dans la Main Mobile clinic at KA 9:00 – 12:00
October 8 and 10 – No Sparks, Brownies or Guides this week.
October 9 – Kindergarten will be going apple picking in the morning.
October 10 – Interim Reports go home, Passion Day - Period 5
October 10 – Div. 4 Soccer Festival @ Lion's Park
October 14 – Thanksgiving Holiday – No School
October 15 and 17 – Sparks, Brownies and Guides begin for 2019-20
October 17 – Div. 1, 2, and 3 Soccer @ Lion's Park
October 18 – Author Sheree Fitch at KA
October 19 – RSEQ Regional Cross-Country in Longueuil
October 21 - Ped Day, Daycare is open. Federal Election Day
October 22 – Grade 4 vaccines, PPO meeting at 6:30
October 24 – MV Open House
October 28 – Governing Board workshop at Massey-Vanier from 7:00 to 9:30
October 31 – Fall Fun Day
November 1 – End of Term 1

“Being present in school has a big impact on student success!”

Knowlton Academy Fundraiser Virgin Hill Coffee

Start Date: Friday, October 4, 2019

End Date: Friday, October 25, 2019 - Any orders received after this date will not be counted in the prize giveaways

Dear Parents:

It is time! Attached to this letter is an order form. Each bag will be sold for \$6 with over 50% of sales going directly to the school. K-Cups will be sold according to quantities in a box. **Please send the order forms and funds back to school once collected (please return the form even if you have not sold coffee).**

Please put the form and total payment in an envelope/ziploc with your child's name clearly marked.

Please ensure that all cheques are made payable to *Knowlton Academy*.
As an extra incentive, we have several prizes up for grabs:

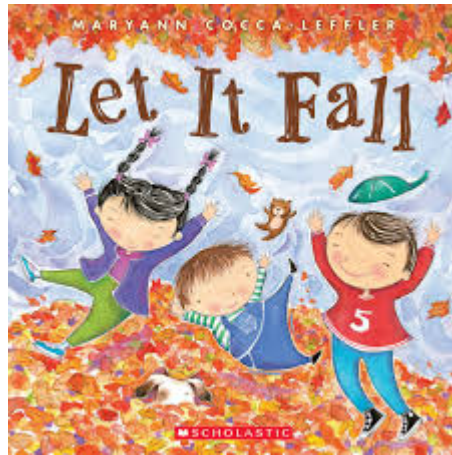
- \$100 to the student who sells the most (in dollars)
- \$75 for 2nd best seller
- \$25 for 3rd best seller
- Class prize of \$100 for the class with the highest participation.

No bags or k-cups will be given out if the exact payment is not included with the forms .

We ask that the forms and payment be returned by **Friday, October 25**. You will receive a note home to say when and where the coffee orders can be picked up. It will be at the school sometime during the first week of November.

Your commitment to this fundraiser is so important to help us achieve our fundraising goals and on behalf of the students, we again thank you for your support.

Your KA PPO Team



October 2019 Lunch Menu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30 Chicken Pie Mashed potatoes	1 Pancakes, syrup and sausage	2 Shepherd's pie	3 Lasagna and Caesar salad	4 Pizza and salad	5
6	7 Sloppy Joes, raw veggies	8 Grilled cheese and bacon, tomato soup	9 Ham, mashed potatoes and vegetables	10 Chicken guedilles with raw veggies	11 Chicken burgers and macaroni salad	12
13	14 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING	15 Tacos, raw veggies	16 Spaghetti, garlic bread	17 Chicken pie, mashed potatoes, carrots	18 Party burgers, Caesar salad	19
20	21 PED DAY (DAYCARE IS OPEN)	22 Macaroni and cheese, raw veggies	23 Half club, greek potatoes	24 Meatballs with rice and veggies	25 Egg McMuffins with cheese and bacon, home fries and veggies	26
27	28 Chicken tacos, raw veggies	29 Beef macaroni	30 Waffles, fruit, whipped cream	31 Special Halloween meal		

Knowlton School Choir Fall 2019

This year the choir has some very exciting projects but until Christmas we will be working on the play Charlie Brown's Christmas in collaboration with Theatre Lac-Brome. The performance will be on December 14th and the children will be performing with a professional jazz band. There will be a compulsory dress rehearsal on December 14th in the afternoon. They will also have an opportunity to perform it at a school Christmas concert. I will be choosing the character parts from the choir members and we will be practicing the play during choir rehearsals. If your child is interested in being part of this show, they must be totally committed to attending rehearsals as it is a short rehearsal period. Please avoid doctor's appointments etc. If they miss too many rehearsals, their part will be given to someone else. I will also expect the children to be respectful and attentive when they are at rehearsal.

The practices will be starting up again on Wednesday October 9th. The choir practice will run from right after school until 4:30pm upstairs in the art room. If they are not in daycare, they will need to be picked up promptly.

I welcome students from kindergarten to grade seven. Please complete the form below and return it before October 9th. Once you have committed your child to the choir practices they will not be allowed to go home on the bus or stay in daycare without a note saying so.

Choir 2019

Child's Name _____ Grade _____

Your Name _____ Phone number _____

Email _____ Alt. phone # _____

Other contact information (ie. Grandparent, caretaker) _____

Signed _____



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Moving ahead. Together. | Aller de l'avant. Ensemble.

Occasional bus pass

I confirm that _____ upon parental request has permission to ride on bus:
Student Name

Route #: _____ Address: _____ AM ☐
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Date Knowlton Academy
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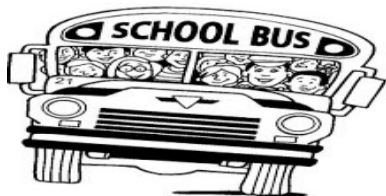
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