

# KAY BINGHAM NEWSLETTER

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## Dear Parents/Guardians:

We would like to welcome our new Grade 4/5 teacher to Kay Bingham, Mrs. Paige McKay! We are glad to have her as a part of our Kay Bingham family.



As we are coming out of the winter wonderland of January and February, the snow is beginning to melt and the school grounds are becoming very wet and muddy. It is important for students to continue to wear boots and snow pants to prevent getting wet and cold during recess and lunch breaks.

We have been reviewing ROCKS behaviour when entering and exiting the building. The hallways have been especially noisy during these transition times. To help in the morning and after school, it would be great if parents and caregivers wait outside for their children to be dismissed. This will decrease the amount of people in the hallways and decrease the amount of noise. Thank you for your assistance on this issue.

We are also reviewing ROCKS behaviour in other areas of the school. Over the past few months, we have had an influx of behaviour referrals to the office. Some students are having difficulties making the correct choice regarding their interactions with their peers, teachers, and supervisors. Please review strategies and ROCKS behaviour with your child to help solve conflict in a peaceful manner (i.e. tell the person to stop, walk away, ignore, tell a supervisor).

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Hawkins, Vice Principal

## PAC NEWS

The next PAC Meeting will be Wednesday, March 9, 2017 at 8:45 in the staff room. All parents are welcome to attend.



## PAC NEWS

Reminder: PAC are still collecting Independent Grocer receipts. Please drop off receipts into the box located at the office.



**UPDATE:** PAC would like to give a big thank you to the Day Break Rotary Club for their support. With their help, the PAC was able to raise \$344.38 for the bottle drive. Hot Dog Day was also successful – raising \$519.75. Thank you to our parents for all your support! Another thank you to the support received for the Domino's fundraiser cards. The cards are on sale until March 3.

For more information about our PAC, check out the PAC Facebook page or attend one of the meetings.



## PAC FACEBOOK PAGE

Thank you to the PAC for maintaining our PAC Facebook page. The purpose of this page is to provide information about up-coming PAC events and fundraising. If you have concerns or questions regarding your child or child's classroom, please contact your child's teacher directly.

## BIKES AND SCOOTERS

It is getting to be bike and scooter season again, and we would like to remind you of some key points:

- There is no riding of scooters or bikes on school property between 8:00 am and 3:00 pm
- Bikes need to be locked up at one of the bike racks
- Scooters (and only scooters) can be parked in the courtyard

## REMINDERS ABOUT SAFE ARRIVAL!

Thank you for using our new Safe Arrival System. Parents no longer leave a message on our school answering Safe Arrival line. Parents report their child(ren)'s absence **before 8:30** by:

- phone – toll-free # # 1-844-350-2647
- Internet <http://ktsd.schoolconnects.com/>
- Smartphone app (iOS and Android version; both available for free). - Synervoice Technologies Inc.

**\*\*\*Don't forget to wait for a confirmation # to ensure your child's absence has been recorded.**

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## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



Boys and Girls Basketball is just finishing up. Thank you to Mrs. Schultz, Mr. Covaceuszach, and Mr. Johnson for coaching and referring our teams this year.

## FAMILY GAMES NIGHT

A special thank you to all of our families who were able to attend our Family Games Nights during January and February. We trusted you enjoyed spending some fun time with your child playing "old-fashion" board games!

## YOUNG ARTISTS AND YOUNG AUTHORS



Every year, our district selects students from grades 4-12 to attend the Young



Artists or Young Authors Conferences. These students have demonstrated an excellence in writing or art.

For the Young Authors, the conference provides a special opportunity to work with published authors and other students in engaging workshops.

For the Young Artists, the conference provides an opportunity to showcase their artwork and take part in a series of workshops. An Art Show which is held to showcase student artwork at the Old Courthouse in downtown Kamloops. Several of the wonderful pieces of artwork in this show will be selected to be framed and displayed at the Kamloops/Thompson School Board Office for a period of one year.

If your child is interested in submitting a piece of writing (i.e. poem, short story, script), it is **due** to Mrs. Bond by March 3.

