

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I want to start by thanking all of our parents and staff who were able to join us for our Mug N Muffin on Friday, September 12th. The turnout was very good and the weather was fantastic, allowing us to set-up and gather outside. Throughout the year, there will be a variety of opportunities for home and school connections and we hope you will be able to come to many, if not all of them.

Tomorrow we will be hosting our annual Terry Fox Walk/Run for Cancer Research. All students and staff are encouraged to bring in a toonie for cancer research. This is an annual event for many schools across our province and country, and we are pleased to be able to participate in this event. Members of the TRU Wolfpack will be joining us during this special time.



With the end of September, students and staff have settled into a variety of learning patterns, activities and routines. Staff for the current year is nearing finalization. Please join me in welcoming Mr. Hine to KBES. Mr. Hine will be with us Monday through Thursdays until December 2nd, working closely with Mrs. Gurski in the mornings and teaching in Mrs. Kelly's class during the afternoons.

As a staff, we look forward to working with all of our families and becoming partners with you in the social, emotional and cognitive development of your child. We will be hosting 2 **Early Closure Days on Wednesday and Thursday, October 12 & 13th for Parent Teacher Interviews.** All students will be dismissed promptly at 12:30. To set-up an interview, you may contact your child's teacher by calling the school office, writing a note in your child's agenda or emailing your child's teacher. We look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Wood,
Principal

PAC NEWS

Our first PAC meeting of the year was extremely well attended. Elections were held and our Executive for this school year consists of: Chair: Barrie Hansen; Vice Chair: Twyla Mcleod; Secretary: Jennie Montgomery & Treasurer: Ginette Bauer. All of our parents/guardians are considered members of our PAC and are always invited to attend our monthly PAC meetings. The next PAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 5th @ 8:45 am. Our PAC have started their first fundraiser with students selling Great Little Coupon Books. Each book costs \$10 and provides a variety of wonderful savings within our city. This fundraiser ends on Monday, October 3rd. Our PAC has also set their first hot lunch fundraiser for October 28th; Hot Dog Day! If you would like to volunteer or help our PAC in any way, please contact them by email at kaybinghampac@gmail.com

UPCOMING CHANGES TO SAFE ARRIVAL!

KBES is joining the School District's new Safe Arrival System **starting Monday, October 3rd**. Parents will no longer be leaving a message on our school answering Safe Arrival line. The new system will handle the majority of parent contact (including phone calls) when a student absence is unexpected. The new system also allows parents to interact directly with the system in the following ways:

- by phone when the system calls you, or when you want to initiate a call to notify that your child will be absent
- by internet through a login controlled webpage interface
- by a smarthphone app (iOS and Android version; both available for free).

Starting Monday, all parents are asked to please report student absences before 8:30 am on the day of the absence (you can also report absences in advance, if they are known). To report an absence you may choose to:

- call the toll-free # 1-844-350-2647 or
 - access the following website: <http://ktsd.schoolconnects.com/> or
 - download the Synervice Technologies Inc app by searching for SafeArrival School Connects
- Please choose the reason for your child's absence from school: sick, appointment, family vacation, etc. Don't forget to wait for a confirmation # to ensure your child's absence has been recorded.

A registration email will be sent to parents in advance. These emails are not spam and will contain specific parent login information for the system, as well as, instructions on how to log in as a parent to report your child's absences.

If you do not connect with the system by 8:30 on the day of your child's absence from school, and when the

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teacher has completed attendance for his/her class, then a report will be dispatched for all students absent without a reason. The system will then proceed to call home and cell phone numbers until you are reached (this part will be implementing on Tuesday, October 11). Each number will be called up to 5 times. It is important that your home and cell phone numbers, along with email addresses are kept current.

STUDENT INFORMATION

It is extremely important that families keep the school office updated with contact information, legal and medical alerts. Sharing the information only with your child's teacher is not sufficient. Your child's safety is always paramount and the ability to contact you is extremely important. If you haven't already sent in your child's verification form, please do so ASAP.

NEW PARKING LOT

Our expanded parking lot is fantastic!!! Prior to this expansion it was often difficult for school and district staff to find a parking spot. With the expansion, parents may choose to park in the lane closest to the road when dropping off and picking up children from school. We would still ask for cooperation in leaving the remaining 3 parking rows for school and district staff. Thank you in advance for your consideration and cooperation.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

September starts in our district with Cross Country Running. Special Thanks to Mrs. Schultz for hosting this event for students. With the finish of Cross Country, Volleyball will be starting for our Intermediate students. These programs are unable to be offered to our children without the volunteering of staff, as well as, parent drivers. Thanks so much for the gift of volunteering!!!

Once again, KBES is partnering with Community Agencies to host After School Programs for our Intermediate students. Starting next week, Mrs. Hawkins has organized, on Tuesdays an After School Antics program and on Fridays an After School Art Program. Space is limited and permission forms are required. These programs are for Intermediate aged students.



THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB PARTNERSHIP WITH THE BREAKFAST CLUB OF CANADA

Please be mindful that this program continues to be offered to all students who attend KBES, free of charge. However, this year our Breakfast Program is served out of the Boys and Girls Club portable. Students wanting to participate will need to arrive at the portable between

8:00 and 8:05. Students who choose to attend will also remain in the portable until the 8:20 bell goes. For your child's safety, please do not drop your child off before 8:00 for this program.



