

Dear Parents/Guardians:

May has brought us several warm, sunny days. Many students have begun extra-curricular activities and playing outside to enjoy the last rays of the sun. To help ensure students are ready to learn each day, it is important to stay on track with their routines, structures, and bed times.



I would like to congratulate all of our Zone and District track athletes. We had many students attending both days and represented Kay Bingham very well. Great work, students!

Friendly reminder that all school grounds in the province are smoke/vapour-free areas. Please avoid smoking or using e-cigarettes on school property.

If you are planning to move over the summer and/or are planning to have your child attend another school in September, please let the office know ASAP. Not only is it important for KBES to know that you are moving, but your child's new school will also want this information. Completing the necessary paperwork (transfer & registration forms) should be done now and not in September.

Please be mindful that the last day of school is Thursday, June 28th. Students will be dismissed at noon following our year-end assembly. Our year-end assembly is scheduled to commence at 10:20 following our morning recess break. Term 3 Report Cards will be sent home with students on the last day of school. All outstanding School Fees will need to be paid, by the last day of school, in order for the final report card to be sent home with students.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Hawkins, Vice Principal

PAC NEWS

The next PAC Meeting will be Thurs. June 14, 2018 at 8:45 in the staff room. All parents are welcome to attend.



The PAC are still looking for volunteers for the year-end BBQ. Please email the PAC if you are interested.

APPRECIATION TEA

We appreciate all the volunteer service that our parents provided to our students and school throughout the course of this year! On June 13, we want to formally say "thank-you" to our volunteers. Please join us from 1:15 to 2:15 in our gym. We will have some student entertainment, dessert, tea & coffee and a heartfelt thank-you from staff and students.

LIBRARY BOOKS

Parents, please help your child to locate their library books and return them to the library by Thursday, June 14th. Parents of students who have outstanding books past June 14th will receive a bill for missing books.

SUMMER READING AND THE SUMMER SLIDE

Parents, staff and students have worked hard to develop students' reading skills over the past school year. Reading, like any skill, requires constant practice in order to improve. If there is a lapse in practice, then developed skills begin to decline (*as much as 20+% for students who do not read over the summer months*). Children who choose to read over the summer months, will either maintain or improve their reading skills, thereby allowing them to feel confident returning to school in their new grade. Choosing a right fit book, finding a comfy spot to read for 20 minutes, talking about their reading, reading all different types of text are a great way to practice their reading skills.

KBES is continuing to support students with our Summer Slide initiatives:

The **Bright Red Book Bus** will visit KBES each week over the summer months for families to visit. All students are invited to visit the BRBB and take books home to read; no library card is required.

The **Public Library** will be visiting KBES on June 19th sharing their Summer Reading Program with all students and encouraging them to make visits over the summer months.



Online books work well when children are on the move, and they can be engaging. Here are some resources that share books for free:

Unite for Literacy is an eBook library for early readers. These books are about real-life experiences and have photograph illustrations. All books are in English, but they can be listened to in many other languages, including French. Registration is not required.

Oxford Owl is an eBook library for ages 3-11. Titles come from Oxford's popular Biff, Chip, and Kipper Stories and Project X, and they include an audio option. Registration is required but free.

Wonderopolis has short, interesting articles about all sorts of scientific wonders older children may have. Each wonder has a brief, engaging video to introduce the topic. Registration is not required.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Summer Brain Gain offered by the Boys and Girls Club (950 Southill) an activity-based, interactive literacy and numeracy summer camp designed to reduce summer learning loss and help every child reach their full potential. It is for children entering grades 2, 3, or 4 in September 2018. Option of three different weeks in July. Cost \$150.

SOGI 1 2 3

SOGI 1 2 3 has launched new *SOGI 1 2 3 Parent Videos* that address questions about SOGI 1 2 3 and SOGI-inclusive education in schools. The videos are designed for parents and family members to view and learn about SOGI 1 2 3 in various grade-levels. The goal of the videos is to debunk some of the common misinformation in the media and to support parents in their understanding of SOGI-inclusive education. The *SOGI 1 2 3 Parent Videos* are available to view and download now on SOGIeducation.org/parents.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

The International Student Program for School District 73 is looking for families to host International students. The students will attend **secondary** schools in Kamloops and will stay for 1 or 2 semesters starting September 2018. Our host families are asked to provide a welcoming home, food and a positive English speaking environment. The compensation is **\$825** per month.

If you and your family, or your friends, feel you may enjoy this International experience, please go to <http://www.ispcanada.ca/become-a-host-family.html>. Here you will find information about being a host family and also guide to applying to our program.

