

## Dear Parents/Guardians:

I'm always amazed at how quickly a month flies by at school. It is unreal that next week is the beginning of October! Thanks so much for those families who were able to join us for Mug N Muffin earlier this month.

School start-up has gone quite well and students are settled into their learning. Ms. Shaw is a new teacher who is joining us today at KBES. Ms. Shaw is replacing Ms. Melney in Grade 3 for the remainder of the year. I anticipate that our staffing for the year has been completed.

This week is a special week at Kay Bingham Elementary School. Yesterday, we hosted Phyllis Webstad, author of *The Orange Shirt Story*. Phyllis shared her story of being a young student who attended residential school by reading her book to us. This Friday, all students and staff are encouraged to wear orange shirts to honour residential school survivors and their families.



This Friday we will also be hosting our annual Terry Fox Walk/Run for Cancer Research. Students are encouraged to bring in a loonie or toonie for cancer research.

We have our one and only **Early Closure** day scheduled for **Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**. All students will be **dismissed at 12:30**. Please ensure you make arrangements for an early pickup! You may initiate a parent teacher meeting or your child's teacher may initiate a meeting. Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher to make arrangements.

Our home and school partnerships are highly valued. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have any concerns regarding their social, emotional and or academic progress. Working as a close team enhances your child's development.

Regards,



Mrs. Wood, Principal

## KBES STAFF FOR 2018/19

I want to assure you that KBES has a wonderfully, hardworking, dedicated group of staff working for your children. We create learning opportunities and facilitate your child's growth and development. Our staff this year is as follows:

Teachers: Mrs. Henderson & Ms. Gresley-Jones

Grade 1 Teachers: Mrs. Aaltonen, Mrs. Paynter & Ms. Thompson

Grade 2 Teachers: Ms. Thompson, Mrs. Wessell, Mr. Henry & Ms. Petty

Grade 3 Teachers: Ms. Wishnowski & Ms. Shaw

Grade 4 Teachers: Mrs. Covaceuszach, Mr. Henry & Mr. Johnson

Grade 5 Teachers: Mrs. Hallett & Mrs. Kelly

Grade 6 Teachers: Ms. Brennan & Ms. Pye

LART: Mrs. Garner

Teacher Librarian: Mrs. Poelzer

Prep Teachers: Mrs. Plastina & Ms. Riddle

CEAs: Ms. Konowalchuk, Ms. Tomlinson, Ms. Heighton, Ms. Silvati & Mrs. Smith

AEWs: Ms Leonard & Ms. Antoine

Secretary: Mrs. Bonderud

Library Assistant: Mrs. Hoffman

Custodians: Mr. Plastina, Mr. Cardinal & Ms. Herr

Vice Principal: Mrs. Hawkins



Earlier this month, the office sent home important forms (verification, technology, outside media, etc) that need to be reviewed, signed and returned to KBES as soon as possible. Please ensure you keep the office current as to your address, phone number,

emergency contacts and any changes in your child's health and legal circumstances. Please continue to be diligent and look through your child's backpack/agenda each night as we are continuing to send home forms on a regular basis.

## LIFE THREATENING FOOD ALLERGIES

We have students with life threatening food allergies attending KBES. As a result, we seek an increase level of parent cooperation in refraining from sending the following items to school:

Seafood & tree nuts in Mrs. Brennan's class

# KAY BINGHAM NEWSLETTER

Tree nuts – in Ms. Thompson’s class &  
Peanuts in Mrs. Petty and Mr. Henry’s grade 2 class.  
**KBES ROCKS!**

At Kay Bingham Elementary School we believe our school ROCKS when everyone monitors and manages their behavior and talk to ensure that we are Respectful, Organized, Cooperative, Kind and Safe. Your assistance with this and reinforcing school talk and behavior with your children is very much appreciated.

## SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT!

Every Friday students are encouraged to wear our school colors: purple and gold. Our special school spirit day for October is Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. The theme for this day is “Bad Hair Day!”

### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

If you haven’t been able to pay for your child’s school supplies yet, please contact the office as partial payments can be accepted over a number of months. It is helpful for your child to have their student agenda as it assists in their organization and helps keep communication flowing between the home and classroom teacher.

### SAFE ARRIVAL

In June our School District switched our Safe Arrival program to School Messenger.



**Please don’t forget to call in your child’s absence each and every day that they will be absent from school.**

The absence reporting telephone number is 1-844-350-2647. If you haven’t done so, you may create an account at the following website: [go.schoolmessenger.ca](http://go.schoolmessenger.ca) You may also download the app for School Messenger.

### FOUNDATION SKILLS ASSESSMENT (FSAs)

Grade 4 & 7 students in the province will be participating in the writing of Foundation Skills Assessment during the month of October. The purpose of the FSA is to get a “snapshot” of how students are doing in the foundational skills (reading, writing and numeracy). A FSA letter will be sent home to all parents of children in grade 4, early next week.

### SCHOOL HOURS

The learning day for children is from 8:30 – 2:30. The office is open each school day from 8:00 – 3:30.

**PLEASE BE AWARE THAT WE DO NOT HAVE BEFORE SCHOOL AND AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION. FOR SAFETY REASONS, STUDENTS SHOULD NOT BE DROPPED OFF EARLY OR PICKED UP LATE FROM THE PLAYGROUND.**

### HEAD LICE

All parents/guardians are asked to establish regular routines where the checking of children’s heads for lice and nits are routinely done. If you find lice or nits, please take the necessary steps to thoroughly clean your child’s head. We would also ask that you notify the office, so that we in turn can notify families in your child’s class to do a head check. We will always maintain student and family confidentiality. Head lice is a nuisance; thank you for doing your part.

All parents/guardians of students attending KBES are considered to be a PAC member. We have a very active and diligent PAC group who work to enhance your child’s learning opportunities and experiences at KBES.



Parent Advisory Committee

Please plan on attending as many home and school activities, as well as our monthly PAC meetings, as you possibly can.

This year’s PAC Executive is as follows:

Angela Hall, Chair

Crystal Ramage, Vice Chair

Jenni Montgomery, Secretary

Ginette Bauer, Treasurer

Katharina Bokesch, DPAC Representative

### INTERIOR HEALTH

KBES is very fortunate to be connected to IH with a public health nurse, Ms. Smith. The Interior Health’s website is a rich source of health information for all ages and stages. They do have a School Health section with information that includes topics such as: dental health, immunization, nutrition, common childhood diseases, etc. Please take a look at their website at:



<https://www.interiorhealth.ca/YourHealth/SchoolHealth/Pages/default.aspx>



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



# OCTOBER, 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3 SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – THEMES: GRATITUDE AND TAKING CARE OF OUR PLANET BY RECYCLING	4	5
8 	9	10	11 STUDENT PHOTO DAY	12 PAC MEETING @ 8:45 After School Sports Program <b>BAD HAIR DAY!</b> Popcorn Sale at Recess
15	16 SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR – STUDENTS MAY PURCHASE AFTER SCHOOL	17 SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR – STUDENTS MAY PURCHASE THROUGHOUT THE DAY	18 SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR – LAST DAY TO PURCHASE BOOKS	19 NO SCHOOL – PROVINCIAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY
22	23	24 EARLY CLOSURE – ALL STUDENTS ARE DISMISSED AT 12:30	25 Newsletter send out electronically and posted to website	26 PAC PIZZA DAY & Popcorn Sale at Recess After School Sports Program
29	30	31 	Nov 1	Nov 2

