

## DEAR PARENTS / GUARDIANS:

Tomorrow is the last day of school before the commencement of Spring Break! We trust all of our families will enjoy the time off relaxing and enjoying time with family and friends. This is the second year that our School District is having a two week Spring Break. **School will not resume for students until Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**, as April 4<sup>th</sup> is the second additional Professional Development Day that has been added for teachers to learn more about the redesigned curriculum that will be implemented in September.

Term 2 Report Cards are being sent home with children today. Parents please take the time to review your child's progress. Note their achievement level, number of absences and late arrivals. If your child is not fully meeting expectations (Primary) or achieving at a C or higher (Intermediate), please contact your child's teacher and establish a plan of how both the home and school can partner together to support your child academic achievement. The two week break is a significant amount of time for students to be off school. Help your children maintain their reading skills by taking them to the local library and signing out some books for them to read.

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. **It is important that children are registered as staffing for the upcoming school year and our Welcome to Kindergarten Orientation are planned on the completed registrations.** Your assistance in spreading this information is very much appreciated.

Tomorrow afternoon is our final Coffee Club for this school year. Please join other KBES parents and guardians in the library at 2:00!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Wood, Principal

## SCHOOL TRANSFERS FOR 2016 / 2017

Commencing March 1<sup>st</sup> parents may request a transfer to another school. Transfer forms need to be signed by the principal at KBES and then submitted to the receiving school.

Student entitlement to enrol at any school or transfer schools shall be determined by the following priorities:

- a) Catchment area child who attended the school in the previous year
- b) A catchment area child
- c) Non-catchment area child who attended the school in the previous year
- d) Non-catchment area child
- e) Non-school district child

If you have moved to another catchment area and are planning on transferring your child to their catchment area school, please consider completing this necessary paperwork sooner rather than later. Staffing for September will occur over Spring Break. It is important that your child's new school knows that your child will be attending come September.



## Student Programs

KBES, along with the Boys and Girls Club signed a contract with the Breakfast Club of Canada. Starting in April all KBES students will have access to food items when they arrive at school. Food items available to students will include a fruit and dairy product.

The Boys and Girls Club will be once again offering two After School Programs. One program will be an Art Program and the other a Sports Program. The **Art Program** will run for only 4 weeks on Thursdays commencing April 7<sup>th</sup>. This program is open to only Grade 5 & 6 students. The **Sports Program** will be on Tuesdays and will run for 8 weeks for students in Grades 4, 5 & 6. The Sports Program will include tennis, relays, soccer, basketball, football, rugby, etc. All students in Grades 4-6 have been invited to participate in these great afterschool programs. These programs are limited to 30 students.

**Go Girls** is a new program that the Boys and Girls Club will be hosting at KBES starting in late April. This program is designed for girls in Grades 4 - 6 with a focus on empowering participants to make healthy and smart choices and to positively shape their lives by helping them build a positive self-image. This program is limited to 12 students.

KBES will be hosting two **Jitter Bugs** Programs commencing in May. White Buffalo will be facilitating these programs which will run for 6 weeks, for 1 hour during the school day. Major life changes such as starting school or moving can cause anxious behaviours. Challenging life events such as parental conflict, parental separation, family illness, and family injury can also prompt anxiety. These groups are intended to help children learn about

their anxiety and to learn ways to manage their anxiety. We will have both a primary (ages 5-8) and intermediate (ages 9-12) group. Space is limited for both groups. There is limited space for each group. If you would like your child to participate, please contact Mrs. Wood in the office.

### KBES ROCKS

Kay Bingham Elementary School Rocks when we all manage our behaviour and talk to ensure that we are: Respectful, Organized, Cooperative, Kind and Safe!

Student and staff Safety is paramount. We have completed our second Lock Down Drill this month and will practice 2 more fire drills during April and May. Our Public Health Nurse



### Safety matters

visited classes to discuss with students their safety when they encounter used needles and other items on the playground or within the community.

As needed, teachers review Stranger Danger, Pedestrian Safety and Bear Aware with students. Parent support and reinforcement in student safety is always appreciated.

Please continue to call the school when your child is absent or late arriving to school. If your child is not at school and we haven't heard from the home, then Mrs. Bonderud will call seeking confirmation as to where your child is. Our Safe Arrival number is 250-434-3083.

Parents/guardians please remember to sign your child in and out at the office if they are arriving late or leaving school early. It is also important that you sign in at the office if you are volunteering, or eating lunch with your child. The library and chairs in our library are available for you to have lunch with your child.

Finally, we would ask that all drivers are very cautious of children in the parking lots and crossing the street. While students are taught pedestrian safety, it is important that drivers are extra diligent watching for students.

