

KAY BINGHAM NEWSLETTER

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DEAR PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

The past month many exciting activities have been provided to our students. We attended our first of four Young People's Concerts, had our annual Halloween Parade, hosted our first dance for our intermediate students, and participated in a special school spirit day (Proud to be Canadian). Classes have also started going skating at Brock arena.

On behalf of all KBES staff, thank you to all of our families who were able to attend our Remembrance Day Assembly. The gym was decorated with wonderful art created by our students. Also, we were fortunate to have several of our classes performing. We also appreciate all of our families who have supported Volleyball this season. Thanks so much for taking the time to be a great fan and chauffeur to our games that were played at various schools in the district. Special thanks to Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Brennan and Mrs. Schultz for coaching and sponsoring volleyball this season.

This past month we practiced our first lock down drill with Cnst. Winkles. Student and staff safety are always paramount and as such we have practiced 3 fire drills so far this year. In the New Year, we will practice another lock down, as well as an Earthquake drill. We ask that our families continue to be diligent and reinforce student safety by regularly reviewing stranger danger, pedestrian safety, as well as not picking up items such as broken glass or discarded needles on the ground. Please also continue to keep the office up-to-date of medical and legal information, as well as calling in your child's absence each day. Likewise, it is important to remember to sign your child out if they are leaving early and sign them in if they arrive late.

Reminder that our school is a scent sensitive school. Please avoid wearing strong scented products (ie. perfume, cologne, shampoo, laundry detergents and other scented personal care products).



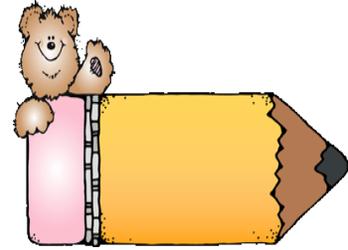
Parents, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the school if you have any questions or concerns about your child's social, emotional or academic development.



Sincerely,
Mrs. Hawkins,
Vice Principal

TERM 1 REPORT CARDS

Term 1 Report Cards will be sent home with students on Thursday, December 7. Some changes were made again this year



- Language Arts continues to be reported out as 1 subject. From the teacher's comments you should still be able to have a clear understanding of how your child is progressing in each area (reading, writing and speaking and listening).
- Health and Physical Education continues to be combined as one course. For all three terms: K-3 will have performance scale and comments; 4-5 will have comments only; Grade 6 will have letter grades and comments.
- Career Education is only assessed in Term 3 for K-5. Term 1 and 2 reports may include comments. Grade 6 students will have letter grades and comments in all three terms.
- Arts Education – For all three terms: K-3 will have performance scale and comments; 4-5 will have comments only; Grade 6 will have letter grades and comments.
- Applied Design Skills and – K-5 will have comments in Term 3; Grade 6 will have letter grades and comments.
- Student self-assessment in Core Competencies (thinking – creative and critical; communication; and personal/social) will be in Term 3.

Parents, please take the time to review your child's progress. Please attend to your child's absences and tardiness, as well as how they are progressing in each subject area. If your child in grades K-3 are not fully meeting expectations or if your child in Grade 4-6 are not performing at a C or better, please plan on setting up a meeting with your child's teacher to develop a plan of how the home and school can work together to support your child's development at school.

NON INSTRUCTIONAL DAY

December 4th is the 3rd NID day for this school year. KBES staff will be working together to learn about Daily 5 and CAFÉ, a framework for structuring literacy time so students develop lifelong habits of reading, writing, and working independently.

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BC WINTER GAMES

BC Winter Games are looking for volunteers to assist at our accommodation sites. Duties would include welcoming athletes and spectators to the venues, supervising the hospitality rooms and helping out at the accommodation sites. The location of the accommodation sites are all of the high schools in Kamloops, Brock Middle School, and Pacific Way Elementary. Kamloops will be hosting approximately 2100 athletes. We need at least 200 volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering or have more questions, contact Mrs. Hawkins or sign up at the following website and select accommodation:

www.bcgames.net/kam2018w

CHRISTMAS CONCERT, December 20th (A Place in the Christmas Choir)

Our annual Christmas Concert will take place on Wednesday, December 20. Thank you to Mrs. Hallett for organizing our concert once again! We have two performances planned for you; one at 1:15pm and the second at 6:30 pm. As we have limited seating available in our gym, we are once again providing tickets for our performances. Mrs. Bonderud, our secretary, will be sending a notice home on Tuesday, December 5 with more information about obtaining tickets to one of the two performances.

We would ask as many families, who are able, to attend our afternoon performance. Many of our parents work and can only attend an evening performance. The Christmas Concert Ticket Process is as follows:

1. On **Tuesday, December 5th** a ticket form will be sent home with each child. Parents are to: complete one form/family; indicate the # of tickets requested; indicate the performance time (afternoon or evening).

