

KAY BINGHAM NEWSLETTER

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DEAR PARENTS / GUARDIANS:

I want to take this time to thank all of our families for attending our Christmas Concert, "Santa's Day Off" yesterday. The students love to perform for their families and your attendance is so very much appreciated. Special thanks to Mr. Baker for organizing students and staff for this wonderful annual tradition! Our choir has entertained KBES students, staff and families a few mornings over the past week. What a special way to arrive at school hearing our Choir singing carols!



Term 1 Report Cards were sent home today with students. This is the first of 3 formal reports that teachers are required to send home each school year. You will notice that our Report Card format is different this year from previous years. Notwithstanding, student progress in relation to Learning Outcomes for each grade has remained the same. Parents/Guardians, please take the time to review your child's report card. Pay particular attention to your child's progress; they should be fully meeting expectations in Kindergarten to Grade 3, and achieving with a C or higher in Grades 4 to 6. Please also note your child's attendance and on-time arrivals during Term 1. Regular and on-time attendance are important for students' academic success, reducing a sense of being overwhelmed, as well as, feeling connected to their classmates, teachers and school. If you have any questions or concerns with your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. Home and school partnerships are valued and are often an essential foundation for student success.



On behalf of the staff of Kay Bingham Elementary School, I want to take this time to wish all of our families a very happy and safe Holiday Season.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Wood, Principal



WHAT'S NEW FOR 2016?

We have 2 "new to KBES" events starting in January! Starting on Wednesday, January 6th from 6:00 – 7:00pm we are hosting **Family Games Night**. KBES families are invited to come to our gym to play a variety of board games together. All games will be provided. This time together is intended to strengthen our home and school connections.



Starting on Friday, January 6 – Spring Break, parents are invited to join Ms. Mabee and Mrs. Wood in the library for a very **informal coffee and social**. This is a chance for parents to come in out of the cold as they wait for their children and socialize with other parents over a cup of coffee. We hope you are able to join us on Fridays from 2:00 to 2:30.



FOUNDATION SKILLS ASSESSMENT (FSA)

The Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) is an annual province-wide assessment of BC students' academic skills. The FSA provides a snapshot of how well BC students are learning basic skills in Reading Comprehension, Writing and Numeracy. The primary purpose of this assessment is to assist the province, school districts, and schools in evaluating how well students are achieving and develop plans to improve student achievement. Grade 4 students will write the FSAs in mid-January with make-ups occurring the end of January – early February. The FSAs take approximately 4.5 hours to write.

The Student Learning Assessment Order (School Act, sections 81 & 168) provides the legislative authority that mandates administration of the FSA to all Grade 4 students. Principals do not have the authority to excuse students from participation unless they meet very specific criteria. Students who are in attendance during the testing period will be expected to participate in the assessment. If your child should meet the requirements to be excused from writing the FSAs, Mrs. Wood will be in direct contact with you.

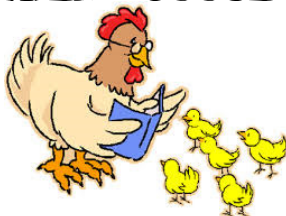
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BASKETBALL SEASON

With January comes the start of Basketball season in our School District. Like volleyball, we are anticipating hosting 2 teams; one girls and one boys at the Tier 2 level. We want to thank in advance our coaches, referees, parent drivers, scorekeepers, athletes and fans!

PARENT-CHILD MOTHER GOOSE PROGRAM

Our Parent-Child Mother Goose will be starting on Friday, January 8th and not the 15th as originally announced! This is an hour long, weekly program (January 8 – March 11 @ 9:00 am) that includes: songs, stories, rhymes that focus on language and social development. If you are interested in attending these free sessions, please register at www.eventbrite.ca If for some reason the event is full, please contact Mrs. Wood in the school office.



CODE OF CONDUCT (POLICY 600.1)

The District's Code of Conduct Policy was revised in July, 2015. The purpose of the Code of Conduct is to encourage acceptable student behaviour so that a safe, respectful and caring learning environment can be established and maintained for all students.

Teachers have taken the time to review the Code of Conduct with students. In addition, the Code of Conduct has been posted in each of our classrooms, as well as outside the office.

OUTSTANDING FEES

At this time we have over \$2500 outstanding in School Supplies, YPC and Agenda fees. It is important that all families pay any outstanding balances ASAP. If you are unable to pay the full amount, please contact the office as we are more than willing to accept installment payments over the remaining 6 school months.

