

Dear Parents/Guardians:



Welcome back to another year of learning at KBES! We are so excited to see all of you again; you've truly been missed! A very special KBES welcome to all of our new families and staff at KBES. I'm confident you will enjoy your new school family and fit right in.

Parents/guardians are important partners in their child's educational team and Parent Advisory Council. Please plan on attending as many home and school activities, as well as our monthly PAC meetings, as you possibly can. **Our first PAC meeting of the school year is scheduled for Thursday, September 14th at 8:30 am.** If you can, please join us in the staff room. PAC meetings are generally scheduled once a month. Dates and times will always be included in our monthly newsletters and posted on our school's website.

We look forward to hosting our annual **Mug N Muffin from 8:00 – 8:30 am on Friday, September 15.** This is a very informal time for us to get together as a school family. Come and mingle with other KBES families and staff over a cup of coffee and muffin. Provided the weather cooperates, we will hold this event outside.



The first week of school is a busy week as we account for students who have moved away and welcome new students to our school. Classes will not be finalized until Friday at the earliest. In the meantime, students are engaged in a variety of Welcome Back to School learning activities, as well as reviewing our KBES ROCKS behavior expectations and peaceful problem solving strategies.



The first week of school also finds lots of paper floating around. In addition to today's newsletter being sent electronically and posted to our website, our Meals Menu was also sent out. Please look for a variety of hardcopies of student verification forms, school fees, permission forms, etc to be sent home with students on Friday. Your prompt attention to these papers is very much appreciated. **Updating our records on your**

child's student verification forms, ensure that our information is accurate in the event that we need to contact you. Please ensure the office is aware of medical and legal alerts.



Please don't hesitate to contact the office, myself or your child's teacher, if you have any questions or concerns. Once again, we are so excited to have your children back at school and are looking forward to a great year of learning together.

Regards,



Mrs. Wood, Principal

FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL AND SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

With families moving in and out of our school's catchment area, it takes a few days for us to finalize classes. Our goal is to have our students placed in classes by Friday. If this isn't possible, placement will occur as early as possible the following week.

We work hard to create the best learning and teaching environment for all 300+ students and classrooms. I want to assure you that significant dialogue, thought and reflection goes into preparing our classes. The organization of our school for this school year began back in the Spring. Teacher collaboration, consideration of parent educational requests, learner and teacher profiles, as well as, balancing the number of students in a grade with the number of staff assigned (class composition and size regulations) are all factors that are taken into account.

Often the above factors result in multi-grade or split classrooms and children not being in a class with their best friend or the teacher they had hoped for. It is important for parents to realize that students in multi-grade classes have not been held back to the level of the youngest children in the class. Learning standards tend to spiral and build on the previous years skills. They are set by grade level and teachers facilitate the learning of all students in their classrooms. While some students may be initially disappointed to not be with their best friend/s, or the teacher they hoped for, we are confident in their ability to form new friendships, maintain old friendships and develop a connection with their new teacher. "Positive parent talk" cannot be overemphasized in supporting your child and assuring them they will flourish in whatever class they are placed. I want to take this time to thank you in advance for your support with this.

KAY BINGHAM NEWSLETTER

KAY BINGHAM STAFF

KBES is fortunate to have an extremely kind, caring, and dedicated group of professionals committed to supporting the academic, social and emotional development of our students. Our staffing and assignments are not 100% finalized at this current time. In our next Newsletter, I will provide a complete list of staff and their assignments. In the meantime, please join me in welcoming Mrs. Carr, Mrs. Brennan & Ms. Dunn (Teachers), Ms. Leonard (Aboriginal Education Worker), and Ms. Wood (CEA) to KBES!

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) Synvoice Technologies Inc

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

SCHOOL HOURS

The learning day for children is from 8:30 – 2:30. The office is open each school day from 8:00 – 3:30. Our bell schedule has been adjusted to reflect our return to a one-week Spring Break. **PLEASE BE AWARE THAT WE DO NOT HAVE BEFORE SCHOOL AND AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION. FOR SAFETY REASONS, STUDENTS SHOULD NOT BE DROPPED OFF EARLY OR PICKED UP LATE FROM THE PLAYGROUND.**

8:00 Office Opens

8:20 Doors open for students

8:25 Warning Bell

8:30 Classes begin with Morning Announcements

9:55 Recess begins 10:10 Recess ends

11:50 Students eat lunch in their class

12:15 – 12:40 Students play outside

12:40 -12:50 Students transition back to classes

12:50 Afternoon classes begin

2:30 Students are dismissed for the day

2017/18 SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 22 – Non Instructional Day

October 9 – Thanksgiving

October 18 – Early Closure (12:30 Dismissal for Parent Teacher Interviews)

October 20 – Non Instructional Day

November 11 – Remembrance Day

December 4 – Non Instructional Day
December 25 – January 5 – Winter Break
February 12 Family Day
February 22 & 23 – Non Instructional Days
March 19 -23 – Spring Break
March 30 – Good Friday
April 2 – Easter Monday
April 23 – Non Instructional Day
May 18 – Non Instructional Day
May 21 – Victoria Day
June 28 – Last day of school; noon dismissal

STUDENT SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Parents may choose to purchase lunches for their children for \$4 a meal. **Our Meals Program will start on Monday, September 18.** Meals menus were sent home electronically and posted to our website today and are **due back on Wednesday, September 13th.**

Menus will not be sent home with **all** students each month; however, you will be made aware by email that the next menu is out and its subsequent due date. The Menus will also be posted to our school's website each month. If you purchase a meal for your child and they are absent from school, the meal will be placed in the fridge and saved for them for the next school day.

Partial meal subsidies, for financial hardship reasons, may be accessed by contacting Mrs. Wood. These subsidies do not automatically carry forward from school year to school year.

The drop-in Breakfast program that was offered last year with the Boys and Girls Club and the Breakfast Club of Canada is not available to our students at this time. If and when this wonderful program becomes available, we will notify our families.

SCHOOL SPIRIT DAYS -

Friday, September 15th is our first School Spirit Theme Day. Our theme for the day is "Twin Day". Students and staff are encouraged to find a twin and dress alike! Every Friday, students are encouraged to wear our school colours: purple and gold. School Shirts will be available to order late September, early October.

TERRY FOX WALK/RUN FOR CANCER RESEARCH

On Friday, September 29 KBES will be participating in our annual Terry Fox Walk/Run for Cancer Research. All students are encouraged to bring in a loonie for cancer research.

OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE POSTED ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28!



SEPTEMBER, 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	5 School Starts 10:30 – Noon.	6 Meals Menu Goes Home First Newsletter Sent home electronically and posted to website	7	8 IMPORTANT STUDENT INFORMATION PACKET GOES HOME.
11 Breakfast Program Begins in the portable from 8:00 – 8:20	12	13 Meals Orders are due in the office by 8:30 am	14 FIRST PAC MEETING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR STARTS AT 8:45 IN THE STAFF ROOM! ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!	15 MUG N MUFFIN 8:00 – 8:30 Please join KBES students, staff and families for this social. SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY THEME: TWIN DAY
18 Meals Program Starts	19	20	21	22 Non Instructional Day – No School for Students
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