

Killarney School Newsletter

September 2018

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Another year is upon us and we are excited to be back at school. Thank you for entrusting us with your children and we hope that this year goes well for all of them and for you. Here are some things of note for the coming year:

We hope you come to our **Open House on Tuesday, September 18 from 6:00 – 7:00pm** for K-12.

We are proud to welcome some **new staff members** this year: Kristin Polnik is our High School Student Services teacher, Tristan Sutherland is teaching Gr. 1, Cari Smith is our Reading Recovery Teacher and Andrew DeCock is our new Custodian.

We have gained more than forty students since the spring and we are still adding more each week! Most of this growth has been in Early and Middle Years and will help us maintain a full slate of academic and arts programming going forward. We have grown so much over the summer, that we have been generously approved by the school board to add an additional 1.75 teachers at the Gr. 1 and Gr. 5 levels. (Gr. 1 has been filled and the .75 Gr. 5 will be filled shortly). While we were anticipating some enrollment growth, hiring additional staff can only be considered when students have officially registered.

Our **larger school goals** for this year continue to be centered around two key concepts:

- 1) **Preparing students for an uncertain future** where whole categories of jobs, technologies and knowledge are becoming obsolete while others are being created at an incredible pace. We see the teaching of traits like the 6 Cs (Critical Thinking, Creativity, Collaboration, Communication, Character and Citizenship) as perhaps being more applicable and transportable than more traditional methods. You will see more and more learning projects, across all the grades and subjects, that incorporate these elements.
- 2) **Developing** and strengthening in students the **character, resilience, grit, perseverance and mindfulness** that will see them not just cope but thrive in this turmoil. Being able to both adapt to new situations and to rebound from setbacks will help them succeed now and in the future. Mme. Giselle Beaupre will continue teaching Character Education in K-8 classrooms.

Students and staff will also be working together to re-affirm our school-wide behaviour expectations. Our **“Raiders are Respectful”** policy has four main components, Respect for Self, Respect for Others, Respect for the Environment and Respect for Learning. Students are being taught / reminded what these mean and look like in class, in the lunchroom, in hallways, in the gym, on field trips, in assemblies, etc. These four broad areas of respect will be taught and practiced throughout the school – common language and expectations.

Creating a warm, welcoming environment where students K-12 work together and look out for each other is important to us. Of course that is not the experience for every student all of the time. **If things are not going well for your child, please let us know early** so we can work together to fix things.

Sincerely,

Terry Beazley
Principal



Important Dates

- ★ September 17 ~ PD Day
- ★ September 18 ~ Open House
- ★ September 20-21 ~ Peer Helper Retreat
- ★ September 24 ~ Terry Fox Walk
- ★ September 25 ~ Gr. 11 & 12 University presentations
- ★ September 26 ~ Early Dismissal—2PM
- ★ October 2 ~ Orange Shirt Day
- ★ October 4 ~ Undergrad Awards 1PM
- ★ October 10 ~ Community Service Day
- ★ October 19 ~ PD Day
- ★ October 24 ~ Early Dismissal—2PM

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Stay Involved

Welcome Back! September is a busy and anxious time as students settle back into routine and try to manage the changes that come with a new grade level. Every new environment can be challenging no matter the age of student.

Success every year requires support! Too often educators observe less involvement from parents, especially when children graduate into high school. It is very important to stay involved and maintain communication. Take time to become aware of all the programming options at your school to help your child stay engaged and better equipped to make informed decisions.

My role is to provide extra support to help students and families transition together. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call!

Rick Korman
TMSD Career Leader
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Curling

The Killarney Curling Club welcomes past members of the Junior Curler program to register for the new season which runs Monday, November 5, 2018 until March 18, 2019.

We invite new curlers to join the Junior Curler program when novice training starts Monday, January 07, 2019. Cost of the program is \$20.

For additional information and registration please contact Anne Smith at 204-523-0118.

Anne Smith
Junior Curler Coordinator
Killarney Curling Club

Hockey

Killarney Minor Hockey Association is an organized hockey league for boys and girls between the ages of 4 and 14. We are a member of the Southwest Recreational Hockey League and as such we play the majority of our games in Southwest Manitoba. As a minor hockey league in Manitoba we are always looking to grow the game, encourage kids to sign up, meet new friends and most importantly have fun and enjoy the game!

If you would like more information about who we are and what we do, please contact our Registrar, Brynn Smith at 204-761-7456 or e-mail: brynn.smith@rbc.com or Lorna Garabed at 204-523-0606 or e-mail: lgarabed@mymts.net.

Bowling

Registration night for YBC is Thursday, September 20th 7:00PM at the bowling alley

Starts Oct. 3 Junior/Senior (age 11+) and Oct. 4 Bantams (age 5-10)

Fees: Bantam \$206.50, Junior/Senior \$229.50

For questions contact Sherry (204)523-0383 or Anita/Doug (204)523-8920

KPAC

The Killarney Parent Advisory Council invites you to join us for the unveiling of our playground sign at the Killarney School Open House on September 18 from 6 PM to 7 PM.

