

December 2019



Dear Families,

Well, what a month November has been and winter has not even officially started. Two snow days before December 1. I honestly can't remember that ever happening. I think it will be a long winter! Thank you to all those who attended parent interviews. Term 1 flew by. Our 50th year of skiing kicks off on January 21. We will have to do some special things to celebrate. December will be jam-packed. Just 3 weeks are left until Christmas break!!

To all of you, from all of us, I wish you "Happy Holidays" and the very best for 2020.

Our '**Anxiety in Our Children**' workshop twice postponed is this Wednesday, December 4 from 6:30 – 8. It is not too late to sign up – gorer@etsb.qc.ca It is an important and ever present issue. Don't miss it!

WE Group: On Wednesday, November 20, Knowlton Academy students spoke up with silence by participating in the We Are Silent campaign. Cycle 3 and Sec. 1 students were silent for an hour in honor of all the children in the world whose voices go unheard. The day also celebrated the 30th anniversary of the United Nations Declaration of The Rights of the Child. All our younger KA students went silent for 20 minutes all together in the cafeteria. Two 'dress down' days in November and December will raise funds to support the We Are Silent initiative. For our November 27 'dress down day', we are happy to report that we raised \$205.

Knowlton Academy has also been busy supporting our local community- we collected over 720 items for the TBL Food Bank during our WE Scare Hunger campaign. This year we also had support from our Anglican Church, St. Paul's. Thank you to Rev. Tim Wiebe and everyone who donated.

Please check the newsletter for upcoming WE events.

School Cancellation: In the case of unexpected school cancellation, please note that daycare will also not be open. Please check the ETSB website and FB page and Mix96, CJAD, CBC 91.7, TVA/TELE 7 and Global TV.

Ped Day December 6: No school for students. **Daycare will be open.** Due to 2 snow days in November, **we have lost the Ped Days of March 27 and May 15.**

Dance: Our last Dance class is Monday, December 16 and classes will resume on January 13, 2020. Thanks to Heather Croghan!

Violin: Violin lessons end on December 10,11,12 depending on the group and resume the week of January 13. Thank you to Charles Gregory.

Robotics/ Coding - Program Volunteer Urgently Needed

Knowlton Academy is looking for 1-2 people that would be able and interested in taking over our Robotics Program. We have a wealth of robotic and coding equipment and devices to support them. We have a lot of keen students that are waiting for someone to get our program going again this year. Our wonderful parent who ran this program for several years is unable to continue this year. For the past few years the program has run lunch hours one time a week, but it could be more and even to have an after school club as well for really serious kids.

Please let me know if you are interested as soon as possible. We have some very anxious students. You can email me at gorer@etsb.qc.ca or give me a call- **450 243 6187 ext. 10910**

Church Service: No details at this time.

Wednesday, December 18 – Geordie Productions “The Water Chronicles” at 9:00 a.m. It is sure to be another wonderful production.

Wednesday, December 18th Holiday Dinner: Holiday Dinner will be served to students this year at a cost of \$5. This amount does not cover the total cost of the meal, but the balance will be covered by the generous donations from different organizations. Dinner will be served at about 11:00 and **no other food will be available**. Don’t forget to send your child with snacks and drinks for recess as they will not be able to purchase any on this day. If your child does not want the dinner of turkey, potatoes and vegetables, please send them with a **cold lunch. No microwaves will be available.**

Thursday, December 19 – KA choir presents ‘You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown’ at 2 p.m. Parents welcome to join us. Daycare will be presenting a play, as well.

PPO News: FAMILY BINGO NIGHT TO SUPPORT KNOWLTON ACADEMY'S SKI PROGRAM. Knowlton Academy is having another family bingo night on Thursday, December 5th with all proceeds going to the ski program. Our ski program is celebrating its 50th year! So let's help raise money for this wonderful program.

Doors open at 6pm

Games from 6:30 - 8:00pm

The cost is \$1 for 2 cards

New cards are bought each round

Baked treats with a Christmas theme and drinks will be available for purchase

Great prizes for adults and kids!

Please join us for some family fun for a great cause!

