



Dear Parents/Guardians:

I want to take this time to thank all of our KBES families who were able to attend our Christmas Concerts yesterday. It is such a treat for the students to have such a fantastic audience to perform for; they certainly love performing and we trust you enjoy seeing them on stage. It is always good to gather the extended KBES family together and what better time than the Holiday Season! A very special thank you to Mrs. Hallett and Mrs. Covaceuszach for organizing our concert and taking the extra time to practice with students and classes.



We had such a great turnout for Come Read With Me this past month with our Grade 1 parents. We really appreciate the home school partnerships that



**COME  
READ  
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are fostered and want to thank all our parents for partnering with us in their child's education. Please continue to support your child's reading skill development by reading with them each day.

On behalf of KBES staff, we wish all of our families a very happy, healthy and safe Holiday! We trust you will enjoy the time spent with families and friends, creating wonderful memories to cherish!

Warm Regards!

Mrs. Wood,  
Principal



**PLEASE BE MINDFUL THAT SCHOOL RESUMES ON MONDAY, JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> @ 8:30 AM.**



**This year the first two weeks of Family Games Night are very special!** We have a number of tickets to the Blazer Hockey Games on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> and January 16<sup>th</sup>! The games

begin at 7:00 pm both nights. If you are interested in joining other KBES families and at one of these games, please notify the office of the game you would like to attend and the number of tickets you would like (maximum 4); we do have a limited number of tickets for our school.



Starting Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> Family Games Night will then move to the next 4 Wednesday evenings. Families are invited to gather in the library at 6:15 and play a variety of board games with their children. This is a great way to help spend the dark winter nights in a free activity with other KBES families.

### **ROCKS TALK AND BEHAVIOUR FOR STUDENTS, STAFF AND PARENTS**

At KBES we believe that our school ROCKS when we all manage our behavior and talk to ensure that we are **Respectful, Organized, Cooperative, Kind and Safe**. We refer to ROCKS behavior every day with students in both our classrooms, on the playground and by morning announcements. As we are all human beings, none of us are perfect and we all make mistakes and can learn to solve conflict in peaceful manners. We encourage students to own their behavior and to fix situations and move forward.

We encourage and expect all KBES parents to also model ROCKS behavior and talk when at KBES, attending school functions or interacting with other KBES families, children and staff. Please be mindful that we are eager to partner with all of our families, like you, we desire the best for your child/ren our students.

# KAY BINGHAM NEWSLETTER



The office and school day has periods in each day that are extremely busy. They include, arrival, dismissal, recess and lunch breaks. If you need to talk with your child's teacher or the Principal or Vice Principal, please don't hesitate to contact us in advance and we will gladly set up a meeting or call you at a mutually convenient time. If there is important information that you need to share right away, please be patient during these very busy periods of the day. You may have to wait a few minutes, but we definitely want to be able to chat together.

## STAFF CHANGES

We are thrilled for Ms. Dunn and her growing family. Ms. Dunn will be off on Maternity Leave in the New Year. We can't wait to meet her bundle of joy when it arrives. Please join us in welcoming Ms. Hendry and Ms. Tomlinson to KBES. Ms. Hendry will be replacing Ms. Dunn in her teaching assignments and Ms. Tomlinson is a CEA who has been assigned to our school until the end of the school year.



## LITERACY WEEK ACTIVITIES January 22 – 26<sup>th</sup>

KBES will be participating in a variety of special literacy activities each day this week. Some of the activities planned for this week are as follows:

Monday – Door Decorating Day

Tuesday – Staff Favourites and Pod Reads

Wednesday – Poem in Your Pocket

Thursday – School-Wide DEAR

Friday – Dress Up as Your Favourite Book Character

We encourage all KBES families to also plan their own literacy activities at home for this special week. Your children will have some fun ideas. You can also do a search for Family Literacy Week ideas; there are lots out there!

## 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HEAP THE HONDA CHILDREN'S BOOK DRIVE JANUARY 6 – 28<sup>TH</sup>

Literacy in Kamloops (LINK) is once again holding their annual book drive during the month of January. If you have gently used or new to you books that your children are no longer reading, please consider donating them.

Drop off locations include:

Kamloops Honda, Kamloops and North Kamloops Library, Kamloops This Week; Kamloops Blazers Game (Jan 27) and any Bright Red Bookshelf.

KBES is a direct recipient of these books, as we have a **Bright Red Book Shelf** in the main entrance of our school. These books are free to our students and families to take home and enjoy together.



## BASKETBALL SEASON

With January comes the start of Basketball Season in our School District. At this time, we know that we have a Tier 2 Girls and are very hopeful that we will also be able to host a Tier 2 Boys team in league play.

