

## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Another exciting month of teaching and learning has come to end at Kingsbury! There have been many exciting events to talk about. Please let me share just a few highlights before looking ahead to next month.

We had an outstanding turnout at Kingsbury's Open House in September. Those attending received valuable information on the volunteer opportunities and upcoming events. Parents also visited with their child's teacher and viewed quality student work. It was a special time of fellowship for the entire school family.

October promises to bring more awesome experiences for our students. Your child's teacher will contact you to schedule a fall parent conference. At these conferences, teachers will review student progress and student goals will be set based on Fall MAP scores. Teachers and parents will set goals for the students at these meetings. Please plan to attend this very important meeting so we can work together for student achievement! Thank you for your ongoing partnership in providing a world class education for your child.

The first quarter ends on October 5 and report cards will be issued on October 20. Thursday, October 5 is a early release day with student dismissal at 11 AM. Friday is a District Professional Learning Day and no students will attend. October 9-10 is Fall Break and the school will be closed. We will return on Wednesday, October 11. School pictures will be taken on Thursday, October 12.

There are many events scheduled for this month. Check the calendar on page 4 to view events. You can also visit our school website to see the monthly calendar of events at <http://kbe.sumterschools.net>. Kingsbury is a great place to be. We take pride in being a caring community school that strives daily to "Lead From the Heart." I'm glad that your family is sharing in the magic! Thank you for your continued support and let me know if I may be of any help at any time.

Sincerely,  
Phillip W. Jackson  
Principal

*Above: The Raymond Family visits with Mrs. Robbins on the September 11 Open House. Right: Kaiden Bennett poses with his parents as they leave Ms. Holloman's Room during the Open House held on September 11, 2023.*



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## Grade Level News *What's Going On Around the School*

**Preschool**—Fall is in the air! And our students are observing the season change through their senses. What a great way to talk about seasons and the weather! During October, we will learn about Fire Safety, and we will meet some fabulous firemen. Thank you for coming to visit us! PreK is also going to Dorr Farms to explore and pick pumpkins from their pumpkin patch. We will also celebrate Red Ribbon Week with special activities planned throughout the week. Our Character Day Parade will be a chance to bring our favorite book and dress up as our favorite storybook character. Fun things are happening in October!

**Kindergarten**—We have fallen in love with learning in kindergarten as we move into the autumn season! We are showing that we can identify 2D and 3D shapes, characters and setting of a story, and are working on concepts of print. This month, we will be learning all about pumpkins, fire safety, and nocturnal animals. We are also so excited for our upcoming field trip to the pumpkin patch! Parents, please remember to continue checking your child's purple folder each night for any new information. Thank you for all that you do!

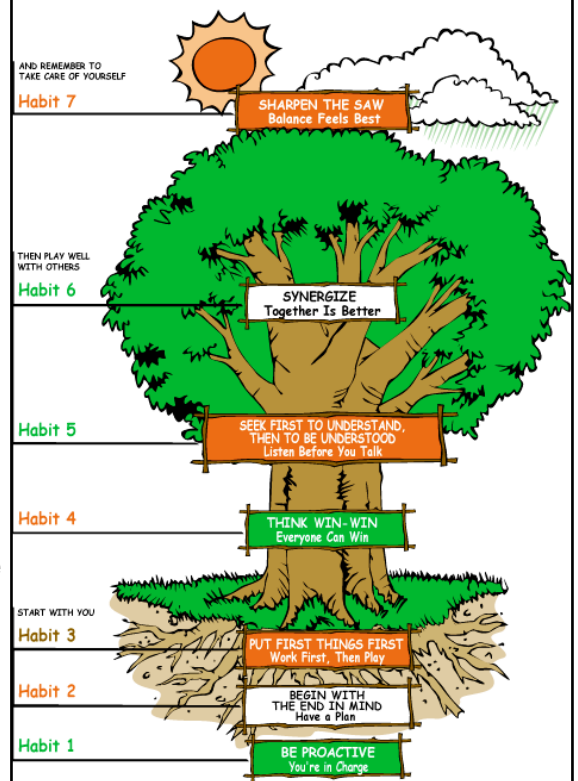
**First Grade**— October will be filled with many new and exciting activities in the classroom!! Guided reading instruction began in September. During guided reading, students work in small groups and the Reading Interventionist (Mrs. Alexander) also reads with some students for a portion of their guided reading time. During math, students have been practicing strategies to add and subtract. We have learned about doubles, near doubles, and the commutative property for addition. We will continue learning about light and sound in science. We will continue learning about community helpers, our rights and responsibilities and how to be a good citizen during social studies. It is hard to believe that the first nine weeks is almost over. Please continue to practice the spelling words daily and discuss the patterns found in words. We encourage students to find patterns in words...if I can spell the word "like" then I can spell the word "bike." This will help the students as they become fluent readers and writers this year. It is also important for the students to practice writing at home. Remind them to write complete sentences and use both capitalization and punctuation correctly. Lastly, please encourage your child

