

Dear Parents/Guardians:

This year continues to fly by. We are now entering our third and final term of the school year. Please be mindful that tomorrow is our last day of school prior to our 2 week Spring Break. School will reopen on Monday, April 3. We hope that your Spring Break will be restful and enjoyable. Encourage your child to read over the break. Visiting and signing out books at the local library can be a very fun and rewarding family activity.

Term 2 Report Cards were sent home with students today. Please take the time to review your child's progress this past term. Celebrate their many successes and help them set a goal for Term 3. If your child is not fully meeting expectations in the Primary grades or achieving at a C or higher in the Intermediate grades, please take the time to connect with your child's teacher. Together you will want to establish a specific area of focus, with strategies, that the home and school can work together on. Ensuring the target area is focused and specific will assist your child in developing lagging skills. When you are reviewing your child's Report Card, please also look at your child's attendance and tardies. While we understand that important family events do occur and cold and flu season hits, outside these events, regular and on-time attendance at school is important as it fosters a sense of connection and belonging to classmates and the school, as well as, helps offset learning gaps that can and do occur with frequent absences.

The School District and school is now starting to plan for the 2017/18 school year. If you have a child who will be five years of age on or by December 31, 2017 then they are eligible to attend Kindergarten in September. It is

important that children are registered now, as staffing will be occurring. Your assistance in spreading the news of Kindergarten registration is very much appreciated.

Regards,

Mrs. Wood  
Principal



## DAY OF SUCWENTWECW

KBES, along with all schools in our District, will have an assembly on Friday, April 7. At KBES, our assembly is scheduled for 11:00 am The focus of our assembly will be on Generational Roles and

Responsibilities and Sense of Place.

Mrs. Palluck has been busy this year making Dream Catchers for each of our classrooms and learning spaces.



Her work is extremely creative and beautiful. As part of our assembly we will be highlighting our dreamcatchers and learning about them.

## SCHOOL TRANSFERS FOR 2017/18

Starting March 1, parents may request a transfer to another school for the upcoming school year. All transfer forms need to be signed by Mrs. Wood and then submitted to the receiving school.

A student's opportunity to enroll at any school or transfer schools is determined by the following:

- 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 or are planning on moving to another catchment area, and you are planning on transferring your child to your new catchment area school, please complete the paperwork as soon as you move. Staffing for schools will be occurring within the next few weeks, hence it is important that your child's new school knows to include them in their enrolment.

## 5 YEAR SCHOOL PLAN

We are continuing to develop and finalize our 5 year plan. We want to thank all of our parents for participating in our surveys. We've received input from a wide range of stakeholders (students, parents, PAC, community partners, staff) and it is evident that we all want our students to leave Kay Bingham Elementary School at the end of grade 6 with strong foundational skills in Language Arts and Math, as well as having a variety of competencies, attitudes and habits that allows them to be successful as they continue their formal studies and be successful in life.



"Working together for quality public education."

School District No. 73  
(Kamloops/Thompson)  
Student Absence Reporting

To report your child's absence please call this toll free number before 8:30am

**1-844-350-2647**

or visit [ktsd.schoolconnects.com](http://ktsd.schoolconnects.com)



## Safe ARRIVAL

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Students who are not in their classes by 8:30 am (when morning attendance is taken) or if parents have not called into the School District's Safe Arrival system by 8:30 each day, an automatic call from our automated system will be generated. The automated system will proceed to call home and cell phone numbers until you are reached. Each number will be called up to 5 times. As this is a Safe Arrival System, we cannot delay the callouts entering the attendance of students who arrive late to school.

To report your child's 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 Synervocie Technologies Inc app by searching for Safe Arrival



School Connects

## BIKES AND SCOOTERS

With the change in weather students are starting to ride their bicycles and scooters to school. Parents, please take the time to discuss safety when using these modes of transportation. All students who bring bicycles to school are expected to have a lock and secure them in the bike racks. Students who ride scooters, may leave them in our courtyard for the day.

## SCHOOL PARKING LOT

We continue to seek parent cooperation in regards to our parking lot. The first 3 rows are reserved for school and district staff and



handicap parking. The fourth row (closest to the road) is for our parents and guardians. We do want to remind all of our parents that you should not be driving through the first and second row to drop your child off for school. There is a drop-off spot in front of the parking lot on Southhill for this. Please continue to be extra careful when driving near the school, during school hours. Parents, please continue to review with your child pedestrian safety when walking to and from school.

## OUTSTANDING SCHOOL SUPPLY FEES

If you have outstanding school supply fees (agenda, school supplies and/or Young Peoples Concert), please contact the office and make arrangement to pay them. We will gladly accept smaller monthly payments.

## HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN

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



## HEAD LICE

Headlice is a nuisance and thereby requires all of our families to be diligent with regular and routine head checks and treatment (if needed) of lice and nits. If you discover lice or nits, please notify the school so that we can in-turn notify families of classmates so they too can do

extra head checks. Please be assured that your confidentiality will always be maintained. Please also be aware that as a school, we do not do head checks for lice or nits.

## MONTHLY PAC MEETING

Our PAC continues to work diligently for our students and school. We want to thank them for their dedication and diligence. We also want to thank all of our parents for supporting the various fundraising initiatives that our PAC host.

Our PACs next fundraising initiative is Simply Delicious chocolate bars. Look for information coming home with your child right after Spring Break!

Our Family BBQ is booked for Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. This is always a favourite KBES event and we want as many as our families to attend as possible. This is a huge undertaking of our PAC and we encourage as many people who can volunteer to please contact our PAC as soon as possible.



All parents/guardians of children attending KBES are considered to be part of our PAC. Our next PAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 13 @ 8:45 am. Please plan on joining us!

**OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE POSTED ON THURSDAY, APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2017!**



| Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday                            | Thursday   | Friday  |
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| <b>3</b><br>School Starts                      | <b>4</b><br>2:30 – 4:30 After School Girls Group                                      | <b>5</b>                             | <b>6</b><br>2:30 – 4:30 After School Sports Program                        | <b>7</b><br>Day of Suwentwecw Assembly at 11:00<br><br>Popcorn Sale \$1/bag |
| <b>10</b>                                      | <b>11</b><br>YPC Concert at Sagebrush Theatre<br>2:30 – 4:30 After School Girls Group | <b>12</b>                            | <b>13</b><br>PAC Meeting @ 8:45<br>2:30 – 4:30 After School Sports Program | <b>14</b><br>No School – Good Friday  |
| <b>17</b><br>No School – Easter Monday         | <b>18</b><br>2:30 – 4:30 After School Girls Group                                     | <b>19</b><br>Welcome to Kindergarten | <b>20</b><br>2:30 – 4:30 After School Sports Program                       | <b>21</b><br><b>Popcorn Sale at Recess</b>                                  |
| <b>24</b><br>No School – Non Instructional Day | <b>25</b><br>2:30 – 4:30 After School Girls Group                                     | <b>26</b>                            | <b>27</b><br>Newsletter Posted<br>2:30 – 4:30 After School Sports Program  | <b>28</b><br>PAC Pizza Day!   |