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank Rotary of Kamloops for their continued support in supplying our school with upgraded technology. Last June, they purchased a new projector for one of our classrooms. This spring, they provided funding for new laptops.

MINDFUL MINUTES AT KBES

From: Ms. Holmes

Happy Memories Support a Can-Do Attitude

Research shows that a chemical in our brains - dopamine - is associated with pleasure, attention, reward, motivation, and perseverance. Higher levels of dopamine in our brain result in feelings of hope, tolerance, motivation, and a can-do attitude—optimism. Dopamine release is triggered when we engage in pleasurable experiences like play-filled activities, laughing, physical exercise, kind gestures, and positive social interactions.

So what does this have to do with being mindful? Brain scans show that dopamine is released not only when we engage directly in pleasurable experiences, but also when we reflect on and remember these moments. In fact, remembering a positive experience can trigger dopamine release as powerfully as the real thing. One of the tools of mindfulness is to think purposefully about happy memories. Students are coached to visualize and describe their thoughts, feelings and physical sensations experienced during a happy experience. By repeatedly referencing past successes, we build confidence and are more able to quiet the "I can't" voice in our head. Happy memories can become a tool to prime the brain for new social, academic, and physical challenges.

LOST AND FOUND


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 day on June 28th.



NEW SAFE ARRIVAL!

SD73 is converting to new Safe Arrival program owned by SchoolMessenger. This software has its own **Student Absence Reporting System** that we will be transitioning over to officially on **Fri, June 1.**

What do parents need to do in this transition?

- Be sure to **download the SchoolMessenger app and create your account.** It should look just like the screenshot below. This can be done now in anticipation of the June 1 startup. (Available for both iPhone and Android)
- **Continue to use the current app and then delete your old SafeArrival app after Thurs., May 31**  (as we will no longer be using this application to collect student absences).
- You can also create an account at the following website: **go.schoolmessenger.ca**

The absence reporting telephone number will continue to be 1-844-350-2647. We look forward to working with all of you as we transition to the new attendance feature in SchoolMessenger Safe Arrival.

COMMUNITY PROGRAM

Are you feeling overwhelmed and in need of some support? Community Poverty Reduction Initiative Family Consultant would like to help. They are able to assist you in finding support, services, and programs that you may need. Call 250-554-5828 or email Rebecca.cain@gov.bc.ca

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 Public Board Meeting of: May 7, 2018

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EDUCATION TOPIC

PRESENTATION — Set to the rhythm and meter of a popular Christmas poem ('Twas The Night Before Christmas), Summit Elementary School students presented the District's strategic plan goals to trustees. The students creatively substituted the words to the poem with new ones sharing the six pillars of the District's five year strategic plan. "I am amazed, I am speechless," said Board Chair Meghan Wade. "It was wonderful to have you here!" The students were accompanied by their principal Linda Hneeda.

PUBLIC INQUIRIES, PETITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION — The Board heard about Farm2School, an agency with a vision to connect schools to local food systems and provide healthy, local food to students. The Kamloops hub Farm2School works with 11 schools locally. More than \$100,000 in money or volunteer time has been donated to those schools since 2014, the trustees were told. School programs encouraged by Farm2School include field trips, cooking lessons, composting systems, microgreens, garden boxes, curriculum connections and community partnerships. Locally, the agency works with community partners such as Interior Health, Kamloops Farmers Market, Community Futures, Kamloops Food Policy and the Learning Abundance Project.

REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

BOARDS AUTHORITY AUTHORIZED COURSES — Trustees approved eight Grade 10 secondary courses being offered in District schools, such as DigiPen 10 (Sa-Hali Secondary), Fly Fishing 10 (Clearwater Secondary) and Peer Mentorship 10 (Valleyview Secondary). These courses have been previously approved by the Board of Education but were revamped to better fit directions set by the provincial government in regards to implementation of the new curriculum. Full details of the courses can be found in the public agenda. *The next public meeting will take place at Clearwater Secondary School in Clearwater on May 28 at 5:30 p.m.*



June 2018



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
28	29	30	31	1
				Aboriginal Cultural Day
4	5	6	7	8
			PAC Family BBQ – 4:30-7:30 Young Entrepreneurs - pm	Popcorn Sales
11	12	13	14	15
		Parent Summer Reading Information Session – 8:35 - Library	PAC Meeting – all welcome 8:45 – Staff Room All books to be returned to library	School Spirit Day – 80s Theme
18	19	20	21	22
	Summer Library Reading Presentation			
25	26	27	28	29
	Fun Sports Day – 9:00 am		Last day of school for students/Report cards handed out	

