

THE KARIGON TIMES



TOGETHER, WE CAN DO IT!

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Greetings Karigon Families,

What a wonderful start to the 2024-25 school year! Karigon's halls are filled with students learning and enjoying their new classrooms, teachers and friends. The joy that each student brings to our building is contagious and we have had a great beginning to a year that will be filled with learning and school engagement.

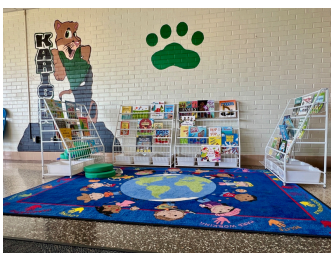
We have some changes around Karigon! Our new lobby, picnic tables, Gaga Ball pit and enhancements around the school are a direct reflection of the amazing efforts of our PTA.

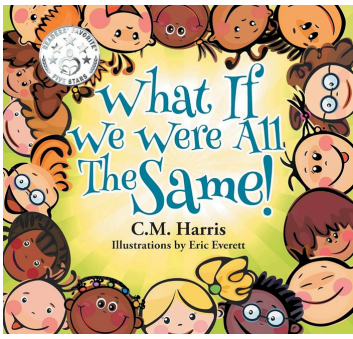
Last year's Fun Run raised money to beautify and enhance our school and we are eagerly awaiting this year's Fun Run - more info to come! Please join us for our upcoming PTA meetings (the next one is October 10th) so you can be a part of improving our school. Remember...Together We Can Do it!



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KARIGON'S NEW LOBBY





Karigon's One Book Program continues with the new selection for September and October, *What If We Were All The Same!* by C.M. Harris and illustrated by Eric Everett. This story illustrates how our uniqueness makes each of us special and beautiful in our own way. Happy Reading Karigon!

What is
One Book?

The One Book Program invites all students across Karigon to read the same book, at the same time, create art, and enjoy diverse discussions.



Karigon Safety Reminders

Safety remains a top priority here at Karigon and as such we ask that you please review the following safety reminders regarding Morning Drop Off procedures:

- Students being dropped off should remain in the vehicle until 7:50 a.m.
- Please consider which lane you enter the bus loop in. Please use the right lane for turning right and left lane for turning left after student drop off. This will ensure a smooth transition for everyone.
- Please remain in your vehicle and let your child exit on the right side of your car when possible.
- Please refrain from walking students to the door or down the sidewalks while in the drop off lane. If you would like to do this, please park your car in the Karigon/Orenda lot.
- Please do not pull in the bus lane when buses are parked there. After 7:55, proceed to drop off lanes in the parking lot.
- After dropping off your student in the parking lot, please do not drive through empty parking spots as other cars or pedestrians can be in your blind spot.

Cell Phones and Smart Watches

Please note that students who bring their cell phones or smart watches to school will be asked to either leave their device in their book bag or give it to their teacher to hold.



CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE KARIGON PTA TODAY!

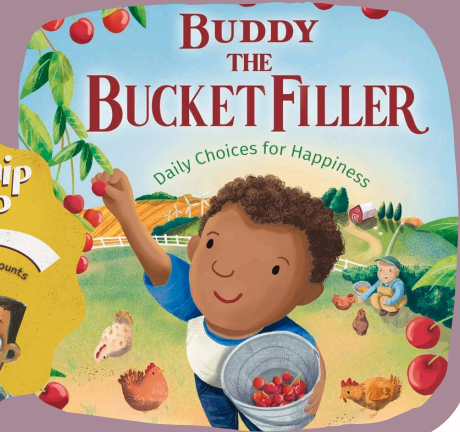
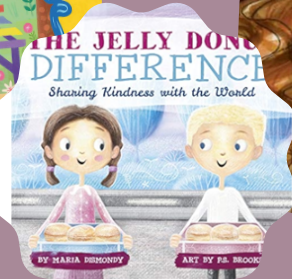
All meetings begin at 6:30 pm in the Karigon Library.

