

March News 2020



Dear Families,

I hope everyone has a lovely Spring Break, whether here or away and that you get to enjoy some time together. Spring is just a wee bit away! Really! Once again the year is flying by!

Here is our March news.

2020-2021 Registration: If your child or the child of someone you know wishes to register as a new student for the upcoming school year (Kindergarten or any other grade), please call the office to schedule an appointment with Brenda Scott (450-243-6187). Please circulate the news throughout the community. Our Registration period has ended but we accept registrations any time, however the sooner the better as we need numbers for staffing. Help our KA family to grow and grow!

School Fees: Please send in outstanding school fees, daycare fees and ski fees as soon as possible. Those with outstanding fees can expect a phone call from Mrs. Gore before sending to Collection.

Kids Speak Out/Oratorical: Congratulations to all participants in the Public Speaking Competition that was held on Sunday, February 23rd at the Lakeview! For Kids Speak Out Elementary competition, there was Jada Manson in First place who is going on to the Zone competition. Declan O'Brien placed first in the oratorical competition. Both students will be moving on to the next level competition on Sunday, April 5 in Bromont. Great speeches were also given by Olivia Brown-Gauthier, Isabel Marks, Neven Dagenais, Lucas Giguere, Dawson Albers, Isabel Fortin and Eaden Muir. We are so proud of you all!

Governing Board: Our next meeting will be held on Monday, March 23 at 6:15.

PPO: The PPO is planning a major fundraiser for the month of March in order to help students raise funds for their end of year trips! Volunteers will be handing out papers the first week back to school after March break and allow all students, from all grade levels (kindergarten included) to sell for this. Profits from this fundraiser go DIRECTLY towards the cost of end of year class trips (per class). If a student doesn't sell anything, they risk having to pay for their part of a trip. So, the more kids sell, the less everyone has to pay! Stay tuned and SELL, SELL, SELL! More info to follow.

Welcome Student Teachers: Melissa Mason joined us in January until April with Sue Garneau's Grade 6 and Annie Lemay will welcome Marie-Eve Couture for 6 weeks right after March Break.

WE Day: Our WE Group, Mrs. Perry, Ms. Thomson and myself spent an inspiring day at WE Day 2020 on February 3 at St. Denis Theatre in Montreal. Knowlton Academy was honored for our garden/healthy eating. Jacob Rumsby was our spokesperson on stage. He made us very proud! It was such a privilege to be there and we all were very inspired to continue making a difference.

Knowlton Academy WE Group: For the last two weeks, the Knowlton Academy WE Group has been encouraging KA students to bring in their change. All change that is collected will be donated to WE Charities to purchase goats in developing countries. One dairy goat costs \$50 and

provides a sustainable source of income for a family and enriches their community. As of Thursday, February 27th our amazing KA community has donated \$538.35. That is enough to purchase 10 GOATS and far exceeds our goal of \$200. The final total will be published in the April newsletter. Thank you to all our amazing families for supporting this special cause and for continuing to help us raise global citizens.

Razia Girls Fundraiser: Thursday, May 7 – Soup for Education. A joint effort of our Student Parliament, Arts Program and Bistro Program. Join us from 11:15 to 12:15 or 12:30 to 1:30 for a lunch of soups, bread, tea, coffee, dessert for \$25. You choose your beautiful student-made pottery soup bowl and take it home after. Reserve your spot early as there are only 75 bowls, therefore 75 places. Reserve at gorer@etsb.qc.ca or 450-243-6187 x. 10901. Please help us keep Benafsha, Kreshma and Asma in school at the Zabuli Education Centre in Afghanistan. For more information on Razia's Ray of Hope Foundation, visit www.raziasrayofhope.org

K.A. Greenhouse and Garden project: The month of March marks the beginning of the 2020 garden season. More garden news to come in the coming weeks.

Volleyball: Volleyball Tournament at MVHS on Friday March 20, 2020, for Division 1 and 2 teams. Starts at 16h00 and done by 19h00; parents must plan transportation for children. Please get in touch with me by e-mail if you are available to help! lemaitren@edu.etsb.qc.ca

Library: Thanks to Kim Desrochers and a crew of new volunteers, our library will be open expanded hours including some recesses and noon hours.

Pottery: Pottery continues with Qita Reindler for grades 5 to Sec. 1.

Choir: The choir will be performing in two concerts in April. On April 7th, they will be once again competing in the choir/dance competition at the Palace Theatre in Granby. Then on April 20th the choir will spend the day with musicians from the schoolboard for the annual United in Music festival. In case of a snow day, the concert will be on the 21st.

