

KAY BINGHAM NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

It is hard to believe that October is next week! Time is surely passing quickly! In our first month of school, much time has been spent on establishing classroom routines, reviewing ROCKS behaviour expectations and meeting new classmates. It is so good to have the school filled with students, laughing, playing and learning together! Thanks so much to all staff, students and families who were able to attend our Mug N Muffin last week! We look forward to hosting more school socials over the course of the year.

I want to thank parents as we have been working through staffing processes. Please join me in welcoming the following staff members to Kay Bingham Elementary School: Mrs. Gottfriedson, Primary Teacher; Mrs. Ratuski, Intermediate Teacher; Mr. Plastina, Custodian; Mr. Nielson, Custodian and Ms. Polluck, First Nations Education Worker. We anticipate within the next few days we will have finalized our Support Staff team.

As a staff we look forward to working with our families and partnering with you in your child's social emotional, physical and academic growth. If at any time you have questions or concerns in relation to your child's progress or the expected learning outcomes they are to achieve, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Sincerely,

Colleen Wood, Principal



EARLY CLOSURE FOR PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Two early closure days are scheduled this month for Parent Teacher Interviews. On **Wednesday, October 14th and Thursday, October 15th**, all students will be dismissed at 12:30. It is important that families make arrangements for students to be picked up promptly at 12:30. For our Parent Teacher Interviews, we ask parents to communicate with their child's teacher to establish a meeting time. This is an excellent time to share important information about your child, as well as you learn about the classroom routines and expectations. **You may contact your child's teacher to set-up an interview by calling the school office, writing a note in your child's agenda or emailing your child's classroom teacher.**



NON INSTRUCTIONAL DAY

There will be no school for students on Friday October 23rd as it is a province wide Professional Development Day for teachers.

PICTURE DAY IS COMING!

Fall Photos for Students is:
Thursday, October 1st

Retakes: Thursday, October 29th



LUNCH PROGRAM

Our menus for the month of October are now available. All orders will need to be returned to the school by Tuesday, September 29 by 8:33 am. As we have a very tight deadline to process our orders, we are unable to accept late orders. The cost of each meal is \$4. Subsidies, if needed, are available, by talking with the Principal. Order forms will no longer be sent home with every student, every month. Each classroom teacher, as well as the office has meals order forms available.

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STUDENT INFORMATION

It is so important that families remember to inform the office of any changes in contact information (home phone, cell phone, email, address), as well as, legal and important medical information. Your child's safety is always a top priority and our ability to contact you is essential. **If you haven't yet updated your child's Verification Form and returned it to the office, please do so immediately. Thank you for your cooperation in this very important matter.**



COME READ WITH ME

All parents and guardians of Grade 1 students are invited to attend our "Come Read With Me" workshop on Wednesday, **October 14th from 8:30 – 9:45 am.** This is an opportunity for parents to

participate in a brief workshop that promotes how to effectively support your young reader.

SPIRIT OF GIVING

Today students and staff participated in our annual Terry Fox Walk/Run for Cancer Research. Everyone was encouraged to bring a toonie for cancer research. At this time we do not have a total of our contributions, but we do want to acknowledge and thank everyone for their charitable contributions.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Cross Country Running always kicks our District sporting events off in September. Mrs. Schultz has been hosting this group of



interested students at KBES. With October comes the beginning of Volleyball Season. We always appreciate our staff and families who are able to support extracurricular activities by sponsoring teams,

referring, providing rides and being Mustang fans! Thanks so much for providing these opportunities for our students.

POWER START

Power Start is a program offered by the Boys and Girls Club of Canada. Power Start includes transportation to school for children from their home each day. Children are provided a nutritional breakfast and participate in movement, relaxation, grooming and organizational activities in preparation for the start of their school day. Nutritious snacks are also provided for recess breaks. Parents may self-refer their children to participate in Power Start. For more information please contact Jennifer Cleaveley at 250-554-5437 ext 207 or email children@bgckamloops.com



SCHOOL FEES

If you have not paid for your child's school supplies (including agenda and YPC), please contact Mrs. Bonderud and make arrangements for payment. If it is beneficial for you and your family, we can accept monthly payments.

