



Dear Parents/Guardians:

October was another exciting month of learning at Kay Bingham. Thank you to all of you for being so involved in your child's education. Our Parent Teacher interviews were very well attended.

As the weather begins to get cold, please remind your child(ren) to bring a warm **jacket, mitts, and hat** to wear for outside. Students are expected to be outside during Recess and Lunch.



November 10 will be our Remembrance Day Assembly. It will begin at 10:30. Several classes will be performing or displaying artwork in the gym. This assembly is open to our parent community. I hope

you will be able to join us to honour our veterans on this day.

*****November 11-** school will be closed

The **after school programs** are up and running. These event have been very well attended. Please remind your child that they need to demonstrate R.O.C.K.S. behaviour in all settings of the school, especially during the after school program with guest adults facilitating these events.

As you may be aware, a **Synervoice** was sent on October 24 to all parents regarding a virtual conversation tool called **ThoughtExchange**. It is a survey that help us as a school and as a district to understand your thoughts on how we can support and prepare our students for the future. Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Any question on this activity, please contact the school.

The link: <http://signup.thotex.com/sd73/jQd> connects you to the virtual conversation tool.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Hawkins, Vice Principal

PAC NEWS

The next PAC Meeting will be Wednesday, **November 2 @ 8:45**. All parents are welcome to attend.

The **1st Annual Kay Bingham PAC Craft Fair** will be hosted in our gym on Saturday, November 26 10:00-2:00. Admission is by donation to the PAC. There will be a concession available. If you would like to book a table to sell items at the fair, it will be \$20 per table until November 10. After November 10, tables will cost \$25. The deadline for registering a table is November 19. Please contact Ginette Trudeau-Bauer - email gintrudeau@yahoo.com.

Holiday Gift Shop will be up and running again this year. Parent volunteers are needed to help with this event. It will run from November 28-December 2. Set up day will be November 25. Please contact the PAC if you are able to help with this event.

Facebook PAC page is ready to go. You can visit the Facebook page to join! The PAC welcomes new members!

Another fundraiser for our PAC is the recycling of empty bottles and cans. Currently, there is an account set up at General Grants. Bring your empties to this location and the money received from your recycling will be donated to the Kay Bingham PAC! There will also be a Reverse Bottle Drive January 3rd – January 6th. More information to come.

REMINDERS ABOUT SAFE ARRIVAL!

Thank you for using new Safe Arrival System. In case you have not had a chance to use it, parents will no longer be leaving 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.**

IDLE FREE ZONE

At Kay Bingham, we are wanting to promote an Idle Free Zone. Many students are dropped off and picked up by their parents/caregivers. We want to help our environment by avoiding letting our cars idle while we are waiting.

According to the Natural Resources Canada website, "if Canadian motorists avoided idling for just three minutes every day of the year, CO₂ emissions could be reduced by **1.4 million tonnes** annually. This would be equal to saving 630 million litres of fuel and equivalent to taking **320,000 cars** off of the road for the entire year. Eliminating unnecessary idling is one easy action that Canadians can take to reduce their GHG emissions that are contributing to climate change."

We would like everyone coming to our school to avoid excessive idling. Here are some steps:

- **Step 1:** Turn off the engine if the vehicle is going to be parked for more than 60 seconds (except in traffic.)
- **Step 2:** Drive the vehicle to warm it up, rather than idling the engine (usually no more than two to three minutes of idling is needed on cold winter days.)
- **Step 3:** Use remote car starters wisely to avoid excessively long warm-ups.
- **Step 4:** Use a block heater on cold winter days to warm the engine before starting

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



Boys and Girls Volleyball has started. Thank you to Mrs. Schultz and Mr. Johnson for coaching our teams this year. Please contact your child's coach if you have any questions.

This year we have introduced

Triple Ball to our volleyball league. It helps to promote more ball touches for all players. Come out and watch it in action. The boys host on November 8.

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.