On Friday, September 23rd, KBES staff participated in a MindUp workshop. MindUp is a program that promotes and develops students' purposeful attention to themselves and others. It helps develop tolerance/acceptance of the various differences in others, while at the same time building the capacity of each member of a classroom in their individual growth as a human being and learner. This is a research based program that uses the latest research on the brain to promote learning and improve the behaviour of students. Lessons provide students with strategies to help improve their focused attention, self-regulation skills, develop a positive growth mind-set and build resilience to stress. As a school, staff will be implementing the 15 MindUp lessons throughout the course of the year. We are also hoping to host a Parent Information Night! In the meantime, if you would like to learn more about MindUp, please go to the following website: www.thehawnfoundation.org

STUDENT PHOTOS

Student Photo Day is scheduled for Friday, October 14th, with retakes on Thursday, November 10th in the afternoon.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

**BOOK
FAIR
COMING SOON!**

Our Fabulous Fall Book Fair is scheduled for Tuesday, October 18th to Thursday, October 20th! Students and parents may purchase books during the following times: Tuesday 2:30 – 3:15pm and Wednesday & Thursday 8:20 – 3:15 pm (closed at recess and lunch breaks).

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCERTS (YPC)

Once again our students will be attending 4 Young People's Concerts at Sagebrush Theatre! This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to experience live performances in a theatre. The 4 concerts are spread out over the course of the year, with our first performance scheduled the week of October 24th. Once our dates are finalized, a permission form will be sent

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home for parents to sign. The cost of attendance to the 4 YPC performances is \$15; a real bargain!

FOOD AND SCENT ALLERGIES

We have a number of students with both significant and life threatening food allergies in our school. We are unable to guarantee being a "peanut free" school; however, we do promote awareness within our school and encourage students to frequently wash their hands, to both stop the spread of germs and cross contamination. Your assistance in minimizing the number of "nut" products in snacks and lunches is appreciated. If your child does bring "nut" products to school, please make them aware of it and remind them to wash their hands often.

In the same stream, it is important to be mindful that our School District recognizes the need for a safe working environment for all employees and students, which includes being scent considerate. When at our school, please attempt to minimize the wearing of scented colognes and perfumes. Reminding students, especially older ones, of this is greatly appreciated.

OUTDOOR CLOTHING

With the Fall season, comes cooler weather. Students are expected to be outside for recess and lunch breaks playing and enjoying the fresh air. Please ensure your child's clothing is sufficient for our cooler mornings. Taking the time to label your child's jackets and boots will help ensure another student doesn't accidentally take them home. Our Lost and Found box can be found in the Entrance of our Grade 2/3 Pod. Lost items are routinely placed in this box for your child and your convenience.



MORNING ARRIVAL ROUTINES

At KBES, it is an established goal that students enter school in a clam, quiet and orderly manner, as this helps them feel more relaxed and ready to begin their day of learning. As a parent, we ask for your assistance by saying goodbye to your child/ren outside. If, by chance, you need to speak to your child's teacher in the morning, please wait until most of the students have entered the school, put their items away in their lockers and have moved into their classrooms.

Please be assured that parents are always welcome at KBES and that we recognize that often a quick chat or the sharing of important information with your child's teacher or another staff member needs to occur at arrival and dismissal time.

We do ask that baby strollers remain outside for drop off and pick up each day.

NON INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS

Staff will participate in 7 Non Instructional Days this school year. The purpose of these days is for both the individual and collective professional development of all staff members. On Friday, October 21 students will not be in attendance at school, as this is a Provincial Professional Development Day. Staff may choose any number of professional development workshops being conducted throughout the province to attend and enhance their knowledge and skills.

HEAD LICE

Please continue to do your part with weekly head checks and any subsequent treatment that is required. Headlice is a nuisance for all of our families who have to deal with it; therefore it is always appreciated when you notify the school. This allows us in turn to send out letters to families of classmates, so that they too can be extra diligent. We do not do head checks at school, hence the responsibility is with each individual family. The school will always maintain our student and families privacy and dignity when communicating around this issue.



Board Notes


From the Board Meeting of:
September 12, 2016

1. The Board enjoyed a presentation on Edison Robotics from Principal Jake Schmidt, Teacher Jason Sandhu, and two grade seven students from Pacific Way Elementary.
2. The Board received an update on this year's school start-up.
3. The Board approved the Early Closure Dates for the 2016-2017 school year.
4. The Board received a Projected Enrollment Snapshot Report.
5. The Board received a report on the New Reporting Order and Guidelines, presented by Director Robinson.
6. The Board adopted the Revised Schedule of Board Meetings for 2016 and 2017 for rural communities.
7. The Board approved the addition of 7.72 FTE elementary teaching positions for the 2016-2017 school year.
8. The Board received, reviewed, and approved the 2015-2016 Audited Financial Statements.
9. The Board approved a request from BC Special Olympics to support, in principle, the City of Kamloops hosting the 2017 Summer Games.

The next regular Board Meeting will occur on Monday, September 26, 2016 at the School Board Office



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 	4 After School Antics Program Begins; 2:30 – 4:30	5 Monthly PAC Meeting at 8:45	6	7 After School Art for Fun Program Begins; 2:30 – 4:30
10 Happy Thanksgiving	11 After School Antics Program Begins; 2:30 – 4:30	12 Early Closure – Students dismissed at 12:30 for Parent Teacher Interviews	13 Early Closure – Students Dismissed at 12:30 for Parent Teacher Interviews	14 Picture Day at KBES – am After School Art for Fun Program Begins; 2:30 – 4:30
17	18 Scholastic Book Fair Starts After School Antics Program Begins; 2:30 – 4:30	19 Scholastic Book Fair	20 Last Day for Book Fair	21 No School – Non Instructional Day
24/31 	25 After School Antics Program Begins; 2:30 – 4:30	26	27 Newsletter Posted to Website	28 PAC Hot Lunch Day – Hot Dog Day! After School Art for Fun Program Begins; 2:30 – 4:30