October 10th - January 9th - March 6th - May 8th - June 5th

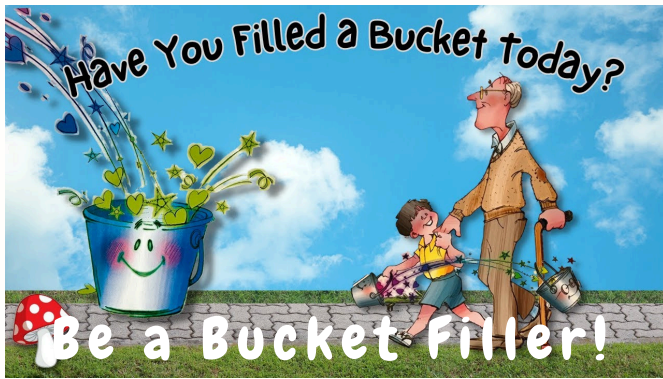
Our PTA is a vital component of what makes our school so special. The collaborative work that defines our PTA results in wonderful opportunities and experiences for our students and Karigon community alike. As we head into the 24-25 school year, we have multiple positions open within the PTA that need to be filled. PLEASE consider taking the lead on one of these positions and assist us in maintaining a vibrant and strong PTA here at Karigon. Please feel free to email me at jonemali@shenschools.org or Mr. and Mrs. Simons at karigonpta@gmail.com for additional information.



Maria Dismondy, author of *Buddy The Bucket Filler* and many more books, will join us at Karigon on the morning of October 28th to engage with our students about character, empathy, bullying, making an impact, diversity and more. Maria uses her ten internationally loved children's books to inspire and educate children in homes and classrooms across the globe. She will meet separately with K- Grade 2 students, and Grades 3-5 students. We are so excited to have her at Karigon!



SPRIT WEEK! Oct. 7-11



To learn more about bucket filling, check out



<https://bucketfillers101.com>

Mon Wear **YELLOW** to brighten up our school

Tue Wear **BLUE** to be a True Blue Friend!

Wed Wear **RED** - it's ok to have big feelings

Thu Dress **COZY** to show Kindness

Fri Wear **GREEN** to show Karigon & Shen Pride

WHAT IS BUCKET FILLING?

The idea behind Bucket Filling is simple: we all carry an invisible bucket. When our bucket is full, we feel happy, confident and calm. The small things we say and do can fill up someone else's bucket and make their day better!



WHAT IS KPT?

The Karigon Partnership Team (KPT) includes representatives from Karigon's stakeholder groups: administration, teachers, staff and parents. This team facilitates effective communication between these groups to positively impact the educational performance of all students in the school. This is done by establishing short and long term goals, and addressing concerns, suggestions and ideas brought forward from any stakeholder group. KPT also provides support for academic goal setting and achievement.

Thank you KPT for organizing a wonderful Welcome Back Event in September! We had so much fun playing on the playground, seeing KC and dancing with friends!

SMILE FOR THE CAMERA!



SAVE THE DATE

10/3 - NO SCHOOL - Rosh Hashanah

10/7-10/11 - School Spirit Week at Karigon

10/10 - PTA Meeting @ 6:30 pm in the Karigon Library

10/14 - NO SCHOOL - Columbus Day / Indigenous Peoples Day

10/18 - Karigon Trunk or Treat 5:30 pm - 7:30pm

10/23 - Karigon's Best Buddies Event 2:15 pm -3:15 pm

10/24 - Grade 1 Field Trip

10/24 - School Picture Makeup Day

10/28 - Author Visit to Karigon with Marie Dismondy

10/31 - Karigon Halloween Parade (details to follow)

11/6 - Grade 2 Field Trip

11/8 - Karigon honors its Veteran family members

11/11 - NO SCHOOL - Veterans Day

11/27-11/29 NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Holiday

12/5 & 12/6 - NO SCHOOL - Parent Teacher Conferences

12/23 - 1/1 - NO SCHOOL Winter Recess