

DEAR PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

It is absolutely amazing at how quickly January has gone by. It is great being back at school following our Christmas Break. Students are actively engaged and learning! Our students are the heart of KBES and it is such a treat to be back at school, watching, listening and interacting with them.

With January came the start of Basketball Season. Special thanks to all of our staff for providing extra-curricular activities for students. Mr. Johnson, Mr. Covaceuzach and Mrs. Schultz are hosting basketball teams, while Mrs. Sears is running intramurals each day at recess and lunch breaks! Our choir continues to meet every Monday morning at 7:40 with Mrs. Fletcher and Mr. Baker.

Student and staff safety are always a top priority. We routinely remind students of safe play and the expectation that hands and feet are kept to themselves. While we do this frequently, we know that accidents will occur when students are physically active during recess and lunch breaks, field trips and PE classes. Additionally, as a school we practice Fire Drills, Earthquake Drills and Lockdown Drills as outlined by the School District. We held our first Lockdown drill earlier this month and will have another prior to Spring Break. The purpose of all of our drills is to ensure we are prepared and understand our roles and expectations in the event they are needed. It is with great sadness that we reflect on the most unfortunate events last week in La Loche, Saskatchewan. The students, staff and families of La Loche are in our thoughts and hearts.

KBES continues to be proactive in teaching students peaceful problem solving strategies and social responsibility. Our Behaviour Matrix is at the front of each child's student agenda. We believe KBES ROCKS when we all manage our behavior and talk to ensure that we are: Respectful, Organized, Cooperative, Kind and Safe.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Wood, Principal

PARENT/GUARDIAN COFFEE CLUB

Parents/guardians are invited to join Ms. Mabee and Mrs. Wood in the library for a very **informal coffee and social on Friday afternoons at 2:00**. This is a chance for parents to 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.



FAMILY GAMES NIGHTS



We want to thank our families who have been able to attend our Family Game Nights on Wednesdays from 6:00 – 7:00pm. We have 2 more Game Nights planned for this school year; February 10 & 17th. We hope you and your children are able to make at least one of them! This time together is intended to strengthen our home and school connections.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR THE 2016/17 SCHOOL YEAR

If you have a child who will be five years of age on or by December 31, 2016 then they are eligible to attend Kindergarten in September.

Kindergarten Registration for September will occur the week of February 22 – 26th. Parents are asked to stop in the office between 9:00 and noon or 1:00 to 3:00 one day during this week. Children's birth certificates, care cards and proof of address (utility bill, driver's license, etc) is required.

It is important that children are registered, as staffing for the upcoming school year and our Welcome to Kindergarten Orientation are planned on the information we receive the week of February 22 – 26th. Please help us spread the word that Kindergarten registration is happening this month!



EARLY CLOSURE FOR PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

On February 24 & 25th all students will be dismissed at 12:30 for Parent Teacher Interviews. Interviews may be initiated by the classroom teacher or by the parent. Please write a note in your child's agenda or email your child's teacher directly if you would like an Interview time set-up. Parent teacher interviews are a great way to work together as a team in supporting your child's academic and/or social emotional growth. **Please ensure pick-up arrangements are made each day for 12:30.**



FOUNDATION SKILLS ASSESSMENT (FSA) & SATISFACTION SURVEYS

Our Grade 4 students are all but finished the writing of their annual FSAs in Reading, Writing and Numeracy. Marking of FSAs and data entry will occur during the month of March. Individual results will be sent home to parents later in the school year. All grade 4 students will participate in a Satisfaction Survey prior to Spring Break. Parents and Guardians of children in Grade 4 are also invited to participate in a Satisfaction Survey. Please contact the office and an access code will be provided to you.

OUTDOOR CLOTHING

We've experienced a very mild winter to this point. Students are reminded to come to school each day prepared to play outside at both recess and lunch breaks. Students who want to play in the snow are encouraged to wear snowpants and boots so that they are not wet and uncomfortable for the remainder of the day. As the weather continues to change with the passing of time, students will need to adjust their outdoor clothing and boots.



OUTSTANDING FEES

It is important that all families pay any outstanding balances for Young People's Concerts, agendas and school supplies. 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.