Dance Troupe: Jessica Brown's dance troupe will also be performing on April 7 at the Palace from 6:30 to 8:30. Parents and family who wish to attend must purchase tickets at the door. Performers don't need tickets. More information to follow.

Dance: Thank you to Heather Croghan for your wonderful work with our Dance Troupe once again this year. They will put on an amazing final show on February 28. This will conclude dance for this year.

Gymnastics: finishes on February 28. Once again, thank you to Heather Croghan for this great program. Over 120 students were involved this year.

Skiing: Thank you to M. Lemaître, the staff and ALL our amazing volunteers who helped make our ski program a huge success once again this year. Happy 50th Anniversary!! There was a wonderful CBC interview – the link was sent home on February 25th. A 50-year celebration will be held at Theatre Lac-Brome on April 23 (5:00 to 7:00).

Guitar: Thank-you to Joel Patch for giving the after school guitar sessions this year. Twelve students will be involved Wednesday's after school – Feb 25, March 11, 18, 25.

Violin: Lessons continue with Charles Gregory on March 17 after spring break.

Yoga: 35 Grade 1 to Sec. 1 students will be taking yoga with Stanley Norris over lunch hour on March 13, 20 and April 3 and 17. No doubt some staff members will be joining in as well.

Artist at KA Week of March 16: Artist Angela Marsh will work with our art students with recyclable material. Thank you to Josée Bourbeau who has organized the week and will assemble the final products.

National Mural of Canada Project : On Thursday, March 26, all of our students will be involved in creating a mural funded and led by this Community Development Project. A letter will be sent home later in the month with more details including what the students should wear during this day.

Experiences Canada Exchange Trip : On Sunday, March 29, we will welcome 9 students and 2 teachers from Jaffrey, BC with a potluck supper for all 14 KA students and families and our BC group. We have a full week of exciting activities at school, in town, in the region and in Montreal, culminating with a pizza evening on Saturday, April 4 with our MP Lyne Bessette in attendance. The group will leave for BC early Sunday morning, April 5. Thank you to our host families and the other parents involved for your support and enthusiastic co-operation. Thank you to both Sheila Perry and Emilie Roy-Seguin for all their organization. (They will be leading our group on their trip to BC from April 26 to May 3) and to Sue Garneau, Kim Longpré, Nick Lemaître and Josée Bourbeau for their parts in ensuring this is a fabulous memorable week. How exciting !

Social Media : This is a friendly reminder that although social media can be a wonderful tool for sharing information and news, it can also be equally destructive. Just about all of our students have now been given a great lesson on digital citizenship by Ms. Bloom (Charlotte Coles). Students should also only have a facebook account if they are 13 or over. Parents, please also monitor your children's on-line use to ensure they are using it both safely and respectfully. Parents, if you have issues, concerns or complaints with Knowlton Academy, it is appreciated if you contact the school instead of airing it on Facebook. I understand sometimes you are frustrated or think we are not doing enough in certain situations but the place to air it is not on social media. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Dates to remember:

February 28 – Final Dance Show

March 2 to 6 – Spring Break

March 9 – Ped Day. Daycare is open.

March 12 – PPO fundraiser begins

March 19 – 3 Lenz, 4 Leroux – hiking at Mt. Sutton

March 20 – Volleyball tournament at MVHS

March 23 – Governing Board meeting at 6:15

March 27 – No longer a Ped Day. Regular school day, Last day of PPO fundraiser

March 29 – April 5 – Experiences Canada Exchange Group at KA

March 31 – PPO meeting

April 7 – Choir and dance troupe at Palace Theatre, Granby

April 8,9 – Pickup of PPO fundraiser

April 20 – ETSB Music Festival at MV, backup date is April 21



2020 Lunch Menu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 March Break	3 March Break	4 March Break	5 March Break	6 March Break	7
8	9 Ped Day	10 Macaroni and cheese and veggies	11 Tourtière, mashed potatoes and vegetables	12 Salad bar	13 Chicken burgers and salad	14
15	16 Waffles, fruit and whipped cream	17 Spaghetti and garlic bread	18 Grilled cheese and bacon, raw veggies	19 Chicken pie, potatoes and cooked vegetables	20 Pizza and Caesar salad	21
22	23 Chicken tacos and raw veggies	24 Pancakes and sausage	25 Turkey, stuffing, potatoes, gravy veggies	26 Chili and nachos	27 Party burgers, raw veggies	28
29	30 Chinese macaroni and egg rolls	31 Salad bar				