Please join us as we thank the many individuals, groups and businesses that helped make our new playground a reality.

We also invite you to join us for our first meeting of the school year on Monday, October 1 at 7 PM in the Killarney School Library.

For more information, visit us at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/killarneypac/> or email us at killarneyparentadvisorycouncil@gmail.com.

KILLARNEY PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

WINTER SKATE DRIVE



Dear Friends,

The Killarney Parent Advisory Council (KPAC) is launching a winter skate and snow pants drive for our **Cozy Closet** to help ensure Early and Middle Years students have access to proper fitting skates and snow pants for the upcoming winter season. The **Cozy Closet** is a resource available free of charge to students, families and staff at Killarney School.

The **Cozy Closet** provides winter clothing and skates for any student or child in need, free of charge. For many families in our community, having to purchase new winter clothing or skates each year for their growing children can be a very real struggle. By contacting their child's teacher, parents can set up a time to visit the **Cozy Closet** to find or exchange winter clothing for their child. And for those days when a child forgets to bring their hat, gloves or skates to school, the **Cozy Closet** will be there to allow teachers to borrow any needed items for their students.

While all clothing and skates will be free of charge from the **Cozy Closet**, the KPAC encourages clothing exchanges as well as clothing and financial donations to ensure we can keep the room well stocked. KPAC makes calls for specific needs periodically throughout the year but we would ask that you **please only donate identified items as we will not have storage space** for other items. We would also ask that all donated items be **clean and in good repair**.

At this time, we are seeking donations of new and/or gently used ice skates and snow pants for ages five to twelve.

For your convenience, donations can be dropped off at the boxes marked **KPAC Clothing Drive** at the following locations: Killarney School at 417 King Avenue; Turtle Mountain School Division Office at 435 William Avenue; and Lakeland Regional Library at 318 William Avenue.

Financial donations can be dropped off at Killarney School or can be mailed to KPAC, Attention: Skate Drive, Box 2500, Killarney, MB, R0K 1G0. Cheques can be made out to KPAC or, if you wish to receive a charitable donation receipt, please make cheques payable to the Turtle Mountain School Division (TMSD).

Thank you for your support of the **Cozy Closet**!



For more information, please contact us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/391680097590050/> or by email at killarneyparentadvisorycouncil@gmail.com

Don't Forget to Call!

Regular school attendance is a significant contributing factor to student success. Aside from the academic factors, the safety of our students is very important. **For this reason, we ask you to contact the school before 9:00 am if your child will be away from school for any reason.**

Killarney School has an automated attendance dialing system in effect. If students are absent without being excused you will receive an automated phone call from the system. Please remember this is to ensure the safety of our students.

There are several options for reporting student absences:

- call the office at (204)523-4696 at any time (we have an answering machine)
- email ksoffice@tmsd.mb.ca
- or login to your School Messenger account (online or using the app) when it is up and running properly.

Please note that teachers cannot mark students as excused so you must let the office know.

For more information on the attendance policy, please refer to the Killarney School Handbook, located on the Killarney School website.

Scent Free

Scented products can have an adverse affect on our students and staff with allergies or asthma.

Please avoid scented products, such as:

- Shampoos & Conditioners
- Hairsprays
- Deodorants
- Colognes & Aftershaves
- Perfumes & Fragrances

Thank you for your cooperation in providing a safe environment for all staff and students at Killarney School.

Drop Off Zone & Parking

Drop Off Zone

Student safety is always a concern for staff at Killarney School. One area that we have identified to improve students safety is the need for a designated drop off zone for students. **The drop off area is located along King Avenue, in between Finlay Street and Fletcher Street. No students are to be dropped off in either the north or south parking lots between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday to Friday.** We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring the safety of our students. Thank you for your help in this process!

Parking

There are designated areas in the south parking lot for staff parking. Please take note of these areas, and park in the appropriate location.

September Cafeteria Menu

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 Labour Day	4 Admin Day	5 Cheeseburger \$4.50	Day 2 Cheese Quesadilla \$4.00	7 Chicken Burger \$4.50
10 Grilled Cheese \$4.00	11 Taco in a Bag \$5.00	12 Chicken Fingers & Fries \$4.50/5.50	Day 3 Hot Pizza Sub \$4.00	Day 4 Lasagna with Garlic Bread \$5.00
17 P.D. Day	18 Pasta with Alfredo Sauce & Garlic Bread \$4.00/5.00	19 Chicken Caesar Wrap \$5.00	Day 3 Sloppy Joe \$4.50	Day 4 Beef & Corn Bake \$4.50
24 Chicken Burger \$4.50	Day 1 Grilled Cheese \$4.00	26 Hot Pizza Sub \$4.00	Day 4 Chicken Fingers & Fries \$4.50/5.50	Day 1 Taco in a Bag \$5.00