



# Kidston Elementary School News

## January 2018



Growing Together ...

Caring, Capable Citizens in a  
Changing World

### December in Review

Happy New Year! Welcome back. I hope everyone had a very restful winter break. December was a very busy month with skating, Christmas baking, The Kal Band performing, Principals Tea, and the culminating performances at our Kidston Holiday Show. A big thanks to Mrs. Jacobs for all her hard work putting together the show and to all the staff and students who supported her. We had many compliments about the student performances. Thank you to everyone who contributed to our adopted family for Christmas. Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Cullum delivered two car loads of gifts/food for the family.

### Basketball

Games will be starting the week of January 15th. This will be for Grade 6 and 7 boys and girls. Permission forms and schedules have been sent home.

### PAC Happenings...

Hot lunch information: [kidston.hotlunches.net](http://kidston.hotlunches.net)

If you have not registered this year: go to [kidston.hotlunches.net](http://kidston.hotlunches.net)

1. Click on "Click Here to Register" and enter **Access Code KHL**

**There is extra cookie dough for sale in all flavors. All buckets are \$10 each except for White Macadamia which is \$12. Please see Mrs. Cullum at the office and she will sell you a bucket or 2 or three.**

**Ready, Set, Learn** Events are happening in the community on January 13 and other dates in January and February. See page four of the newsletter for more information.

### NEXT PAC MEETING January 15

The next PAC meeting will be held on Monday, January 15th at 6:30-7:30 in the library. We will be discussing the upcoming Movie Night and Spring Fundraisers, so hoping any parents interested in helping out may come to the meeting.

Also, there are a few vacant positions still on the PAC executive and anyone interested can email Chere' Lane (PAC President) at [clane@obgc.ca](mailto:clane@obgc.ca)

### Grade 7 Fundraising @ Chasers Bottle Depot

The Grade 7 group is raising money for their trip to Eagle Bay in June and for the year end Grade 7 celebration by collecting bottles/cans. Parents have two options: Bring your bottles to Chasers bottle depot, sort them and when you go to receive your cash tell them it's for **Kidston Grade 7 fundraising** and they will add it to a running tally in our account or drop your bottles off and they will sort them for you but they will take a cut. Thanks for your support on this ongoing fundraiser.

#### Upcoming Events:

- Jan. 15 PAC Meeting 6:30
- Jan. 15 Kindergarten Registration and transfer application day opens 9:00am**
- Jan. 16 – Come Count With Me
- Jan. 26 Spirit Day – Wacky sunglasses/hair day
- Jan. 29 Curriculum Implementation Day – No school for students
- Feb. 8 & 9 Student –led conferences Dismissal on both days at 12:25
- Feb. 12 Family Day – No School
- Feb. 14 Spirit Day – Valentines/Cartoon Day

## Kidston Garden News

Ways to stay updated on garden news:

<http://www.kidstongarden.com/>



**The Giving Tree donations total:  
\$1000.50**

If you have not made a donation yet please consider making one. Every bit counts.

Two of the garden beds have been purchased and named too!! One garden bed name was purchased by a Kidston School neighbourhood. They are challenging other Kidston School neighbourhoods to come together and do the same!

**Farm Bound** Produce Delivery service is continuing to offer to us their great referral program. During their Thursday warehouse sale 12-7 mention you are from Kidston and your purchase totals will be added to the Kidston punch card. For every \$500 in sales, \$25 in free groceries is given back to us; the best ingredients for our healthy smoothies and hot lunch offerings!

Visit their website for info on their home delivery service at [www.farmbound.ca](http://www.farmbound.ca). Also visit them on Facebook for updates on Thursday sale items and specials.

## KIDSTON DISCOVERY GARDENS...Growing Together

We have some really fun things happening this year and we are so thrilled to share.

