



Dear Parents/Guardians:

On behalf of the staff and students I want to take this time to thank all of our families who were able to attend our Concert yesterday. It is always a special treat to be able to perform for you. Special thanks to Mrs. Hallett for organizing all of us; this is a huge undertaking and it is greatly appreciated by the students and staff.



With January comes the beginning of Basketball Season. Thanks in advance to Mrs. Brennan and Mr. Henry, our two coaches. Thanks also to our great parent fans, referees, score keepers and parent drivers. We wouldn't be able to offer these opportunities without the volunteering of staff, students and parents.

We find ourselves saying goodbye to the following staff members tomorrow: Madame Blais (VP), Mrs. Paynter (Grade 1) and Mrs. Poelzer (teacher librarian). We appreciate their dedication to our students this fall and wish them all the best. We do want to welcome back to KBES, Mrs. Dunn (Grade 1) and Mrs. Hawkins (VP). Ms. Grimshire is joining KBES in January as our new teacher librarian.

Family Games Night will be happening again this year! We will be scheduled this year on Tuesday nights from 6:00 – 7:00 pm in the library. Our first week, January 15th will be a Blazer's Game! Like last year, we have a limited number of hockey tickets available for families on January 15 & 30 to the Blazers Hockey Games. If you are interested in attending, please contact the office! We hope that many of our families will be able to attend our games night hosted in the library. It is always a good time to gather together and play a board game with your children.



On behalf of the staff of KBES, I want to wish you a wonderful Holiday Season. I trust you will enjoy many good times with family and friends and wish you a Happy, Healthy 2019!

Sincerely,



Mrs. Wood, Principal



The last week of January is Family Literacy Week. Each day is a special day as we will participate in different Literacy activities. Our special activities include: Monday – Buddy Reading; Tuesday – Literacy Games; Wednesday – DEAR in the Gym; Thursday – Wear your favourite quote as a necklace and Friday: dress up as a favourite book character! We encourage as many families as possible to accept the challenge and unplug this week from electronics and play games and read together!

2019/20 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IS NEAR!

Students who will be turning 5 in 2019 are eligible to attend Kindergarten starting September! During the month of January, parents interested in their children attending Schools of Choice are invited to information sessions about the options available, as well as how to register for these schools. February 11 – 15th is Registration Week for students planning on attending KBES in September. Please bring your child's birth certificate, care card and proof of address.

COMMUNICATING STUDENT LEARNING PILOT

With BC's redesigned curriculum, there is a move to redesign how students are assessed and how their progress is communicated and reported. The Intermediate teachers at KBES are participating in a reporting pilot with a number of other schools and teachers within our district and province. For Term 2 & 3, we will move away from letter grades and use a 4 point proficiency scale to communicate student's progress. All parents with children in our Intermediate grades are invited to attend a parent information session on Tuesday, January 8th @ 6:00 pm in the library. We will share the 4 point proficiency scale and answer any questions/concerns that you may have.

PAC NEWS

Our PAC is a wonderful group that is extremely dedicated to making KBES a great place of learning. They recently donated \$3000 to go towards the building of classroom libraries. This is the second year that they have contributed to this school project. Please support our PAC with all of their fundraising initiatives. Our PAC will once again be hosting their reverse bottle drive the first week of school in January (7-11). Please bring your empty returnable bottles to school! Our next monthly PAC meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 11 @ 9:00. All Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend.

JANUARY, 2019



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7 SCHOOL RE-OPENS	8 Intermediate Parent Report Card Meeting @ 6:00 pm in the library	9	10	11
14	15 Family Game Night – Blazer Hockey Tickets	16 School of Choice Information Session at HGEC for the 2019/20 School Year	17	18 PAC Meeting @ 9:00 am
21	22 Family Game Night 6:00 – 7:00 pm in the Library	23 Bannock Sale	24	25
28 FAMILY LITERACY WEEK – UNPLUG AND PLAY!!!	29	30 Family Game Night – Blazer Tickets	31 Newsletter Posted to Website	February 1