NOTE: You may request additional tickets, however you will be placed on a wait list, with tickets being awarded on a "first come—first served" basis.

2. On **Tuesday, December 12th** all forms must be returned to KBES.
3. Concert Tickets will be sent home with students on **Monday, December 18th**.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Our PAC continues to be a group of highly dedicated parents. They constantly fundraise to support our students and school. Each year our PAC assists with sponsoring our ski trip to Harper Mountain. This year they have purchased new water fountains for our school.



- **Holiday Gift Shop** opens Tuesday, December 5th – Friday, December 8th for students to do their Christmas Shopping!

Your continued support of our PAC's fundraising initiatives is very much appreciated! Our PAC is amazing!!!

All KBES parents/guardians are considered to be part of our PAC and are always welcome to attend our monthly meetings. **Our next PAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 14 @ 8:45** in the school staff room!

SPIRIT WEAR

Spirit Wear has been extended to December 6. We have several pieces of Kay Bingham clothing for sale. Choose from hoodies (\$30), t-shirts (\$15), toques (\$10), and track pants (\$48-50). Check out the samples at the office.

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL MATTERS

Regular and on-time attendance at school is very important for student academic achievement and sense of belonging and community.

Please ensure your child arrives to school on a regular basis. Arriving on time is also important, as often one has a feeling of being overwhelmed or out-of-step arriving after class has already started.



SCHOOL HOURS

Parents please be mindful that our school doors open at 8:20 with classes beginning at 8:30. Students are all dismissed at 2:30 pm. It is important that students are not arriving early and hanging around as we do not provide early morning supervision. If your child is attending the Breakfast Program at the Boys and Girls Club, then they should arrive at the portable by 8:00 am and stay there until the 8:20 bell goes. At the end of the school day, students should be promptly picked up.

LOST AND FOUND

Thank you for providing a jacket, a hat, mitts and outdoor boots for your child. However, many of these items have been left behind in the playground or hallways. Please check out the lost and found in our hallway for any missing items. These items will be boxed up and donated on December 21st. Thanks for your help on this matter.

MORNING ARRIVAL ROUTINES

At KBES, it is an established goal that students enter school in a calm, quiet and orderly manner, as this helps them feel more relaxed and ready to begin their day of learning. As a parent, we ask for your assistance by

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saying goodbye to your child/ren outside. If, by chance, you need to speak to your child's teacher in the morning, please wait until most of the students have entered the school, put their items away in their lockers and have moved into their classrooms.

Please be assured that parents are always welcome at KBES and that we recognize that often a quick chat or the sharing of important information with your child's teacher or another staff member needs to occur at arrival and dismissal time. We do ask that baby strollers remain outside for drop off and pick up each day.



**From the Board Meeting of:
November 6, 2017**

CONSENT AGENDA

- Education Committee Highlights
- Finance and Planning

Committee Highlight

- Superintendent's Update
- Innovation Through Inquiry Grants

EDUCATION TOPIC

- The Board received a presentation from Logan Lake Secondary School staff and students called Community Starts Here. Coordinated by Principal Preymak and Teacher John Blakely, the school's teachers and students demonstrated the connection to the community within their classroom projects. Special guest, Mayor Smith, introduced the school's project and highlighted the contributions of the school to the community of Logan Lake.

REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

- **RESPONSE TO STUDENT CITY COUNCIL PRESENTATION** - The Board approved a recommendation to work together with the Student City Council to expand the mandate to create a Student School Board Council that would provide input into topics and policies that impact youth in all School District No. 73 (Kamloops-Thompson) schools.

REPORTS FROM SECRETARY-TREASURER

- **CEF FUNDING UPDATE** - A request for additional funding for an additional 6.6942 FTE teaching staff was submitted to the

Ministry of Education to support class size and composition issues.

CHAIR REPORT

- Chair Wade told trustees about her attendance at Thompson Rivers University as a Search Committee member in their search for a new president.
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The next public board meeting will take place December 4th at the School Board Office at 7 p.m.

DECEMBER, 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Popcorn Sales
4 Non-instructional Day	5 PAC's Annual Holiday Gift Shop Opens For Viewing	6 PAC's Annual Holiday Gift Shop Opens For Shopping – 9am -2pm Last Day to buy Spirit Wear	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAC's Annual Holiday Gift Shop – 9am -2pm • Term 1 Report cards go home 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAC's Annual Holiday Gift Shop – 9am - 12pm • Ugly Sweater Day – school spirit
11	12	13	14 PAC Meeting @ 8:45	15 Popcorn Sales
18	19	20 Christmas Concert @ 1:15 and 6:30	21	22 Hot Dog Day
WINTER BREAK December 25 – January 8, 2017				