As a PAC and Garden Committee, we believe that children learn in a variety of ways and environments. Offering an outdoor space where students can explore with their senses and cultivate confidence through growing gardens and discovery has been a long dream at Kidston Elementary. That dream came to life in 2015, with the implementation of 10 raised garden beds. In 2016, PAC and the Kidston School Garden Committee decided to join hands as the request for more garden space had grown from classes and more gardens were needed for our amazing Grandma D's garden to plate hot lunch program. That combined with a desire to develop an area to meet the wishes of Kidston students lead us to this... a plan to build a space consisting of biodiverse and veggie gardens, an outdoor classroom and an adventure forest...a true outdoor learning legacy!

Last year we got the ball rolling and we ended the school year by choosing a name for these gardens from the excellent classroom suggestions.

Garden grounds will start breaking Spring 2018 and our goal is work together this year to raise the funds, collect in-kind donations, volunteer time and get this project completed!

Thank you kindly for all your interest and support with this important project for Kidston students, teachers and our community.

For any additional questions please contact us at [kidstongarden@gmail.com](mailto:kidstongarden@gmail.com) or check out [www.kidstongardens.com](http://www.kidstongardens.com)

Kidston PAC & Garden Committee

# Our Fundraisers

## How to help:

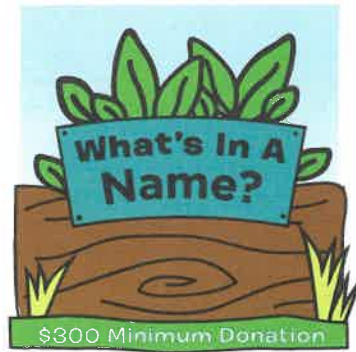
It is the combined efforts of many supporters that will ensure that Kidston Discovery Gardens comes to life. There are many ways you can help our garden grow:

**TIME:** If you are passionate about this project and wish to share your time, please refer to the Volunteer Opportunities page on our website.

**IN KIND:** You can support this project by providing in-kind products or services or maybe you have other ideas on how you or your business can support our school gardens.

**MONETARY:** You believe in the opportunity for children to learn outdoors and within gardens and would like to make a monetary donation toward project costs. You are able to donate on-line via our website (*please indicate in the Pay Pal 'comments' section the fundraiser you are supporting*) or visit Kidston Elementary School.

**kidstongarden@gmail.com**  
**kidstongarden.com**



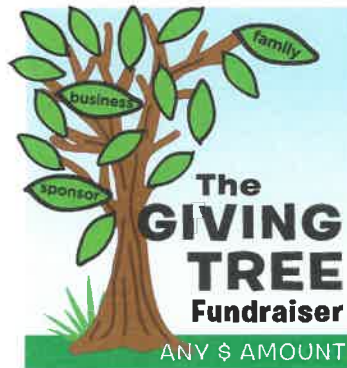
### What's in a Name?

Naming a Garden Bed is a fun way to support Kidston Discovery Gardens and to leave a legacy. You can name 1 of 16 available garden beds for a minimum donation of \$300. All individuals, groups, families or classrooms who may wish to participate in this legacy opportunity please contact us or visit the garden website for further details. *Hurry before they are all gone!*



### Grandma D's Cookbook

Grandma D worked tirelessly to compile all her favorite recipes into a wonderful cookbook for all of us to enjoy. This special fundraiser is in support of Kidston Discovery Garden. Each cookbook costs \$20.00 & 100% of net proceeds to go to the Garden. You can order through the hotlunch website [kidston.hotlunches.net](http://kidston.hotlunches.net), drop off a cheque payable to Kidston PAC at the Kidston Office OR pick one up at Allan Brooks Nature Centre, Simply Delicious or Farm Bound.