## OUTSTANDING SCHOOL SUPPLY FEES

If you have outstanding school supply fees (Agenda, School Supplies &/or Young Peoples Concert) please contact the school office and make arrangements to pay them. Making small payments throughout the course of the year is an acceptable format of payment. Please contact the office, if your fees are in arrears.



## DENTAL HEALTH

Interior Health visited our Kindergarten classes in early February to conduct a dental screen. Parents are encouraged to promote dental health with children by ensuring children brush their teeth twice a day (after breakfast and before bedtime).

There is a BC Healthy Kids Program for children (18 years and under) of lower income families, wherein up to \$1400 worth of basic dental treatment is available every 2 years. This program also covers eyeglasses (lenses and basic frames) once every 12 months.

Another free and/or subsidized dental treatment program is through the "Save-A-Smile Program." Please call 1-866-866-0800 for more information.



## 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.

## PAC NEWS

A special thank you to our very dedicated PAC parents who are actively supporting students at KBES. Thanks so much for your recent Chocolate Fundraiser!

**The next PAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 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: FEBRUARY 29, 2016**

1. The Board enjoyed a presentation from Teacher Jeremy Reid from Westsyde Secondary on a "Learning through Publishing" project undertaken by Grade 10 students at Westsyde Secondary and Grade 5/6 students at Pacific Way Elementary. "*Across the Rivers: A History of Kamloops*" was co-written by the students and was published through iBooks.
2. The Board received a report and presentation from David Komljenovic, President of the Kamloops Thompson Teachers' Association, on Class Size and Composition.
3. The Board received a presentation from Sheila Park, President of the Kamloops Retired Teachers' Association, on the recent name change of Beattie School of the Arts (McGill) to McGill Elementary School, and requested the Board reconsider their decision and change the name to Beattie Elementary School.
4. The Board approved the following Board Authority Authorized Courses:
  - Volleyball Skills and Officiating 10
  - Volleyball Leadership 11
  - Sports History 12
  - RCMP Youth Academy Studies.
5. Superintendent deBruijn provided the Board with an update on French Immersion Kindergarten Registration.
6. The Board received an update from Superintendent deBruijn on Class Size and Composition.
7. The Board approved changes to the following policies:
  - 306.1 Assessment: District Wide
  - 530.1 School Planning Councils
  - 700.1 Special Education: Student Support Services
  - 703.1 Enrichment and Gifted Education
8. *Notice of Motion* was provided to consider and adopt revised Policy 1118.1 Transportation of Students at the regular Board Meeting of March 14, 2016.

The next regular public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, March 14, 2016, at the School Board Office, 1383 – 9th Avenue, Kamloops, BC.

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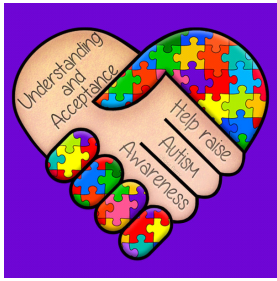
# Board Notes

**From the Board Meeting of: MARCH 14, 2016**

1. The Board announced that Ms. Alison Sidow has been selected as the new Superintendent of Schools for School District No. 73 (Kamloops/Thompson), effective August 1, 2016.
2. The Board enjoyed a presentation from District Math Coordinator Amanda Russet and Teachers Cody Hilton and Keith Wilson.
3. The Board rescinded a previous motion made at the Regular Public Board meeting on February 29, 2016 that reads, "Small-Cowden moved that Stuart Wood Elementary be renamed to McGill Elementary, effective August 1, 2016."
4. The Board approved the Amended School Calendars for 2016-2017.
5. The Board approved the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning as presented by Assistant Superintendents Churchley and Sidow.
6. The Board adopted revised Policy 1118.1 Transportation of Students.

The next regular Public Board Meeting will occur on Monday April 4, 2016 at the Board Office.

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# April



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>4</b> <i>Non-Instructional Day</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> ♦ PAC Meeting @ 8:45 am in the Staff Room	<b>7</b> ♦ After School ART Program	<b>8</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> ♦ After School SPORTS Program	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> ♦ Heritage Fair at KBES for Grade 5/6 Students ♦ After School ART Program	<b>15</b> ♦ 3 <sup>rd</sup> Young Peoples' Concert @ Sagebrush Theatre
<b>18</b> <i>Non-Instructional Day</i>	<b>19</b> ♦ After School SPORTS Program	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> ♦ James Foster Band from Calgary visiting KBES ♦ District Battle of the Books ♦ After School ART Program	<b>22</b> ♦ ROCKS Assembly – Focus on <b>Safety</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> ♦ After School SPORTS Program	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> ♦ Welcome to Kindergarten Orientation ♦ May Newsletter posted ♦ After School ART Program	<b>29</b> ♦ PAC Hot Lunch