NEW CURRICULUM

Teachers spent valuable time together on Friday, January 22nd learning about the new curriculum. As previously mentioned, the new 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. Opportunities for parents to learn more about the new curriculum will be provided later this school year.

HEADLICE

Headlice is a nuisance for us to have to deal with as families. As a result, we continue to encourage all families to do their part and check your child/ren's heads on a weekly basis. This is especially important if children are having sleepovers. 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. If you are having difficulty with recurring head lice, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Wood, as she can assist with this. Thanks so much for all families who are being diligent with the regular checking, treatment and communication surrounding headlice.

MEALS PROGRAM REMINDER

If you pay the full \$4.00 for your child's meal and they are absent from school, the missed lunch will be held and delivered the next day. Alternatively, you may call and make other arrangements to pick up the lunch. However, if you are not paying the full amount for meals, and your child is absent, then the school will reallocate the meal to another student.

PAC NEWS

Thank you to everyone who helped support our PACs Reverse Bottle Drive earlier in January. Your continued support of our PAC's fundraising initiatives are always appreciated.

The next PAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb 4th @ 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: JANUARY 11, 2016

1. The Board enjoyed a presentation on the Diplôme des études en langue française (DELF). The presentation was made by Language Coordinator Lana Blais, teachers Susan Kabotoff and Teresa O'Brien, and student Peter Chalmers from Westsyde Secondary School.
2. The Board enjoyed a presentation from Literacy Outreach Coordinator Fiona Clare, on Kamloops Early Language & Literacy Initiative (KELLI) and from Literacy Coordinator Tricia Persad, on the 'Heap the Honda' event and 'Unplug and Play' events.
3. The Board was pleased to present the first distinguished OWL Award to the Kamloops North Rotary Club. This award was established by the Board of Education of School District No. 73 (Kamloops/Thompson) to recognize an individual, a group, or an organization that has distinguished themselves by providing outstanding service to public education in the Kamloops/Thompson school district.
4. The Board approved the four recommendations outlined in Superintendent deBruijn's memo regarding the Sun Peaks Community Education Plan Report.

The next regular public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, January 25, 2016, at the School Board Office, 1383 – 9th Avenue, Kamloops, BC.

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From the Board Meeting of: JANUARY 25, 2016

1. The Board enjoyed a presentation on the Changing Results for Young Readers Project. Director Blackwell, Literacy Coordinator Tricia Persad, Teacher Julie Noble, Literacy Resource Teachers Dianne Dean and Lavern Butchart were accompanied by Vice Principal McKenna and Vice Principal Steptoe.
2. The Board received the Completion Report from Assistant Superintendent Sidow.
3. The Board approved an Out of Province Field Trip Request for Sa-Hali Secondary students to travel to Winnipeg, Manitoba for the Carbon Challenge at the Project National Conference.
4. Secretary Treasurer Stretch provided the Board with the Schedule of Budget Meetings.


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February



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 ◆ After School Sports Program: 2:30 – 4:30	2 ◆ After School Art Program: 2:30 – 4:30	3 ◆ PAC Meeting: 8:45 am in the Staff Room ◆ Family MATH Night 6:00 – 7:00 pm	4	5 ◆ Parent Child Mother Goose @ 9:00 am ◆ Parent / Guardian Coffee Club–2:00 in the Library
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15 ◆ After School Sports Program: 2:30 – 4:30	16 ◆ After School Art Program: 2:30 – 4:30	17 ◆ LAST Family Game Night: 6:00 – 7:00 pm	18	19 NON- INSTRUCTIONAL DAY
22 ◆ After School Sports Program: 2:30 – 4:30	23 ◆ After School Art Program: 2:30 – 4:30	24 ◆ Early Closure – Students dismissed at 12:30 for Parent / Teacher Interviews	25 ◆ Early Closure – Students dismissed at 12:30 for Parent / Teacher Interviews ◆ Newsletter posted	26 ◆ Parent Child Mother Goose @ 9:00 am ◆ PAC Hot Lunch ◆ Parent / Guardian Coffee Club–2:00 in the Library

Kindergarten Registration February 22 - 26