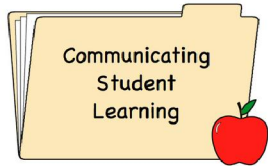




Dear Parents/Guardians:

What a beautiful November we've had both weather wise and learning! Thanks so much to our families who were able to join us for our annual Halloween Parade, Remembrance Day Assembly, and Come Read With Me, grade 1 parent workshop. Your participation in school activities is always appreciated.

Teachers have been busy writing **Term 1 Student Progress Reports**. Report Cards will be sent home with students on Thursday, December 6th. We encourage all families to take the time to review their child's progress in each subject area, work habits, ability to regulate and manage their



emotions, behavior and talk, as well as their attendance and on-time arrival at school. If your child is in the Primary Grades and is not fully meeting expectations, or in the Intermediate Grades and is not achieving at a C or better, please plan on setting up a meeting with your child's teacher to develop a plan of how the home and school can work together to address lagging skills. Please also celebrate your child's emotional, social and academic successes.

We are beginning to plan and prepare for our annual **Christmas Concert**. We so appreciate Mrs. Hallett taking the time to organize us



each year; she does such a great job. This year's concert is called, The Legend of Polar Mountain and will be held on Wednesday, December 19th at 1:15 pm and 6:30 pm. Doors will open 30 minutes prior to each performance. Students will be asked to be back at school by 6:00 for the evening concert. Our performance should last no longer than 45 minutes in duration. As we currently have 325 students in our school and limited seating in our gym, individual family requests for concert tickets is limited to 2 tickets. We do ask that as many families as possible that can attend the afternoon concert do so, thereby allowing our working parents to attend the evening concert. The Christmas Concert ticket process is as follows:

1. On Tuesday, Dec 4th, a ticket form will be sent home with each child. Parents are to complete one form/family; indicating: the # of tickets requested and the performance time. You may request additional tickets, however, you will be placed on a wait list, with tickets being awarded

on a "first come – first served" basis with priority going to parents of blended families.

2. On Tuesday, Dec 11th, all forms must be returned to KBES office by 8:30 am
3. Concert Tickets will be sent home with students on Monday, Dec 17th. Tickets will be color coded for each performance.

We want to thank you in advance for understanding our limited seating capacity for our concert. We are always pleased to be able to allow the students perform for you, and know you will once again enjoy this year's performance.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Wood, Principal

STARTING NEXT WEEK!

We have observed that many of our former KBES students return to play on the playground equipment each day. We've also noticed that regardless of the age of our students, when they earn an additional Friday afternoon recess break, students play on our playground equipment. As the equipment does not hold 325 students at one time, we have decided to split our lunch break so that all KBES students have an opportunity to play on the equipment each day. There will be no change to our morning recess break, but for lunch, the following schedule will occur:



- 11:50 – 12:15 – Primary students play outside, while the Intermediate students eat their lunch.
- 12:15 – 12:45 – Primary students come in and eat their lunch, while Intermediate students play outside
- 12:45 – 12:50 Transition to afternoon classes for all students – no change

NON INSTRUCTIONAL DAY

Please be mindful that Monday, December 3rd is the 3rd NID day for this school year. KBES staff will be joining a number of other schools at McGowan Park Elementary School to share and learn more about designing our math classes that promote math thinkers; students who

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have conceptual understanding, fluency and confidence in solving math problems.

SCHOOL HOURS

Parents please be mindful that our school doors open at 8:20 with classes beginning at 8:30. Students are all dismissed at 2:30 pm. It is important that students are not arriving early, as we do not provide before and after school supervision. At the end of the school day, students should be promptly picked up.

LOST AND FOUND

KBES has a lost and found bin located in the hallway opposite the office. Please check lost and found items for any missing articles of clothing that may belong to your child. You can assist with items, by clearly labelling your children's clothing, including boots with their first and last name.

SAFE ARRIVAL

It is very important that parents/guardians report any Absence to the Safe Arrival System. This applies to any time that the child will be absent from school, whether that be a Full-Day Absence, or a Partial Absence, where the child will be coming in late. There are three methods you can use to report absences:

	APP: In App store, search: SchoolMessenger
	PHONE: Toll-free Phone Number: 1-844-350-2647
	WEB: Website: go.schoolmessenger.ca

Please remember that absences can be reported any time of the day or night, so you don't need to wait until morning.

When reporting a Partial Absence ("Late"), the steps you will need to follow are:

- Press the number indicated for reporting an **Absence**
- Press the number indicated for the appropriate date (today or a future absence)
- Press the number indicated for **Partial Day** and follow the instructions from there (eg. time of arrival and reason for absence)
- Don't hang up until you receive a confirmation code

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please ensure you keep the school's records up-to-date with important contact information: parent's names, addresses, cell phones, home phone numbers, etc. If your family has a legal alert, it is important that we have a copy of the court order. Each month we email out our newsletter and meals program. If you haven't shared your email address with us, please do so.

MONTHLY MEALS MENUS

It is important that parents remember to sign and return the meals menu each month. Look for January's meals menu to be out very soon!

PAC NEWS

The annual Holiday Gift Shop will be running from December 4 – 7th. All students are invited to bring money and purchase some Christmas gifts for family and friends. Gift items range in price from \$0.25 to \$7.00. Most items are around \$3.00 in price.



Our PAC is hosting Hot Dog Day on Friday, December 21st. Please be mindful to submit your child's order form by the assigned deadline.

There is still KBES Spirit Gear available for purchase. Items include t-shirts, water bottles, Frisbees and bags. Please contact PAC on their Facebook Page if you want to purchase an item for Christmas.

Our PAC will once again be hosting their reverse bottle drive the first of school in January (7-11). Please bring your empty returnable bottles to school!

WINTER BREAK IS DECEMBER 24 – JANUARY 4TH. SCHOOL RESUMES ON JANUARY 7, 2019

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 NO SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY	4 Concert Ticket Requests go Home	5	6 Term 1 Student Learning Reports Go Home	7
10 January Meals Menu sent out electronically	11 Concert Ticket Requests due at 8:30 in the office	12	13 PAC Cookie Dough Delivery	14 Popcorn Sale at Recess
17 Concert Tickets go home	18 CONCERT DRESS REHEARSAL January Meals Menu due back at 8:30 am	19 CHRISTMAS CONCERT @ 1:15 & 6:30 PM	20 SCHOOL NEWSLETTER POSTED TO WEBSITE	21 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL PAC Hot Dog Day School Spirit Day: Cozy Up for the Holidays!

Season's Greetings
 &
 Happy New Year