Thursday, December 5th

6:30-8:00pm

Knowlton Academy cafeteria

PPO News: On behalf of the Parent Participation Organization (PPO), we would like to thank our students, parents and community who helped make the Virgin Hill Coffee fundraiser a huge success. Thank you to all who supported our 'Recipes in a Jar' campaign. Happy Holidays from KA PPO!

Our next PPO meeting will be held in January at 6:30. Date to be determined.

Friday, December 20 - Pancake Breakfast and Pyjama Day: We will welcome in the holidays with our annual Pancake Breakfast. In the interest of the environment, **please have your child bring in a plate, fork and cup in a bag** that they can bundle up after breakfast and take back home to wash. Volunteers are still needed, and if you are able to help, please email Jessica Page - Jessijade@hotmail.com. We would like the volunteers to start as early as 7:15 so we can be ready to serve the students at 8:20. Similarly, **donations of syrup would also be greatly appreciated!** **There will be cafeteria services available for lunch on this day.** All students are welcome to wear their pyjamas today.

Phys. Ed. News: Friday, November 29th, Division 1 & 2, Girls and Boys, @ Massey-Vanier High School in Cowansville (from 16h00 to 19h30)

Tuesday, December 10 – Div. 3 Boys Basketball @ KA (9h to 14h)

Wednesday, December 11 – Div. 3 Girls Basketball @ Parkview (9h to 14h)

Ski Program on its 50th year, and counting!

This unique experience generates certain costs; 1 child for each day of skiing:

- ☐ Lift ticket AND a 90 minute ski lesson in a group: \$13/day
- ☐ CSIA skier progression certification tag at the end of the program.
- ☐ Bus transportation to the hill and back: \$5/day
- ☐ Equipment rental: FREE, provided by Knowlton Academy: \$0/day
- ☐ **\$18/day x 5 days = \$90**

***Please send your contribution no later than January 17th, 2020.** Settle your fee before the deadline and earn a chance at a draw where you can win \$90; one child per cycle and one in Sec. 1.

Want to volunteer and help with the Ski Program? Get ready and be prepared:

- ☐ Indoor session @ KA, 18h30-20h30, on Wednesday January 15th, 2020;
- ☐ On snow session @ Mont Sutton, 12h30-15h00, on Friday, January 17th, 2020.

Volunteers get a FREE day ticket for the "on snow" session and all Ski Program days.

Please e-mail AND return your volunteer slip (to be provided shortly in your info package) to Nicolas Lemaître, KA PEH Teacher, NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 20th, 2019.

Who skis when?

- ☐ 2 Mosher, 2 Thomson, 3 Lemay, 4 Neil, 5-6 Longpré, 6 Garneau to ski on TUESDAYS, Jan 21, Jan 28, Feb 4, 11, 18, 2020.
- ☐ 1 Staton, 1 Quilliams, 3 Lenz, 4 Leroux, 5 Bloom, Sec 1 Perry to ski on THURSDAYS, Jan 23, 30, Feb 6, 13, 20, 2020.

Terry Fox: The amount raised this year was over \$2670. Thanks for all the efforts.

January 6, 2020 – Jan. 6 is a PP Day and we still have available spaces in the Daycare. We are planning all kinds of great activities. Please call Debbie at 450-242-1336 for more information, and if you are interested, to sign up.

Sign-out: Always remember to sign your children out at the office if you are picking them up. Notes are needed by 8:10 during Homeroom for any changes to pick up, bus or daycare at end of day. If you forget to send in a note, please make alternate arrangements. Classes/teachers cannot be disturbed during class to pass on late messages and this can result in children not going to the right place. **Phone calls to the office to make changes will not be accepted, except for extreme emergencies.**

Addresses and Phone numbers: For safety and security reasons, all Knowlton Academy students should know their addresses and phone numbers. Students from Grade 3 and up must know how to write them as well. Thank you for your co-operation.

Term 1 Report Cards: Thank you to all those that came in for interviews on November 20 and who have arranged another time to meet your children's teachers. Please note that an interview by one parent is required for Term 1.

Facebook Page: For updated information about school news/activities, be sure to sign up for the Knowlton Academy Now Facebook Page.

