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All Learners*

## KAY BINGHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

The school year is almost half over, and I not sure where the time has gone. I do not think we have seen the last of winter yet, even though it has been quite mild recently! As I sit writing this newsletter, children are laughing and playing during the lunch hour. Several of them stop and wave as they run by or make funny faces.



Each new day also brings continued absences in our school community affecting both students and staff. As always, please continue with daily health checks. Thank you for your ongoing diligence to keeping students at home when they are sick.

*Ms. Rosie Caputo, Principal*



### **SAFE ARRIVAL**

Please do not forget to call in your child's absence and/or late arrival each day that they are absent from school.

### **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

It is that time of year again! All children entering Kindergarten must be 5 years old by December 31, 2024, to be eligible to register. Registration will take place **February 5-9, 2024**. Please have all your documentation in by the last day of registration. General information can be found on the [SD73 website here](#).

For registration packages to be accepted as complete, they must include your child's birth certificate, BC Services card, and proof of address (utility bill, rental lease, house purchase).

As we prepare for Kindergarten registration, there are a few things to keep in mind:

- If you have an older child attending KBES, and would like a package, please contact the school office and a package will be sent home with them
- If there are any questions, please contact Mrs. Bonderud in the school office

### **INDOOR SHOES**

There are several students who do not have indoor shoes to wear in the classroom once they take their wet boots off. Please ensure your child has a change of shoes at school to wear in and around the school. If there ever was a reason why we would have to evacuate the building in an emergency, children without indoor shoes would be in the snow in their sock feet, creating a secondary emergency. Thank you for ensuring your child's safety.

## **PARENT ENGAGEMENT EVENING**

Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 6:30 – 7:30pm presented via zoom

Title: Effective Communication between Parents and Schools

Presented by: POPARD

*Presenter: Chelsea Jelic, POPARD*

Families and school teams work together in a variety of ways throughout the year. Research shows that promoting family-school engagement leads to increased trust and collaboration, as well as improved student achievement and development. This session will:

- Briefly review research and the new “family-school engagement playbook” to highlight important themes
- Provide strategies to enhance collaboration and communication between family and school
- Discuss connections between the roles, rights, and responsibilities of teaching staff, administrators, and parents.
- Review how to work towards solutions in times of conflict or differences
- Information on advocacy steps and supports.

This workshop will be held via Zoom on Thursday, February 22, 2024, from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM. If you are interested in attending, you are asked to register [here](#). Following your registration, you will receive the link to the meeting.

## **PAC**

A big thank you to the PAC for contributing through:

- Rocks and Rings program
- School-wide Christmas cookie decorating
- Buses to field trips

Our very small, yet dedicated, PAC group works tirelessly to ensure classrooms and programs are supported through their generosity. As always, all parents/guardians of children at our school are members of our PAC and are encouraged to become involved in our school PAC. The next meeting is February 8 at 6:00pm.

## **PAC STUDENT OF THE MONTH**

Last year, PAC began a *Student of the Month* program. Each month, a student who exemplifies the ROCKS traits will be recognized. Then a winner is randomly chosen from each pod. Congratulations to our class winners this month for doing such an amazing job being respectful, organized, cooperative, kind, and safe!

Div 001-Jianna Sadural

Div 002-Roman Walters

Div 003-Matteo Webb-Helliwell

Div 004-Iyla Onufreychuk-Pattie

Div 005-Adesire Adekeye

Div 006-Mackenzie Moreno

Div 007-Elizabeth Kilba-Erickson

Div 008-Kellan Jones  
Div 009-Liam Anderson  
Div 010-Jacob Lamb  
Div 011-Ava Rhone  
Div 012-Ruby Poudel  
Div 013-Hannah Swyers  
Div 014-Callan MacPherson

### **STUDENT FUNDRAISER**

Aliyah and Audrey, two of our Grade 4 students, have organized a school fundraiser which will benefit the SPCA. *The fundraiser is a jellybean guess. Your child can bring a dollar for one guess and write down their name, teacher and guess for how many jellybeans are in the jar. Students can go to Mr. Johnson's classroom at lunch eating time to buy a piece of paper for their guess. The child whose guess is closest to the actual number in the jar, will win the jar full of candy. This will run the week of February 5-9<sup>th</sup>. The goal is to raise \$100. You can buy as many purchases as you wish! Good luck!*

### **MyEdBC MESSAGES**

One of the platforms that SD73 uses to send out email and other messages to parents is MyEdBC. Unfortunately, it has come to our attention that Hotmail email accounts filter out any MyEdBC messages. We would ask that if you have a Hotmail account that you currently use for school and district messaging, that you provide the school with an alternate email address to not miss out on any important messages. We have been informed that Gmail accounts work fine with this platform.



### **PARENT PORTAL**

Earlier this month, parents received an email regarding registering for the MyEdBC parent portal. MyEdBC is the student management system that houses all student demographics. The school district is moving towards posting many pieces of student learning on the portal including report cards, portfolios, attendance, verification forms, high school course selection, and progress towards graduation. There are several benefits including:

- Parents can easily access their child's report card
- Increase the security and privacy of student information. With the Family Portal, report cards are stored and accessed on a secure web server as opposed to being sent out on paper.
- Parents can view up-to-date attendance information.
- Parents can view demographic information and contact the school should updates/changes be required

If you require more information or need help setting up your account, please contact Mrs. Bonderud in the school office.

**CALENDAR EVENTS**

Following on next page.

# FEBRUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	FEBRUARY IS DIVERSITY MONTH			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Non-Instructional Day #4 <b>School closed</b>	<b>3</b>
4	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Wishnowski/Johnston Skating @ 10:15-1:00	<b>8</b> PAC Meeting 6:00pm	<b>9</b> Spirit Day: Patterns	10 PAC Pub Night Fundraiser
11	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Wishnowski/Johnston Skating @ 10:15-1:00	<b>14</b> Valentines' Day: Wear red/pink/hearts	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> PAC Family Event	17
18	<b>19</b> Family Day <b>School Closed</b>	<b>20</b> Div 1/2 Skating @ 9:15-10:15	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Popcorn Day	24
25	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Pink Shirt Day Anti-Bullying Day	<b>29</b>		