

Kuper Academy



Winter Carnival 2015 ~ Special Edition



Every year just before spring break, the entire Kuper community comes together for a week of activities and team-building experiences. There are a variety of outings, sports, and games that engage students of every grade level, and this enables them, along with the staff members, to nurture their love for the Kuper community as well as to understand and adopt the approach that learning at Kuper means fun and laughter and friendship as well as a solid academic foundation. As you will see from the following photographs, the entire community got involved and came together despite the enduring cold winter weather. This year, in the high school, students were split up into teams (blue, red, green, and black), and they participated in activities (charitable ones and otherwise), and at the end of the week a trophy was awarded to the team that participated the most wholeheartedly. Friendly competition encouraged students to work and play as a team, and it brought everyone together, which is what Kuper aims to do.



Kuper High School Students & Staff Take Time To Play

Kuper celebrates academic success. Kuper celebrates athletic and artistic success. But Kuper also celebrates friendships, community, and individual and collective growth. The winter carnival is a perfect example of Kuper students and staff coming together to play and to compete outside of the academic realm. Since Kuper believes in a holistic approach to education, it goes without saying that we will always work to help build confidence in all of our students by helping them to nurture various identities- as scholars, athletes, artists, teammates, friends, and thoughtful contributing community members.

Elementary Students & Staff Embracing Carnival Week!



Every February, Kuper students engage in an array of activities that teach them how to exist happily within a community, be it Kuper or elsewhere. As you can see here, our students get outside and work together, in all seasons, to learn new skills and to learn more about themselves. We believe that by integrating fun into the Kuper curriculum, students have the chance to feel good about themselves while also stretching and growing in new ways.

~Carnival
Fun~



And... The
Blue Team
Takes it!



It's Great To Be Outdoors!



Whether in the elementary or in the high school, Kuper students are taught to embrace life and to have fun along the way.

Culinary Class ~A Blend of Food & Culture

The culinary class has become increasingly popular this winter. What are students learning? Well, here we see them learning to cook whole chickens in several different ways... and then enjoying the fruits of their labour!





Debate Team Deliberates All The Way To National Championships

On February 20th and 21st, Kuper debaters attended the QSDA Provincials, which was a two-day event comprised of six rounds of debating. The competition was fierce, yet the junior Kuper Academy debaters came out on top and will be moving on to the nationals in Winnipeg this coming May. During the competition, the juniors debated various topics including the argument that “This House Would oppose mandatory minimum sentencing in Canada.” It took a concerted effort and solid teamwork but the team came together and is very excited to be headed to the nationals to represent Kuper Academy. The following students (in their respective teams) represented our school: Avneet Bhabra & Emma Casarotto, Thanvi Garigipati & Tattiana Grach, David Barnfield & Tom Bhasi-Gelb.



S.O.S. Leadership Initiative Spreads Through Kuper

S.O.S. (Supporting Our Students) is an initiative created to raise awareness about how to deal with every day situations that arise during the school day. S.O.S. student leaders talk to various classes about topics including: bullying, peer pressure, acceptance, and stereotypes. This month, the S.O.S. will be reaching out into the elementary school to deliver presentations to all of the grade six students. In preparation for these presentations, the S.O.S. group has been brainstorming about topics in order to cover as much ground as possible and to allow for open-minded and authentic discussion. The focus of the dialogue will be on the effects of technology, social media, and bullying on young people and friendships. Initiatives such as this not only grow leaders within the walls of Kuper, but they help raise awareness on the community level in order to get the conversation started about important issues.