We will welcome students back to school on Tuesday, January 7, 2020.
Happy and Safe Holidays One and All.

Renalee Gore
Principal

Dates to Remember:

November 30 - Lion's Club Santa Claus Parade at 1:00

December 1 - Club Optimiste Brunch at KA 10:15 - noon,

December 6 - Ped Day. Daycare is open.

December 7 - Saturday - Midnight Madness. Support your local merchants. Lots of fun! Take time to look at the lanterns in Coldbrook Park decorated by KA students.

December 10 - Div. 3 Boys Basketball at KA

December 11 - Div. 3 Girls Basketball at Parkview

December 13 - Last Village Reads until after the holiday

December 14 - Lion's Club Christmas basket pickup at KA

December 16 - Governing Board 6:15 p.m.

December 18 - Geordie Production - 9:00 a.m.

December 18 - Holiday Dinner

December 19 - Charlie Brown play and Daycare play, 5/6L and 6G to Artopex in a.m.

December 20 - Pancake Breakfast, PJ Day, 1st deadline for SKI PROGRAM

VOLUNTEERS

Holiday Break - December 23 to January 6.

December 28 - Fireworks at Coldbrook Park at 6:00 p.m., Backup is the 29th

January 6, 2020 - PP Day. See you on the 7th

January 15 and 17 - Ski sessions for volunteers

January 17 - Deadline to pay ski fees to enter the draw

January 28 to February 8 - Registration for 2020-2021

CLUB OPTIMISTE DE LAC-BROME



Un cadeau à chaque enfant!

JOUR ET HEURE : Dimanche, le 1er décembre 2019, de 10h15 À 12h00

ENDROIT: Knowlton Academy, 81 Victoria, Knowlton

BRUNCH: Fèves au lard, saucisses, bacon, patates rissolées, rôties, oeufs brouillés, jus et café.

PRIX: **GRATUIT** pour les 12 ans et moins accompagnés d'un adulte.
5\$ pour les 13 à 17 ans
8\$ pour les adultes

**UNE BELLE SORTIE
AVEC LES ENFANTS**

Info: (450) 2 4 3 - 0 3 2 5



BROME LAKE OPTIMIST CLUB



A gift for every child!

DAY AND TIME: Sunday, December 1st, 2019 from 10:15 a.m. to 12h00 p.m.

PLACE: Knowlton Academy, 81 Victoria, Knowlton

BRUNCH: Beans, sausages, bacon, home potatoes, toast, scrambled eggs, juice and coffee.

PRICE: **FREE** for kids up to 12 years old accompanied with an adult.
\$5 for ages 13 to 17 years old
\$8 for adults.

**A PLEASANT EVENT
WITH THE KIDS**

INFO: (450) 2 4 3 - 0 3 2 5





Christmas Menu - Wednesday, December 18th

Roast Turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, gravy,
vegetables, tourtière, pickles, bread and butter

Ice cream cups and candy canes

Juice box

Cost to parents: \$5.00

Please send money in to the homeroom teacher by Friday, December 13th.

As stated in the newsletter, the school will cover the balance of \$1.00 due to generous donations from different organizations. No other food will be available so don't forget to send your child with snacks for recess. If your child does not want the dinner of turkey, potatoes and vegetables, please send them with a cold lunch.

Thank you and have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, from Wanda and Chantale.



2019 Lunch Menu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Beef Macaroni	3 Chicken tacos, coleslaw and veggies	4 Spaghetti Garlic bread	5 Grilled cheese and bacon Tomato soup	6 PED DAY	7
8	9 Sloppy Joes Raw veggies	10 Pancakes and syrup with fruit	11 Salad bar	12 Shepherd's pie	13 Lasagna and salad	14
15	16 Chili Nachos Raw veggies	17 Tacos Raw veggies	18 Christmas dinner	19 Half club Greek potatoes	20 Pizza and salad	21
22	23 Holiday	24 Holiday	25 Holiday	26 Holiday	27 Holiday	28

Christmas Dinner: Please pay by the 13th of December. Thank you.

Meal includes: Turkey, Dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, pickles. Ice cream cups, juice, milk, water

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Wanda and Chantale