CHANGE IN WEATHER

With the change of the season our weather is also changing. Parents please remember to have your child dress in clothing that is appropriate for the cooler mornings. Students will be outside each day at recess and lunch breaks enjoying the fresh air. Taking the time to label your child's boots, jackets, etc will eliminate another student accidentally taking home an item of clothing that is the same as theirs.



MORNING ARRIVAL ROUTINES

The goal at KBES is for our students to enter school each day in a calm, quiet and orderly manner. We believe this helps them feel more relaxed and ready for their important work of learning. As a parent you can help by saying goodbye to your child/ren outside and then if you need to speak with a teacher, wait until most of the students have entered the school and moved into their classrooms.

Parents are always welcome at KBES. We recognize that mornings can be an important time for a quick chat with the teacher or to touch base with a staff member.

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YOUNG PEOPLES CONCERTS (YPC)

Students in grades 1-6 will once again attend the Young People's Concerts. The four performances are especially designed for elementary aged children and enhance the Fine Arts curriculum. Our first concert in the series will occur the last week of October at the Sagebrush Theatre. Permission forms, along with the Performance line-ups will be sent home within the next couple of weeks.



STROLLERS

Thank You to parents for leaving baby strollers outside when they come to drop off and pick up their children. You are helping to make the start and end of each day much smoother.

FOOD ALLERGIES

We have a number of students with both significant and life threatening food allergies in our school. We do not guarantee being a "peanut free" school. We do however, promote awareness within our school and encourage students to frequently wash their hands, to both stop the spread of germs and cross contamination. We encourage you to limit "nut" products in snacks and lunches. Please also ensure your child knows when they have nut products and remind them to wash their hands frequently and to clean up after eating.



The fall our **Scholastic Book Fair** will be held October 21 – 23 in the Library. The hours will be:

Tuesday, October 21:

- Preview all day
- Open for student purchases: 2:30 – 3:00

Wednesday, October 22:

- 8:15 – 3:00 (closed at recess & lunch)

Thursday, October 23:

8:15 – 3:00 (closed at recess)

HEAD LICE

Please continue to do your part and help stop the spread of head lice by doing regular weekly head checks. If your child has head lice, please take the time to effectively treat them and contact the school, so that we can notify other families in the class to also check and treat their children's heads. Confidentiality and dignity of students/families will always be maintained. Thank you for your support in this.



There are many great opportunities available to make our school and community a great place. All parents/guardians of students attending Kay Bingham Elementary School are considered to be PAC members and hence are invited to attend all PAC Meetings!

Our First PAC Meeting was held yesterday morning. At that time, PAC elections were held and our Executive for this school year is as follows:

Chair: Berrie Hansen
Vice Chair: Shaunna Branchflower
Secretary: Jenni Montgomery
Treasurer: Angela Knolls

If you would like the PAC Meeting minutes e-mailed to you, please e-mail kaybinghampac@gmail.com

Our PAC is in the process of organizing their first fundraiser of the school year. Watch your child's backpack for an opportunity to purchase a Discount Coupon Book for Kamloops!

GROCERY RECEIPTS

Our PAC is continuing to collect receipts from Independent Grocers and Coopers. Please drop your receipts off in the box by the front office.



Our next PAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7 @ 8:45 am.



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Picture Day	2
5	6	7 PAC MEETING AT 8:45	8	9
12 HAPPY THANKSGIVING	13	14 Come Read with Me 8:30 – 9:45 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;">Early Closure for Parent Teacher Interviews. All students are dismissed at 12:30!</div>	15	16
19	20 	21 	22 	23 Non-Instructional Day
26	27	28	29 Newsletter Posted to Website Photo ReTakes	30
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 100%;">First Young People's Concert of the Year will occur this week. Permission Forms and Details to follow.</div>				