If your child is interested in submitting a piece of artwork, it is **due** March 1<sup>st</sup> to Mr. Johnson.

## TERM 2 REPORT CARDS

Term 2 Report Cards will be sent home on Thursday, March 16. Parents, please take the time to review your child's progress report, as well as their attendance, and help them set goals for the third and final term. If you have any questions about your child's social/emotional and/or academic progress, please do not hesitate to contact the school. If your child is not fully meeting (Primary Grades) or achieving above a C (Intermediate Grades), please contact your child's teacher to set up a plan wherein the home and the school partners together to better support your child.

## FSA BOOKLETS

Our Grade 4 students participated in writing the Foundational Skills Assessments (FSAs) in reading, writing, and numeracy during the month of January. Students will be bringing their FSA booklets and results home during the first week of March. Please be mindful that FSAs do not impact your child's report card marks, but are rather a snapshot of how your child is doing in reading, numeracy, and writing, at a given point in time. If you have any questions about your child's performance on the FSAs, you may contact your child's teacher. If you would like to learn more on the FSAs, please go to the Ministry of Education's website.

## SCHOOL TRANSFERS FOR 2017/2018

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

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

- Catchment area child who attended the school the previous year
- A catchment area child
- Non-catchment area child who attended the school in the previous year
- Non-catchment area child
- 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.

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## SPRING BREAK

Please be mindful that this year our School District will continue to have a two week Spring Break. Our break commences on Monday, March 20. Students return to classes on Monday, April 3, 2017.

## LOST AND FOUND

With the arrival of Spring Break, clothing items in our Lost and Found box have been placed on the tables outside the library. Students and parents are encouraged to claim all items that belong to them. All remaining items will be boxed up and donated to a local charity at the end of Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.

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

All students are welcome to have breakfast. They need to arrive at the Boys and Girls 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.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Please ensure the office has the latest updates for your contact information. In case of an emergency, we must be able to contact you or your emergency contacts right away. Please make sure that your cell numbers, work numbers and home numbers match our records as well as your emergency contacts. Thank you for your support on this!

## HEAD LICE

Please continue to do your part with weekly head checks and any subsequent treatment that is required. Head lice 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

1. The Board approved the Consent Agenda which contained the following reports/information:

- Finance and Planning Committee Highlights
- Policy Committee Highlights
- Education Committee of the Whole Highlights
- District Parent Advisory Committee Highlights
- FSA Results 2016 Update
- Rural Education Engagement - Regional Community Meeting
- Notices of Motion:
  - Policy 301.1 Ordinarily Resident
  - Policy 543.1 Physical Restraint and Seclusion in School Settings (New)
  - Policy 903.1 Bullying, Intimidation, Harassment and Discrimination - Universal
  - Policy 903.2 Bullying, Intimidation, Harassment and Discrimination - Employee Specific

2. The Board received a presentation from Principal Carol DeFehr, Teacher Kim Edstrom, and a grade 7 student from Westmount Elementary on the Seven Principles of Learning.

3. The Board received a presentation from Kamloops-Thompson Teachers' Association's President, David Komljenovic, regarding the two-week Spring Break.

4. Associate Superintendent Olsen provided the Board with copies of the proposed school calendars for 2017-2018, 2018-2019, and 2019-2020 which reflects a one-week Spring Break. The Board approved the posting of the school calendars on the School District's website for a period of one (1) month for public consultation, starting February 10<sup>th</sup> or sooner. During this period, feedback will be collected from parents and the community through a link provided on the website.

The next Regular Public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, February 27, 2017 at the School Board Office, 1383 Ninth Avenue, Kamloops, BC.



# March, 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
After School Arts Program 2:30 – 4:30				After School Sports Program 2:30 – 4:30
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
After School Arts Program 2:30 – 4:30			PAC Meeting at 8:45	After School Sports Program 2:30 – 4:30
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
After School Arts Program 2:30 – 4:30			Report Cards go home April Newsletter Posted	After School Sports Program 2:30 – 4:30
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Spring Break</b>				
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Spring Break</b>				