

Dear Parents/Guardians:

In a blink of the eye and a month of learning has gone by! We have all settled back into school routines and are anticipating another full and successful year of learning for students and staff! Staff were thoroughly engaged at last Friday's Professional Development Day learning together about coding.

With the startup of a new school year, we are reviewing safety procedures with students and staff. We have completed three fire drills at this time. Staff has also received annual re-training in anaphylaxis and the administration of an epi-pen earlier this week. Each Friday, a safety message is included as part of our morning announcements. Parents, you can assist with your child's safety by reviewing: Stranger Danger, walking to and from school – pedestrian safety; parking lot safety and railway track safety. Ensuring your child knows his/her after school plans and not dropping them off early or picking them up late, will also provide another level of student safety. I would ask all parents to be mindful of our parking lot. The first 3 rows are for KBES and School District Employees. Parents are invited to park in the last row. Please refrain from driving through the parking lot and dropping your children off on the side of the parking lot.

School Safety

Everybody Working Together



I want to take this time to thank all of our parents who promptly completed the school forms, reviewed your child's verification form and returned them to the office. Keeping the school up-to-date with phone numbers, emergency contacts and addresses is always appreciated and is essential if we need to contact you in the event of an emergency.



We have a number of students with fragile immune systems and life threatening allergies. Given this, I would ask that all KBES families notify the office immediately of any contagious childhood diseases that your child has come down with or has been exposed to. I



would also ask for a high level of cooperation in minimizing the sending of food products that contain nuts in the following classes: Mrs. Kelly, Mr. Covaceuszach, Mrs. Sears, Ms. Jones & Mrs. Aaltonen.

While KBES is peanut aware and not peanut free, it is important that your child know if they have food items containing nut products. All children need to be encouraged to wash their hands after eating nut products and cleaning up after themselves. Not only does this help with cross-contamination, it is also the best way to help stop the spread of germs.

Our family partnerships are highly valued. Please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child's teacher if you have questions and/or concerns.

Regards,

Mrs. Wood, Principal



KAY BINGHAM STAFF

KBES has 317 students enrolled this school year. We have 14 very full divisions. I want to thank all of our parents for supporting children as they were assigned to their classes. While not all students are in classes with their best friends, we are confident that they will make new friendships while

maintaining old friendships, and have a great year of learning in their classes! Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the office at any time throughout the school year if you have concerns about your child's social, emotional or academic progress. Your partnership is very important to us and we highly value it.

Our KBES staff and assignments at this time consists of:

- Mrs. Nystoruk & Mrs. Henderson – Kindergarten
- Mrs. Aaltonen – Kindergarten & Grade 1
- Ms. Jones & Mrs. Sears & Mrs. Dunn – Grade 1
- Mrs. Plastina & Ms. Collins & Mrs. Wessel – Grade 2
- Ms. Holmes, Mrs. Dunn & Mrs. Carr – Grade 3
- Mrs. Covaceuszach & Mrs. Hallett – Grade 4
- Mr. Johnson – Grade 4/5
- Mrs. Brennan, Mrs. Kelly & Mr. Covaceuszach – Grade 5/6
- Mrs. Dunn – French, Grade 1 & Grade 3
- Mrs. Schultz – Physical Education & Health
- Ms. McMillan – LART; Mrs. Bond – Library
- Ms. Hoffman – Library Assistant
- Mrs. Bonderud – Secretary
- Mrs. Polluck & Mrs. Leonard – Aboriginal Education Workers
- Mrs. Smith, Ms. Heighton, Ms. Konowalchuk & Ms. Wood – Certified Education Assistants
- Mr. Plastina, Mr. Cardinal & Ms. Herr – Custodians
- Mrs. Hawkins – Vice Principal; Mrs. Wood – Principal

KAY BINGHAM NEWSLETTER

We currently have outstanding positions for a CEA and a soon-to-be Grade 1 class. We are so happy for Mrs. Sears and look forward to seeing her new bundle of joy in early November. We want to thank Ms. Carlson for her work in our Grade 2 class until the hiring of Mrs. Wessel earlier this week!

SAFE ARRIVAL

Parents please continue to use our district's safe arrival system and **report your child/ren's absence before 8:30 am each day.** You can do this by:



- Calling toll-free number 1-844-350-2647
- Internet <http://ktsd.schoolconnects.com/>
- Download app (smartphone, iOS and Android versions are available for free) Synrevoice Technologies Inc

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



STUDENT PICTURE DAY IS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6TH!

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

On Wednesday, October 18th, we will have our only Early Closure for Parent/Teacher Interviews. Parents, if you want to organize a meeting with your child's teacher, please write a note in your child's agenda and the classroom teacher will organize a meeting for you. **All students will be dismissed at 12:30 on October 18th.** Please ensure you make the necessary arrangements to have your child promptly picked up.