LOST AND FOUND

KBES has a lost and found box of items that belong to students. If your child is missing some clothing items please take the time to look in our Lost and Found Box located outside the library. All students are asked to keep special and valuable items at home, as the school cannot be responsible if they go missing. Our Lost and Found box has been moved to the primary entrance.

NEW CURRICULUM

Two additional Professional Development Days have been added to this school year; January 22nd and April 4th. The purpose of these days is for teachers to learn together key aspects of the new curriculum that has an implementation date for September, 2016.

The curriculum has been redesigned in response to the changing and demanding world our students are entering. The changes in curriculum will enable teachers to create enhanced learning environments that promote engagement and personalized learning. Literacy and numeracy foundations will remain, as well as essential content and concepts in curricular areas. In addition, Core Competencies in Communication, Thinking (creative and critical), and Personal and Social have been established, as well as identification of Big Ideas.

HEADLICE

Please continue to do your part and check your child/ren's heads on a weekly basis; this is especially important if children are having sleepovers throughout the Holidays. If you discover nits or lice, proper treatment and notifying the school is very much appreciated as we want to ensure other families are being equally diligent. Thanks so much for your assistance with this.

PAC NEWS

Our PAC will once again be hosting their reverse bottle drive fundraiser the first week of January. Please save your bottles and bring them to KBES the first week of school. This historically is a great fundraiser. Thank you in advance for supporting our PAC!



The next PAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan 6th @ 8:45 am! All parents and guardians of students attending KBES are invited to attend our monthly meetings.





Board Notes

From the Board Meeting of: DECEMBER 7, 2015

1. The Board enjoyed a performance from the SD73 District Honour Choir.
2. The Board approved an out-of-province field trip request for the Valleyview Secondary Girls' Rugby Team to travel to Fullerton, California from March 16 to 22, 2016.
3. The Board received the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) Report for 2015.
4. The Board received a presentation from Principal Mike Bowden and Teacher Tricia Persad on the Non-Fiction Reading Assessment.
5. The Board received a progress report from District Coordinator Allisson Badger and District Principal Surinder Brar on the 6-Year School Completion Rates.

The next regular public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, December 14, 2015, at the School Board Office, 1383 – 9th Avenue, Kamloops, BC.

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From the Board Meeting of: DECEMBER 14, 2015

1. The Board enjoyed a presentation from Principal Jonathan Brady, IB Coordinator Murray Williams, and Teacher Scott Simpson about the NorKam Senior Secondary School International Baccalaureate program.
2. The Board received a presentation from Mayor Al Raine about the Sun Peaks Mountain Resort Municipality's Community Education Plan.
3. The Board received a review of the Framework for Enhancing Learning from Assistant Superintendents Churchley and Sidow.
4. The Board approved date changes to the 2016 Grad Week Schedule.

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January, 2016



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4	5	6	7	8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Re-opens 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PAC Meeting: 8:45 am in the Staff Room Grade 5's – Skiing @ Harper Mountain Skating: Mrs. Covaceuszach – 10:00 Family Game Night: 6:00 – 7:00 pm 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent Child Mother Goose @ 9:00 am
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">  <h2 style="margin: 0;">Reverse Bottle Drive Fundraiser</h2>  </div>				
11	12	13	14	15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After School Sports Program: 2:30 – 4:30 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After School Art Program: 2:30 – 4:30 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skating: Henderson & Nystoruk – 1:00 Family Game Night: 6:00 – 7:00 pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 5's – Skiing @ Harper Mountain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent Child Mother Goose @ 9:00 am
18	19	20	21	22
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After School Sports Program: 2:30 – 4:30 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After School Art Program: 2:30 – 4:30 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skating: Henderson & Nystoruk – 1:00 Family Game Night: 6:00 – 7:00 pm 		<p>NON- INSTRUCTIONAL DAY</p>
25	26	27	28	29
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After School Sports Program: 2:30 – 4:30 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After School Art Program: 2:30 – 4:30 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skating: Plastina & Mr. Covaceuszach – 10:00 Family Game Night: 6:00 – 7:00 pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 5's – Skiing @ Harper Mountain Newsletter posted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent Child Mother Goose @ 9:00 am PAC Hot Lunch