to listen carefully during class time and to follow Knights RULE at all times. We are excited about our field trip to the Pumpkin Patch later this month. Thank you again for your support at home.

**Second Grade**—Fall is here and we are beginning to settle into our routines in 2nd grade! We are hard at work in all subjects! In reading we have read 3 different genres of text: realistic fiction, informational, and poetry. We have learned how to identify story elements, find the main idea of a text, and ask questions about our reading. In math we have started our unit on place value. We wrapped up our unit on matter in September and are now moving on to learning about our interactions with the world in social studies. We encourage you to send in water bottles and jackets with students daily. Water bottles are great for after recess and although it is still warm out, our classrooms can get chilly during the day. Please check folders, backpacks and class dojo daily for updates and messages from school!

**Third Grade**—October is here and third graders are being armored with their Kingsbury Knights RULE Expectation Gear to help make 2023-2024 an Exceptional Year! In ELA, we are continuing to implement strategies to help students develop daily habits of reading, writing, and working independently for a lifetime of literacy independence. Students are focusing on developing and organizing how-to articles, identifying the main idea of informational text, word study, and reading comprehension. In math, we are continuing to become more fluent in multiplication. In science, we will begin our unit on weather. In social studies, we will begin our unit on the Environment and People. Students will discover how people interact within the environment overtime.

## The 7 Habits



What is Leader in Me the school is buzzing about? See the image above for more information on the 7 Habits from the Leader in Me program!

**KINGSBURY**  
Elementary School

### FALL CONFERENCES

Your child's teacher should be reaching out to schedule your fall conference to hear about your child's progress so far this year. Be on the lookout for this message!

**02** OCTOBER 2023 **TO** **01** NOVEMBER 2023

THIS TITLE 1 SPONSORED EVENT SHOULD ALLOW YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER TO REPORT ON YOUR CHILD'S PROGRESS ACADEMICALLY, MAP TEST RESULTS, SCREDDY DATA (GRD-5TH GRADE ONLY)

WE ARE EXCITED TO PARTNER WITH YOU TO HELP YOUR CHILD REACH THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF SUCCESS POSSIBLE!

**Family Literacy**

What is family literacy?

Family literacy refers to the ways families develop and use literacy skills: reading a book together at bedtime and during the day, playing with word games, singing, writing to a relative or friend, sharing day-to-day tasks such as making a shopping list or using a recipe, and surfing the Internet for interesting sites.

Family literacy and school success

Research shows children who engage in early literacy activities at home are better prepared for school and have higher rates of success in school.

44% of grade 4 students in Ontario whose parents “like” reading had a higher than average reading achievement on the PIRLS scale – 570<sup>1</sup>

54% of grade 4 students in Ontario who were often engaged in literacy-related activities at home had a higher than average reading achievement on the PIRLS scale – 566<sup>2</sup>

27% of grade 4 students in Ontario who could perform early literacy tasks very well upon starting grade 1 had a higher than average reading achievement on the PIRLS scale – 582<sup>3</sup>

For the month of October, we will be looking at and teaching on Habit 3: Put First Things First. Putting first things first means spending time on what’s most important.

“Big Rocks” is a key concept of Habit 3. “Big rocks” are our most important relationships, tasks, and activities. Putting “big rocks” first prohibits our “little rocks” from taking up too much time. In this month’s classroom lessons, students will learn how identifying “big rocks” helps us stay focused on them and how prioritizing around our “big rocks” saves time and energy.



