

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Like you, we are so thrilled that the weather has finally changed! The students are certainly enjoying the warmer weather and have a great time playing with their extended play time at lunch. The new lunch bell schedule is as follows:

11:50 Lunch begins with students eating

12:10 Eating is over and play begins

12:45 Play time concludes

12:50 Afternoon classes begin

This change in bell schedule reflects the change in weather and the fact that students don't need extra time to get ready with winter clothing.

KBES continues to have some staffing changes. Please join me in welcoming Ms. Fitzgerald to KBES. Ms. Fitzgerald is in one of our Kindergarten classes until the end of the year. We also have new families joining us and we want to especially welcome them also to the Kay Bingham School Family.

May is always a busy month with a number of District events. Some of our intermediate students will be participating in: Young Authors, Young Artists, Heritage Fair and District Track and Field. During the month of May we will also attend our last Young People's Concert at the Sagebrush Theatre. May is also Track and Field month in our District. Our Intermediate students are already using their PE time to practice for a variety of field and track events. Next Tuesday, we will host our own track & field meet for our Intermediate students. Our PAC will be organizing a concession for our intermediate students for this day.

We are planning for a very strong conclusion to our year of learning at KBES. Please maintain bedtime routines, as well as regular attendance at school. The next two months are important months of learning at school.

Thank you for allowing us to partner with you in your child's education.

Mrs. Wood, Principal



SOCIAL SKILLS GROUP FOR AGES 9 - 12

Child and Youth Mental Health (905 Southill Street) is offering a Social Skills Group for children between the ages of 9-12. This fun eight week art and activity based group will be held on Wednesdays from 3:00 – 4:15 and runs from May 2nd to June 20th. During the 8 sessions, children will learn skills to:

- Navigate the social world
- Build friendships
- Increase self-esteem
- Understand and start to manage intense emotions
- Explore self-regulation skills

Please contact Melinda at 250-554-5873 to register your child; space is limited.



On May 1, Kay Bingham intermediate students (grades 4-6) will be participating in track and field events at our school. Students successful at our Track Meet will possibly proceed to the Zone Track Meet on Friday, May 11th.

In order to make the event as successful as possible, we will need some parent volunteers to help at the events, at the ribbon table and to setup and take down stations, as well as the concession.

If you are able to help, please contact Mrs. Hawkins at the school 250-376-5586 or by email at thawkins@sd73.bc.ca

Our PAC will be holding a concession for our Track N Field Day. Thank you PAC!

REGULAR ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT

Students attending school on a regular basis and arriving on time not only assists in their academic growth, but also helps reduce stress and increases their connection and sense of belonging. Please help your child to arrive on time at school.

BIG THANKS!

Ms. Carr's class would like to acknowledge Farm to School BC who have awarded them a grant for their upcoming sustainability projects, and to the Nobel Pig who generously hosted them for a morning



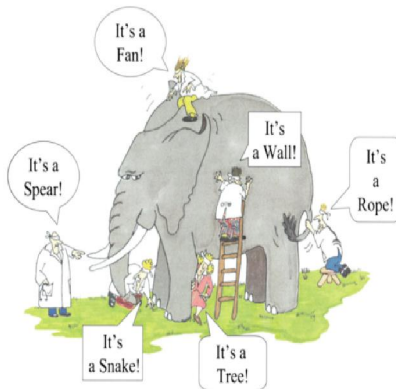
workshop about food sustainability, seasonality and preparation. Additional thanks go out to parent volunteers who make such field trips possible and also the City of Kamloops Sustainability Educator Jaimi Garbutt who presented 8 workshops at Kay Bingham in April. We are thrilled to have access to so many community experts to enhance our learning.

MINDFUL MINUTES AT KBES by Ms. Holmes

Part of the MindUP program involves helping your child use PERSPECTIVE TAKING and CHOOSING OPTIMISM as self-regulation strategies.

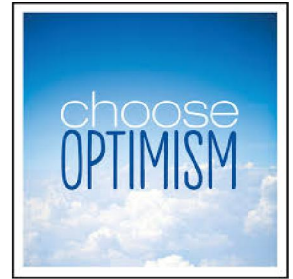
Q: What is PERSPECTIVE TAKING?

A: Perspective talking allows us to consider more than one way of understanding a behaviour, event or situation. Students who can accept that other people think and act differently than they do are much better equipped to interact with their peers. When learning perspective taking students practice taking a pause to consider other viewpoints mindfully. An increasing ability to consider a situation multiple ways reduces conflicts, facilitates group work and cultivates an inclusive school community.