We want to thank in advance of our staff coaches, refs, parent drivers and fans for supporting this extra-curricular activity for our Intermediate students.



Project Venture is a program available to all Grade 5 and 6 Aboriginal, First Nations or Metis students. There are currently 15 spots available for our

students to register. Earlier this fall, information sheets, as well as, registration forms were sent home. If you are in need of more information or would like another information and registration form sent home, please contact MJ Palluck, AE Worker at KBES (250-376-5586). This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to participate in a variety of after school activities.

## FOUNDATION SKILLS ASSESSMENT (FSAs)

Students in Grade 4 participated in the annual Foundation Skills Assessment in October. These results will be shared with staff in the New Year.

Kay Bingham Elementary R.O.C.K.S.!

# KAY BINGHAM NEWSLETTER

Student FSA booklets, along with their results, will be sent home for parents by mid to end of January. When you receive your child's FSA results and booklets, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Register  
for  
**Kindergarten**



**Kindergarten registration for September 2018 is just around the corner!**

Please be aware of the following important information and registration dates within School District 73!

Elementary Parent Information Night for Schools of Choice – January 17

Schools of Choice Kindergarten Registration is January 29 – February 2

District Wide Kindergarten Registration is February 13 – 16

Kindergarten Round Up Parent Information Night is March 1<sup>st</sup>

Supported Kindergarten Transitions for Families of Students with Diverse Needs is May 15<sup>th</sup>

## **On Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, Kindergarten Registration will begin for students at KBES.**

Children who are 5 years old or will be 5 years old by December 31, 2018 are eligible to attend Kindergarten in September. It is important that parents bring in their child's birth certificate, care card and proof of address when they are registering their child. Early Kindergarten registration is important for important transition meetings, as well as, participation in our fun Welcome to Kindergarten orientation program.



### **WINTER CLOTHING**

Please ensure children come to school each day with the expectation that we will be playing outside during recess and lunch breaks. Students should have snow pants, jackets, hats,

mitts and scarves for our Canadian winters. Labelling your child's clothing will help with any innocent mix-ups of students wearing another student's boots home. If you are struggling to outfit your child/ren in outdoor clothing, please contact Mrs. Wood in the office for assistance.

### **CANCELLATION OF CLASSES DUE TO EXTREME WEATHER, POLICY 1024.7**

In the rare event that school is cancelled for students, the superintendent will make the announcement, as soon as possible, for parents so that they can make alternate arrangements for their children. Announcements will be made via: telephone message, local media and posting to the School District website. Parents, please remember to keep your contact information up-to-date with the office.

### **ENTERING AND EXITING THE SCHOOL**

All students are asked to enter the school each morning through their assigned Pod door. For security reasons, the front door is the only door open during the school day. It is important that all parents and guests enter the school through the main door and check in at the office. The main doors are open each day from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. Thank you for your cooperation on this important matter.

### **KBES PAC IS AMAZING!!**

Our PAC are an amazing and dedicated group of parents who work diligently to support students and school initiatives! Their ability to fundraise is second to none! All KBES parents and guardians are considered to be part of our PAC and hence you are invited to our monthly meetings. The next scheduled PAC meeting is Thursday, January 18 @ 8:45 am in our Staff Room.

Our PAC will start the New Year off with a reverse bottle drive! If you have any bottles that you are saving, please consider bringing them to the school the first week back in January. This is a great way of supporting our PAC's fundraising initiatives!



**Welcome January**



# JANUARY, 2018

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>8</b> SCHOOL RE-OPENS!  PAC BOTTLE DRIVE BEGINS	<b>9</b>  KBES Blazer's Hockey Game (FAMILY GAMES NIGHT)	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  LAST DAY TO DONATE TO PAC'S BOTTLE DRIVE!
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  KBES Blazer's Hockey Game (FAMILY GAMES NIGHT)	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> PAC MEETING @ 8:45 AM	<b>19</b> POPCORN SALE AT RECESS
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> FAMILY GAMES NIGHT IN OUR LIBRARY FROM 6:15 – 7:15 PM	<b>25</b> NEWSLETTER POSTED TO WEBSITE	<b>26</b>
LITERACY WEEK AT KAY BINGHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SPECIAL ACTIVITIES EVERY DAY!				
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> FAMILY GAMES NIGHT IN OUR LIBRARY FROM 6:15 – 7:15 PM BANNOCK SALE TODAY!	<b>Feb 1</b>	<b>Feb 2</b> POPCORN SALE AT RECESS