STUDENT PHOTOS

Student Photo Re-Take Day is scheduled for Thursday, November 10th in the afternoon.

JITTERBUGS

White Buffalo Aboriginal and Metis Health Society Presents:

Coping with your Jitter Bug



Provides basic education on childhood anxiety and teaches successful skills and interventions that you can utilize at home. The group environment provides an opportunity for parents experiencing the same struggles to support, share and learn from one another. Although dealing with your child's anxiety can be challenging, there are many simple things you can do to ease the stress for your child, yourself, and your whole family! This group is recommended for parents whose child is attending Jitterbugs. However, it is open to all.

This group will run over the course of 3 weeks at Kay Bingham Elementary on the following dates from 5:30-7:30pm:

- November 3rd
- November 10th
- November 17th

**** Dinner and child minding will be provided.**

****Please contact:** Clarice Silva if you would like to participate or if you have any further questions.

Ph: 250-554-1176 OR

wellness@whitebuffalosociety.net



COME READ WITH ME

Parents of our Grade 1 students are welcome to come and read with their children on November 30 at school. Literacy in Kamloops (LinK) has partnered with School District No. 73 to offer a two-hour session for parents and caregivers of grade 1 students. Parents go home with many new strategies and a bag of materials including a new book, sight word cards, word games, foam dice, a bookmark, and many more.

More information will be coming soon.



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

From the Board Meeting of: October 3, 2016

1. The Board enjoyed a presentation from Principal McKenna and Vice Principal Kobayashi of Vavenby Elementary: "Why Salmon Make a Good Inquiry-Based Learning Project."

2. The Board received information regarding Ministry funding grant opportunities in the areas of Computational Thinking and Coding Support, Skills Training and Access Grants, and Skills Training Support Agreements.
3. The Board received a report on the District's School Immunization Program.
4. The Board received information regarding a new District Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) District Coordinator position.
5. The Board received a report on the Youth Homelessness Count surveys to be administered in our District.
6. The Board received information regarding the District's preliminary 1701 Enrolment Report.
7. The Board approved the Rotary Club of Kamloops' request to continue with the Family Dinner Program at NorKam Senior Secondary School for the 2016-2017 school year.
8. The Board recognized the School District's receipt of the United Way Quantum Leap Award in recognition of the District doubling its fundraising contributions in 2016.
9. The Board adopted the following revised policies:
 - Policy 200.1 Board Meetings
 - Policy 203.1 Trustee Remuneration
 - Policy 506.5 Graduated Adults: Course Fees
 - Policy 912.1 Principals and Vice-Principals: Mobility
 - Policy 912.2 Principals and Vice-Principals: Process for Appointment
 - Policy 1136.1 Travel: Expenses and Insurance

The next regular Board Meeting will occur on Monday, October 24, 2016 at the School Board Office, 1383 Ninth Avenue, Kamloops, BC.

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Kay Bingham Elementary R.O.C.K.S. !



November, 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
31	1 After School Antics Program 2:30 – 4:30	2 Monthly PAC Meeting at 8:45	3 Parent Jitter Bugs at 5:30-7:30	4 After School Art for Fun Program 2:30 – 4:30
7	8 After School Antics Program 2:30 – 4:30 Boys Volleyball Host	9	10 Remembrance Day Assembly at 10:30am Photo Retakes - PM	11 Remembrance Day – School Closed 
14	15 After School Antics Program 2:30 – 4:30	16	17 Parent - Jitter Bugs 5:30-7:30	18 After School Art for Fun Program 2:30 – 4:30
21	22 After School Antics Program 2:30 – 4:30	23	24	25 Holiday Gift Shop Setup PAC Hot Lunch - Pizza Day After School Art for Fun Program 2:30 – 4:30 PAC Christmas Fair TOMORROW
28	29 PAC Holiday Gift Shop After School Antics Program 2:30 – 4:30	30 PAC Holiday Gift Shop Come Read with Me – Grade 1 parents	PAC Holiday Gift Shop	