Q: What is CHOOSING OPTIMISM?

A: Optimism is a way of seeing life hopefully and having an expectation of success and well-being. It correlates strongly with good health and effective coping strategies. Optimism is a learned trait that reduces the fight, flight or freeze response in our brains which in turn makes it easier for students to learn and make good choices.



SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY IS FRIDAY, MAY 25TH!

Our theme this month is Crazy Hat Day! Every Friday, students and staff are encouraged to wear our school colours: purple and yellow.

SCHOOL TRANSFERS FOR 2018/19

Starting March 1, parents may request a transfer to another school for the upcoming school year. All transfer forms need to be signed by Mrs. Wood and then submitted to the receiving school principal.

School transfers are considered in the following order:

- Catchment area child who attended the school in the previous year
- A catchment area child
- Non-catchment area child who attended the school in the previous year
- Non-catchment area child
- Non-school district child

If you have moved or are planning to move to another school catchment area, and want your child to attend their new school, please start the paperwork as soon as you move.

OUTSTANDING SCHOOL SUPPLY FEES

If you have outstanding school supply fees (agenda, YPC, school supplies), please contact the office and make arrangements for payment asap. We will gladly accept small monthly payments.



So ALL Kids Can Play!

KidSport Kamloops is a local not-for-profit organization that provides support to Kamloops children in order to remove financial barriers that prevent them from playing

organized sports. Kids up to 18 years old can receive up to \$500 per year to cover registration fees and/or equipment. If your child is interested in sports, visit the KisSport website to complete the simple application or find more information. All applications remain strictly confidential. Please call or email with any questions.

Website: www.kisport.ca/kamloops

Direct Line: 1-250-828-3822

STUDENT INFORMATION

Please continue to keep the office informed of current phone numbers, emergency contacts, medical alerts and Court Orders. Having current information is critical in the event of an emergency, as well as for daily contact.

EDUCATIONAL REQUESTS FOR CLASS PLACEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

In early - mid May, staff will begin thinking of preliminary class placements, even though final class placements will not be made until the first week of school in September. This accounts for families who are both moving in and out of our school catchment area. At KBES we always seek to create the best possible learning environment for all students. Setting classes is always a complex endeavour. We always give consideration to the following factors:

- Learning needs & styles
- Academic strengths and stretches
- Gender & grade balance
- Class size & composition
- Social & emotional development

Parent input is also a valued consideration. **Parents who wish to provide input regarding placement of their child/ren for the upcoming**

school year, may do so by completing a form from the office by Tuesday, May 1st. Parents must provide educational reasons to support their placement request. Please ensure a form is completed and submitted to the office, as speaking to your current child's teacher will not suffice.

HEADLICE

Headlice is a nuisance to have and deal with. We encourage all families to assist with this problem. Thanks so much for doing your part and diligently checking for lice and nits on a weekly basis. Thanks also for notifying the school, so that we too can notify other families to do an extra check. We will always treat your information in a very confidential manner.

PAC NEWS

All parents/guardians of students attending KBES are considered to be members of our PAC. As such, all are invited to monthly PAC Meetings. **The next PAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 10th at 8:45 am.**



Upcoming PAC fundraisers to watch for are:
KBES Concession for our Track and Field Meet.
Hot Dog Day, May 25th
KBES Spirit Gear Sales. Order forms will be sent home for purchasing water bottles, shirts, Frisbees, gym/library bags.
Wrist Bands for bouncy castles at our Year-end BBQ. Presale forms will be sent home in advance of our June 7th family BBQ. The cost will be \$5. If you purchase in advance, you will avoid the line-up to purchase at the BBQ.

Thank you for supporting all of our PAC's fundraising initiatives!

Thursday, June 7th from 4:30 – 7:30 is our annual PAC Family BBQ! Mark your calendars now! ☺

The students and staff very much appreciate our PAC. Their dedication and commitment to our students and school is outstanding!



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 SCHOOL TRACK MEET After School Art Program	2	3	4 Popcorn Sale After School Sports Program
7	8 After School Art Program	9 Bannock Day	10 PAC Meeting @ 8:45 am	11 Final YPC at Sagebrush After School Sports Program Zone Track Meet
14	15 After School Art Program	16 District 1000 M	17 District Track Meet	18 No School – Final Non Instructional Day
21 No School – Victoria Day	22 After School Art Program	23	24	25 Popcorn Sale PAC Hot Dog Day School Spirit Day – Theme: Crazy Hats! After School Sports Program
28	29 After School Art Program	30	31 Newsletter Posted Jump Rope for Heart	