*Books that support Habit 3:*

- The Little Red Hen by Paul Galdone
- Miss Nelson is Missing by Harry Allard
- Froggy Gets Dressed by Jonathan Landon
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
- The Emperor and the Kite by Jane Yolen
- Gershon’s Monster by Eric Kimmel
- Alejandro’s Gift by Richard E. Albert
- Jamaica’s Find by Juanita Havill
- Justin and the Best Biscuits in the World by Mildred Pitts

**Fourth Grade**—Wow! What a start for the new school year! We can’t believe it’s already October! The fourth graders are working so hard and learning many new things. In math, students are refreshing their addition and subtraction skills up to the millions. Also in math, students will begin multiplying a four-digit number by a one-digit number and multiplying a two-digit number by a two-digit number. Please make sure your child is fluent in their multiplication facts! 99Math is a free website that children can go to, to freshen up on their facts! In science, we are beginning our study on weather. In ELA, the students will be working on analyzing text structures and text features. Each class will also be reading a class selected novel. In social studies we will begin our study of Colonization of America and Early Explorers. Please make sure your child is reading at home daily. Always check Class dojo for daily updates from your child’s teacher!

**Fifth Grade**—The first quarter is quickly coming to an end. The second quarter is right around the corner and the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays are quickly approaching. As we roll into the holiday season, we are continuing to persevere in each one of our subjects. In math, we will be studying algebraic expressions and coordinate planes and are moving on to patterns in multiplication and multiplying and dividing whole numbers. In science we will be discovering landforms and how each landform was uniquely formed in nature. In social studies we are continuing onward with Westward Expansion. The students will learn all the aspects of the United States expanding Westward to the Pacific Ocean. Students are really enjoying seeing how history has shaped the world we know today.

Our habit for the month of October will be “Putting first things first.” Students will learn to focus on the important, not just the urgent, act on priorities, plan weekly, and act daily. You are putting first things first when you organize your time around the most important things and eliminate the unimportant.

**Health Room**—It is already that time of year again for cooler weather, going trick-or-treating, bonfires, and getting our flu shots! The best way to prevent the flu is to get a flu shot each year. If you haven’t gotten yours, call your doctor, go to a local pharmacy, or the health department to receive one. Along with getting a flu shot, it is recommended to wash your hands often along with keeping your hands away from your eyes, nose, and mouth. Prevention is the best medicine. Stay healthy and avoid the flu!







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## October Calendar of Events

2 Steam RV & Cyber Security Lessons at KBE 	3 Steam RV & Cyber Security Lessons at KBE	4 Steam RV & Cyber Security Lessons at KBE PK & Kindergarten's Fire Department Visit 12:15-1:45 PM 	5 Steam RV & Cyber Security Lessons at KBE Early Dismissal—11 AM Last Day of 1st Quarter 	6 Staff Professional Development Day—No School For Students 
9 Fall Break—No School 	10 Fall Break—No School 	11 First Day of 2nd Quarter 	12 Picture Day Sweet Frog Spirit Night 2:30-7:00 PM 	13 
National School Lunch Week				
16	17	18 Unity Day—Bullying Prevention – Wear Pink!	19	20 Report Cards Go Home
23  Math & Science Night—5:30PM Red Ribbon Week— "Red-y" to be Drug Free	24 Red Ribbon Week— Turn Your Back on Drugs	25 Red Ribbon Week— Success & Drugs Don't Mix	26 Red Ribbon Week—Too Bright for Drugs	27 Red Ribbon Week— From Head to Toe I'm Drug Free
Red Ribbon Week!				
30	31  Book Character Parade			

**Mission Statement**— The mission of Kingsbury Elementary School, "Where Knowledge is King," is to provide the highest quality education to all students and establish a sound academic and moral foundation by providing innovative, challenging learning experiences in a safe, supportive and culturally diverse environment.

**Vision Statement**— We at Kingsbury Elementary School share a common vision that "all children can learn." With that in mind, our school community, with devotion and hard work, fosters a unique and positive environment "Where Knowledge is King."