

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As a staff we are thrilled that we will have an additional enrolling Intermediate teacher joining the staff at KBES. Our new Grade 4/5 teacher will should begin sometime the first full-week of February. This additional classroom teacher will help address class size, class composition, as well as increase student/teacher contact for all of our Intermediate students. While we do acknowledge there will be a minor disruption for approximately 22 Grade 4/5 students, we will definitely be here to support them during this transition, as we know you will too. Like every Spring when we dialogue about classes for the fall, we will be very thorough in our decision making, considering such things as male/female ratio, learning styles, learning complexities, etc. Parents of students who will move to our new class will be notified prior to the move occurring. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns.

Register  
for  
**Kindergarten**



Kindergarten registration for September 2017 is now taking place!  
**On Thursday,**

**February 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9:30 pm**, there will be a Kindergarten Round-Up information session for parents at the Henry Grube Education Center. **On Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, Kindergarten Registration will begin for students planning on attending KBES in September.** Children who are 5 years old or who will be 5 years old by December 31, 2017 are eligible to attend Kindergarten in September. It is important that parents bring in their child's birth certificate, care card and proof of address when they are registering their child. Early Kindergarten registration is important for important transition meetings, as well as, participation in our fun Welcome to Kindergarten orientation program. Please help us spread the word with neighbors, family and friends that Kindergarten Registration begins February 14<sup>th</sup>!

Regards,

**INSPIRE  
KINDNESS  
&  
PAY IT  
FORWARD**

Mrs. Wood

## EARLY CLOSURE

All students are dismissed at 12:30 on Wednesday, February 22 and Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> for Parent Teacher Interviews. This is a wonderful time to set-up a meeting with your child's classroom teacher to discuss your child's social/emotional and academic progress. Please contact your child's teacher directly through email, school office or your child's agenda.

## SCHOOL PLAN

KBES is in the process of developing a 5 year School Plan. We will be consulting with you over the next 2-3 months seeking input. At this time, we are seeking your input on what are the characteristics/attributes that you want your child to possess when they leave KBES in June of Grade 6. Please take the time to complete this short survey by clicking on the following link:

<http://bit.ly/2k1OzJl>

The link will be live until Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>.

## STAFF VOLUNTEERS

The staff at KBES are highly dedicated and committed to our students, your children. In addition to their teaching assignments, they volunteer in numerous ways at KBES. From our sports teams, Christmas Concert, Green Room and intramurals, we want to shout out a special thank-you to our staff volunteers!

## FEBRUARY IS KINDNESS MONTH

The month of February is one wherein we encourage students to "fill the buckets" of others by doing or saying something nice for other people. Carol McCloud has



written and co-authored a couple of children's books on "bucket filling." Will You Fill My Bucket? and Have You Filled a Bucket Today? encourages each of us to perform daily acts of kindness in our world. If you haven't seen these books, check them out at your local library or at Chapters.



## PINK SHIRT DAY

All students and staff will be encouraged to wear pink on Wednesday, February 22 in support of anti-bullying. Pink has become the color of acceptance and tolerance.



## FAMILY GAMES NIGHT

Our Family Games Night will continue for the first 3 Wednesdays in February. Plan on unplugging and playing with your children at Family Games Night! We will continue to gather in the library from 6:15 – 7:15 pm.

## ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL MATTERS

Regular and on-time attendance at school is very important for student academic achievement and sense of belonging and community. Please ensure your child arrives to school on a regular basis. Arriving on time is also important, as often one has a feeling of being overwhelmed or out-of-step arriving after class has already started. Our classes begin at 8:30 am with morning announcements.



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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

### SAFE ARRIVAL

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 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 by 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



### 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.

### HEAD LICE

Head lice 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 next monthly PAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> @ 8:45 am. All parents/guardians of children attending KBES are considered to be part of our PAC and are welcome to attend our monthly meetings.



# FEBRUARY, 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Jan 30</b> After School Art Program	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> PAC meeting @ 8:45 am Family Games Night from 6:15 – 7:15	<b>2</b> Attributes of a Learner Survey Closes today.	<b>3</b> Popcorn Sale After School Sports Program
<b>6</b> After School Art Program	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> FAMILY GAMES NIGHT FROM 6:15 – 7:15	<b>9</b> Kindergarten Roundup at HGEC 6:30 – 8:00 pm	<b>10</b> Young Peoples Concert After School Sports Program
<b>13</b> NO SCHOOL FAMILY DAY	<b>14</b> <b>KINDERGARTEN            REGISTRATION BEGINS</b>  SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY! THEME: TWIN DAY!	<b>15</b> FAMILY GAMES NIGHT IN OUR LIBRARY FROM 6:15 – 7:15 PM <b>KINDERGARTEN            REGISTRATION</b>	<b>16</b> <b>KINDERGARTEN            REGISTRATION</b>	<b>17</b> <b>KINDERGARTEN            REGISTRATION</b> POPCORN SALE PAC HOT LUNCH After School Sports Program
<b>20</b> Brock Middle visits KBES for Course Selection  After School Art Program	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Early Closure at 12:30 for Parent Teacher Interviews  <b>PINK SHIRT DAY!</b>	<b>23</b> Early Closure at 12:30 for Parent Teacher Interviews  NEWSLETTER POSTED TO WEBSITE	<b>24</b> NO SCHOOL NON INSTRUCTIONAL DAY
<b>27</b> After School Art Program	<b>28</b>	<i>“Be kind whenever possible;            It is always possible.”</i> - The Dalai Lama		