

# KAY BINGHAM NEWSLETTER

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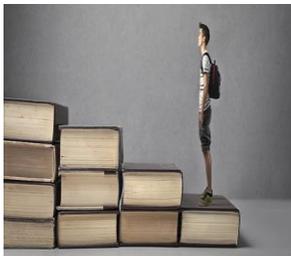
Dear Parents/Guardians:

What a great year of learning 2017/18 has been at KBES! Teachers have created wonderful learning opportunities and environments for students to develop their foundational skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking, and numeracy. Likewise, numerous learning experiences have been designed by teachers so that your children could participate in individual, partner and small groups so that they could further develop their collaborative skills as well as work on their core competencies (critical and creative thinking, communication, social responsibility – positive personal and cultural identify, and personal awareness and responsibility). Please take the time to review your child's learning journey with them and celebrate their growth. Even though school's out for the summer holidays, like any skill that isn't practiced, regression will result. Please create opportunities this summer for your child to read regularly, think like mathematicians and pursue areas of interest and further develop their knowledge and understandings. Playing outside is a great time for children to explore and learn to solve social conflicts.



Every June we know that we will be saying good-bye to students and families who are moving to other parts of the city, province and country. We want to wish you all the very best.

June is a time of mixed emotions for our Grade 6 students. While they are excited to be moving on to Brock Middle School, some are also a little



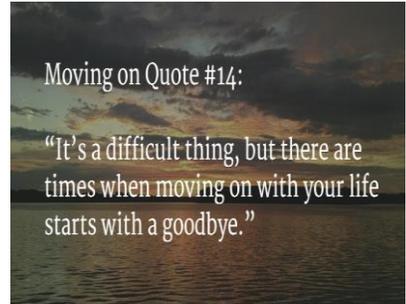
nervous as to what it will be like. As a staff we are very confident that they will do well in their new learning environment. Increased choice and options both academically and socially tends to be a wonderful experience for

the majority of students. We wish our Grade 6 students all the best in their future learning

journeys. We have every confidence they will continue to be successful in learning and life.

June is also a time that we say good-bye to many staff as their assignments end or choices are made to move and share their talents and passions in another school. Please join me in wishing all the best to the following staff members who will not be returning to KBES in September:

MJ Paluck, AEW;  
Jamie Killam, CEA;  
Brandy Wood, CEA;  
Kristin Bond, Librarian; Maureen McMillan, LART;  
Lisa Sears, Teacher; Julie Collins, Teacher; Loree Holmes, Teacher; Gino Covaceuszach, Teacher; Jen Seidler, Teacher; Taylor Fitzgerald, Teacher; Denise Hendry, Teacher; and Katie Cowan, Teacher. You have all made a wonderful contribution to KBES. Your future schools, students and families are fortunate to have you as an educational partner.



This is also a time of year wherein we are saddened for our loss at KBES, yet joyful and extremely happy for Mrs.

Schultz who is retiring! We want to thank Mrs. Schultz for her years of service to KBES and to SD73 and wish her a happy, healthy, retirement.

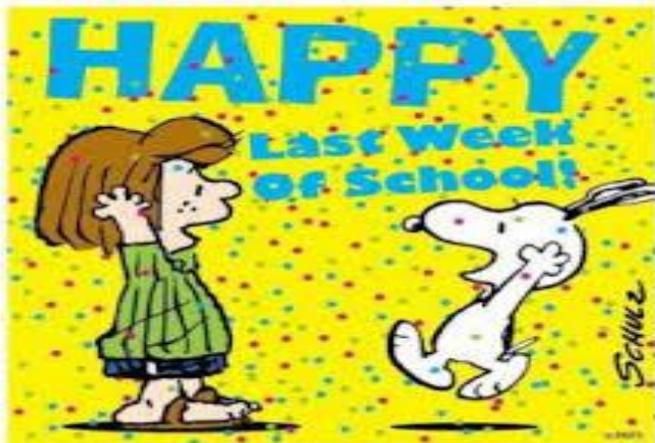
Our wish for all KBES students, staff and families is that you have a wonderful summer with family and friends. May your summer be filled with much laughter as well as quiet, reflective and enjoyable periods of time. We look forward to reacquainting with you again in September.

Warm Regards,

Mrs. Wood, Principal



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



## LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Monday through Wednesday we have regular school hours (8:30 – 2:30). **On Thursday all students are dismissed at 11:50 am for the commencement of Summer Holidays.**

This week our senior students are organizing a variety of fun activities for our students to participate in on Tuesday morning. Our **Fun Day** will run from 9:00 – 11:50 am. This is always a highlight for students. Thank you PAC for having a freezie station as an event!

Our **Year-end Assembly** will begin on Thursday morning at 10:30.

**Report Cards** will be sent home with students on Thursday morning, provided there are no arrears in school fees.

## LOST AND FOUND

Please encourage your child to go through lost and found to look for items of clothing that belong to them. All unclaimed items will be packed up on Thursday afternoon and given to a local charity.

## OFFICE HOURS OVER THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

The school office will remain open until Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup>. Following the summer, the office will reopen on Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup>.

## ARE YOU MOVING?

If you have moved or are planning to move to another school catchment area, and want your child



Dear Friends,  
I am moving to another house...  
to attend their new school, please start the paperwork now. The office has Transfer Forms that you need to complete and have signed by KBES Administration.

## BUDDY BENCH

Our PAC has purchased a Buddy Bench for us and the kids love it. The purpose of the



Buddy Bench

is to ensure that all students are included during play time. If a student is alone and doesn't have a friend or two to play with, they can sit on the buddy bench, look around for an activity and a group of students to join. At the same time, other students who see someone on the Buddy Bench are encouraged to invite the individual to join in their game or activity.

## SUMMER SUGGESTIONS

The **Bright Red Book Bus** will be at KBES on Mondays during the month of July from 10:00 to noon. Come out, get a book or two and participate in some fun activities.

Continue to **practice being mindful with a focus on gratitude**. Gratitude is a feeling of thankfulness and joy for things we've received (a smile, book, gift, words of encouragement) or things we have (health, family, food). Take a minute or two each day and reflect on being thankful. By doing this, you can train your brain to a positive mindset/perspective resulting in one's ability to notice more positive events in everyday life. You can practice gratitude by keeping a journal and listing things that you are grateful for or by keeping a list in your head. Sharing our gratitude every day with our family is a great way of practicing gratitude and developing a new habit.