CROSS COUNTRY

Special thanks to Mrs. Schultz and Mr. Johnson for organizing Cross Country running events for our students this year. Cross Country will continue for the next couple of weeks. Following Cross Country Running in our District is Volleyball! The time and commitment that our staff



provide to offering these wonderful sports events is always very much appreciated!



BOOK FAIR

Our library is hosting our first Book Fair of the school year the week of October 17 – 19th. We hope you are available to take some time to look through the book selections with your child.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

We currently have 2 After School Programs being offered for our Intermediate students. On Mondays, we have a Sports Program and on Tuesdays, we have an Art Program. These classes are now full. We anticipate we will be able to offer new offerings in the New Year!

BRIGHT RED BOOK SHELF

Our Bright Red Book Shelf is located just as you enter the main doors of the school. Books on this shelf are free to students to take home, read and enjoy. We want to thank Literacy Kamloops for supplying our Bright Red Book Shelf with a new selection of books on a regular basis. Thank you to all of our parents for supporting Raise A Reader on Tuesday!

ATTENDANCE & ONTIME ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

Regular attendance at school is very important for students to ensure that they feel connected to KBES, their classmates and teachers. Regular attendance is also important for the learning of key ideas, thinking



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Everyday. On-time.

strategies and problem solving that occurs regularly throughout the day. We understand and appreciate that we all get sick and at times feel under the weather and that sometimes important family events come up. Keeping this in mind, please ensure your child attends school on a regular basis. Likewise, arriving to school on time is important so that students can feel connected and settled from the start. All students not in class by 8:30 am are considered late.

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

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FOUNDATION SKILLS ASSESSMENT (FSAs)

Grade 4 & 7 students in the province will be participating in the writing of Foundation Skills Assessment during the month of October. Prior to this year the FSAs were administered in January. The purpose of the FSA is to get a "snapshot" of how students are doing in the foundational skills (reading, writing and numeracy). A FSA information pamphlet was sent home to parents of students in Grade 4 earlier this week. If you haven't received a pamphlet, please contact your child's teacher or the office.

MEALS PROGRAM

Please be aware that our meals menu for the month of November will be sent out electronically, posted to our website and sent home with students who are on the program by mid October. We always have a very tight turnaround period for our meals and hence continue to seek parent cooperation in meeting the office deadline.

HEAD LICE

All parents/guardians are asked to establish regular routines where the checking of children's heads for lice and nits are routinely done. If you find lice or nits, please take the necessary steps to thoroughly clean your child's head. We would also ask that you notify the office, so that we in turn can notify families in your child's class to do a head check. We will always maintain student and family confidentiality. Head lice is a nuisance; thank you for doing your part.

INTERIOR HEALTH

KBES is very fortunate to be connected to IH with a publish health nurse, Ms. Smith. The Interior Health's website is a rich source of health information for all ages and stages. They do have a School Health section with information that includes topics such as: dental health, immunization, nutrition, common childhood

diseases, etc. Please take a look at their website at:

<https://www.interiorhealth.ca/YourHealth/SchoolHealth/Pages/default.aspx>

PAC NEWS

KBES is very fortunate to have a very engaged and active parent group who are continuously supporting learning initiatives at KBES. As a school we want to thank our PAC for providing \$3000 this past month so that we could purchase new books for our youngest learners to read! We also want to thank all of our families for supporting our PAC fundraising initiatives. Our PAC got out of the gate quickly selling Coupon Books for a number of Kamloops businesses!

During the month of October, our PAC is hosting a Hot Dog Lunch for students, as well as, a Paint Nite for adults. The Paint Nite is scheduled for October 23 @ 7:00 pm at Chances Casino. Each ticket is \$45. You may reserve your spot by contacting our PAC at kaybinghampac@gmail.com or registering online at <https://www.paintnite.com/events/10013783>

Please be mindful that all parents/guardians of KBES students are considered to be members of our PAC and are invited to our monthly meetings. The next PAC meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 13 @ 8:45 am.

Our PAC Executive for this year is as follows:

Chair: Berrie Hansen

Vice Chair: Twyla Mcleod

Secretary: Angela Hall

Treasurer: Ginette Bauer

DPAC Representative: Kayla Voltrath-Hill

OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE POSTED ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26!



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 After School Sports Program	3 After School Art Program	4	5	6 Picture Day Popcorn Sale at Recess 
9 Happy Thanksgiving 	10 After School Art Program	11	12	13 PAC Meeting @ 8:45 SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY – THEME: CRAZY HAIR DAY!
16 After School Sports Program	17 Book Fair After School Art Program	18 EARLY CLOSURE & Book Fair All students dismissed at 12:30 for Parent Teacher Interviews	19 Book Fair Popcorn Sale at Recess 	20 Provincial Non-Instructional Day – no school for students
23/30 23 PAC Paint Nite Fundraiser @ Chances After School Sports Program	24/31 24 – PAC Hot Dog Day Forms Due After School Art Program  31	25	26 Newsletter Posted to Website	27 PAC HOT DOG DAY