



Kent Senior Public School

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GRADE RANGE:	7 to 8

Interesting Feature

The House System

We use the House System (think of Harry Potter!) to encourage student volunteerism and positive personal interactions. Students earn points for either Red or Blue House whenever they participate in any extra-curricular activity. Extra Merit points are given for exemplary behaviour; whether it is making the Honour Roll, serving on Student Parliament, fund-raising an extra-ordinary amount of money, or demonstrating positive character traits. Points are tracked all year, and each month we update scores and celebrate good deeds at the Character Development Recognition Assembly.

"ONLY OUR BEST WILL SUFFICE"

Kent Senior Public School is located on the southwest corner of Bloor and Dufferin Streets. Founded in 1908, it was named after Mr. H.A.E. Kent who served for twenty-one years as a Toronto trustee. The land on which the school was built was bought from Captain John E. Denison who had received it as a gift from Lord Simcoe, the Governor at the time. We celebrated Kent's rich history, at our 100th anniversary on May 3, 2008.

However, in June of 2010, the Board of Trustees voted to close Kent as of September 2012, due to declining enrollment in our area. Thus, for the school year of 2011-2012, we will be only offering programming for students in Grade 8 and no Grade 7 students can be registered.

EMSAT

EMSAT is an acronym that stands for Enriched Math, Science and Technology. Students who apply and are accepted receive more hours of Math and Science than students in the regular program. EMSAT students participate in Science and Math based contests, go on Science-related field trips, and are entered in competitions such as the Cardboard Boat Races and a Robotics competition. In addition, EMSAT teachers and their students have developed a partnership with the Talented Offerings in Programs of Science (TOPS) Program at Bloor Collegiate. Staff collaborate on programming,



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and Kent students have access to Bloor's Science and Computer labs.



Guidance Support

As a stand-alone Senior School, we are able to have an on-site guidance professional, who ensures that all students have access to social/emotional support, career counseling, and appropriate preparation for the transition into secondary school.



Lunch Options

The question most frequently asked by prospective Kent parents is about lunch options. There are two choices: students eat in our supervised lunchroom and remain on site for the entire lunch hour; or they leave the property to eat out in the neighbourhood. The choice is up to parents and can be modified at any time by contacting the office via a note or a phone call.



Special Education support

Kent currently has one Home School Program class. Students receive extra support during Homeroom, enjoy smaller classes, and are integrated for rotary subjects. Our qualified teachers provide withdrawal support, as needed, to promote success in the rotary subjects. Kent offers three full-time classes for students designated for LD, MID, and Behavioural programming.



Character Development

As part of the TDSB's on-going efforts to encourage student success and positive social behaviour, character development is integrated into every program and is a feature of school life. Each month the focus shifts onto a different character trait, and each class takes a turn promoting the monthly character trait and leading the School Recognition Assembly.



Additional Features

- Dance Studio and Art Rooms
- New Computer Lab
- Regulation-Sized Gym
- On Subway Line
- Access to Bloor-Gladstone Library
- Brockton Stadium Nearby
- Football/Soccer/Baseball Fields
- Walk to Dufferin Grove Park



Student Life - Where You Belong

Kent has a rich atmosphere for extra-curricular activities. Sports teams have a long history here. We currently offer students the opportunity to participate in Touch Football, Softball, Cross-Country Running, Volleyball, Basketball, Badminton, Soccer and Track & Field Teams. Our Student Parliament organizes many fun and interesting events: Charity Fund-raisers, Spirit Weeks, Dances, School Yard Clean-ups, Intramural Sports at lunchtime, and more! We offer many clubs such as Yearbook, Drama, Music & Rhythm, Choir, Drumming, Dance, Knitting. Our students develop their leadership skills through participation in such activities as the Student Council, the Athletic Committee of Kent, PA Announcement Team, Office Volunteers, Hall Monitors, Recycling Crew, Stage Crew, and the Dare to Dream Workshop. Our classes go on many excursions, including day trips to presentations at the Etobicoke School of the Arts, the annual Graduation Cruise in Toronto Harbour, to overnight trips, such as French Cultural trips to Ottawa and Montreal and the outdoor education program at Camp Kawartha. At Kent, there is more to education than what goes on in the classroom!



What Sets Us Apart

In the first week of school, we use diagnostic testing and get-to-know-you activities to allow homeroom classes to get acquainted. Kent's annual Spirit Week, during the second week of school, allows students from different feeder schools, grades and classes to get to know one another and become confident and comfortable community members. Attending a Senior School is a great way for students to get used to the transitions of High School while retaining the intimacy and family atmosphere of Junior School. Our classes rotate during the first four periods of the day to French, Math, Science, Physical Education, Art, Music or Library; all taught by teachers with specialized qualifications in their subject. For the final two periods of each day, students return to their Homeroom class for English, History, Geography and Drama. All of our Homeroom teachers have had specialized training in Literacy. Grade teams meet regularly to ensure a consistent program across each grade level.





Parent and Community Engagement

- Public Library visits - Toronto Public Health - Bloor Collegiate - Parks and Recreation of Toronto - Bloor Street Improvement Association (BIA) - Dovercourt Boys' and Girls' Club - New Horizons Senior Citizens' Home - School Watch (Community Services - Toronto Police Services, Division 14) - Dufferin Grove Park - Participation in Nuit Blanche - Kent School Council - Fundraising Committee - Volunteers in classrooms - Use of agendas & planners for daily communication with staff - Speakers for annual Career Day - School and Classroom Newsletters - School Planning and Improvement Involvement



TDSB - Better Schools. Brighter Futures

Imagine a TDSB where all schools share a common core set of characteristics. They are community-driven and focused on teaching and learning. Students and parents have a wide variety of opportunities and there are enough students in every school to increase program choices.

Imagine there is a clear focus on achieving student success and every student is engaged, has a voice, access to a caring adult and the opportunity to develop their full potential.

The Director of Education, Chris Spence has developed a Vision of Hope to help guide the TDSB to an education system like this one. Three priority areas will help guide this vision:

- student achievement
- parent and community engagement
- financial stability

Among our first steps that we are taking is re-creating our schools and that's where Better Schools Brighter Futures comes in. To learn more visit <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/brighterfutures>



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