

## Dear Parents/Guardians:

October is all but gone! Thanks so much to all of our families who were able to attend a parent teacher interview yesterday. If you were unable to attend and have concerns with your child's academic, behavioral or emotional regulation, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher and schedule a meeting.

For the next few weeks Mrs. Hawkins is acting Principal at Rayleigh Elementary School. Please join me in welcoming Madame Blais to Kay Bingham as acting Vice Principal. Madame Blais is the Languages Co-ordinator for our School District.



October in our district brings Volleyball Season! We are so thankful to be able to have 2 teams participate in Volleyball this year. Special thanks to our parent coach, teacher coach, sponsors, referees and also to our parent drivers and fans!

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. If we are going to interact with other people, we are certain to experience conflict. Students are being taught to use their WITS (walk away, ignore, talk it out and seek help) and solve conflict in a peaceful manner.

Emotional literacy is an important part of student development. Starting next week, we will be introducing students to the 4 basic/core emotions of anger, fear, happy and sad, as we are finding that many students are unable to name an emotion they are feeling. We will also be discussing strategies for dealing with each when they become big emotions!

We are taking advantage of the beautiful Fall weather and offering classes an additional afternoon recess break for those classes who are able to demonstrate cooperation and keeping hands and feet to self during both conflict and playtime. We are expecting more classes will be able to enjoy this incentive as the weeks go on.

On Halloween, primary students will be invited to wear a Halloween costume to school. Immediately following

morning announcements we will host our annual Halloween Parade, so that the younger students can showcase their costumes to the older students and parents. Please ensure costumes are school appropriate, which means they refrain from gore and having weapons. A dance at lunch time will be hosted for our Intermediate students. If classrooms are having special parties, the classroom teacher will inform parents.



If you have time and are interested in filling occasionally organizing and delivering meals to our classes please let Mrs. Wood know. This is a relief position which will require an hour of work when our scheduled meals provider isn't available.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the office, if you have any concerns or questions that we can assist with.

Warm Regards,



Mrs. Wood, Principal



We are so proud of our students for collecting over \$350 for cancer research during our annual Terry Fox Walk/Run.

Mrs. Hallett's Grade 5 students are participating in Socktober! They are collecting new pairs of socks for the homeless. Their goal is 100 pairs of new socks! If you are interested in participating, please send a new pair of socks to school with your child.

Mrs. Brennan's Grade 6 students are encouraging all of us to be friendly to Mother Earth and recycle as much as possible!

# KAY BINGHAM NEWSLETTER

In late Spring, our PAC ordered new picnic tables, benches and scooter racks for our school. You will notice that the District's Maintenance Department has finished the installation of them!

## UPcoming EVENTS

Each year we host a Remembrance Day Assembly and encourage students, staff and guests to quiet themselves and reflect on our current and former peacekeepers and all they've done to promote peace within the world. Parents are always welcome to join us for this very special assembly. It is scheduled for Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 am.

**PHOTO RETAKES AREH SCHEDULED FOR THE AFTERNOON OF THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>.**



Parents of our Grade 1 students are welcome to come and read with their children on Friday, November 23 at school. Literacy in Kamloops (Link) has partnered with School District No 73 to offer a session for parents and caregivers of Grade 1 students. Parents go home with many new strategies and a bag of materials including a new book, sight



word cards, word games, foam dice, a bookmark, and many more strategies and tools. An invitation will be sent home with our Grade 1 students next week! This is always a special time and we are pleased to be able to host this parent workshop again this year.

**OUR NEXT SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY IS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>. STUDENTS AND STAFF ARE ENCOURAGED TO FIND A TWIN AND DRESS ALIKE FOR THE DAY!**



### PAC NEWS

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.

Please plan on attending as many home and school activities, as well as our monthly PAC meetings, as you possibly can. The next PAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 15 @ 8:45 am in the Staff Room.

### Current PAC Events

Spirit Gear – please submit your order forms ASAP. Our display cabinet currently has items available to purchase from our PAC.

### Upcoming Events

Our PAC is hosting a Craft Fair in the School Gym November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 – 2:00. There are still some tables available if you want to sell craft items.

The annual Holiday Gift Shop will be running from December 3 – 7<sup>th</sup>. This is an event that our students look forward to each year; they love doing their Christmas shopping! As this is a big event, parent volunteers and helpers are needed.

### DENTAL HEALTH

There is a BC Healthy Kids Program for children (18 years and under) of lower income families, wherein up to \$1400 worth of basic dental treatment is available every 2 years. This program **also covers eyeglasses** (lenses and basic frames) once every 12 months.

Another free and/or subsidized dental treatment program is through the "Save-A-Smile Program." Please call 1-866-866-0800 for more information.

Lift the Lip Dental Program – This program is for young children from 12 – 47 months in age and is offered by the Interior Health Dental Program. Contact the Kamloops YMCA – John Tod Y – Early Years Center at 250-851-7300.





# NOVEMBER, 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>29</b> First Young People's Concert at Sagebrush Theatre	<b>30</b> After School Art Program	<b>31</b> Halloween Parade! Fine Arts Performance at KBES	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> After School Sports Program
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> After School Art Program	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY @ 10:30 am Popcorn Sale After School Sports Program
<b>12</b> NO SCHOOL	<b>13</b> After School Art Program	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> PAC Meeting @ 8:45 am STUDENT PHOTO RETAKES IN THE AFTERNOON	<b>16</b> After School Sports Program
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> After School Art Program	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> COME READ WITH ME GRADE 1 PARENT WORKSHOP Popcorn Sale After School Sports Program
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> After School Art Program	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> NEWSLETTER POSTED	<b>30</b> After School Sports Program School Spirit Day! Theme: Twin Day