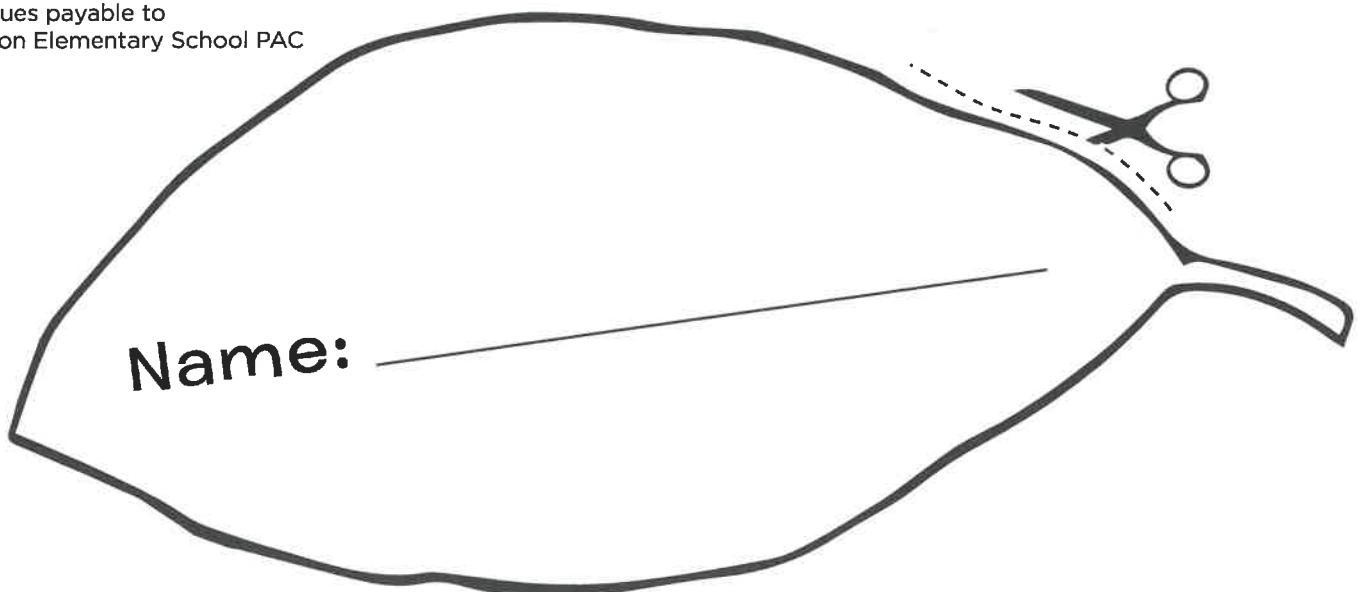
### The Giving Tree

With every donation to the Giving Tree a new leaf is added with your name on it. We are so grateful for every donation made... every leaf helps! Please be sure to go and see the beautifully budding Giving Tree right in our Kidston School hallway that was creatively made by Mrs. O'Brien's Grade 5/6 Class! Keep checking The Giving Tree as we grow Kidston Discovery Gardens together.

## Donate to the Giving Tree

Bring in your leaf and donation to the Kidston Office and we will add it to our tree!

Cheques payable to  
Kidston Elementary School PAC



# Ready, Set, Learn

Getting your preschooler ready for kindergarten



Community Event Invitation:			
Boys and Girls Club	Drop In Event	Saturday Jan 13	9:30 - 11:30am
☆ Bounce castle		☆ Community services	
☆ Kiki the Eco Elf		☆ Door prizes	

**Join the community fun and please register for the event at your local school**

## What is Ready, Set, Learn?

Ready, Set, Learn is a series of fun and informative events for preschoolers and their parents focusing on early childhood development and school readiness skills.

- **Please register at the school nearest you by Jan 12**
- All events offer: entertainment, activities, story time and storybook to take home

LOCATION	CONTACT	DATE	TIME
Silver Star	250-545-4409	Wednesday Jan 17	6:00 - 7:00pm
Harwood	250-542-5385	Monday Jan 22	6:00 - 7:00pm
Alexis Park	250-545-7289	Tuesday Jan 30	1:00 - 2:00pm
Ellison	250-260-4176	Wednesday Jan 31	1:00 - 2:00pm
J.W. Inglis	250-547-9231	Tuesday Feb 13	6:00 - 7:00pm
Coldstream	250-545-0597	Wednesday Feb 21	6:00 - 7:00pm
Mission Hill	250-545-0639	Monday Feb 26	6:00 -7:00 pm



Ready, Set, Learn is a partnership between School District #22 and Okanagan Boys and Girls Clubs

