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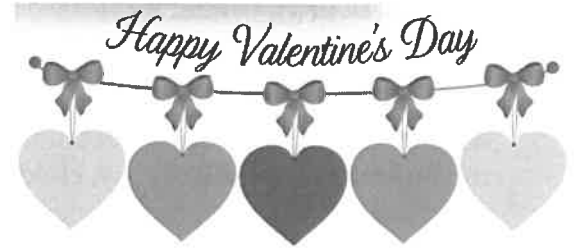
KAY BINGHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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January 31, 2025

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. Each of you completing your part when the call out happens, saves a great deal of administrative time in the office. A huge thanks to those who always log their child's absence or respond to the first safe arrival call.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

It is that time of year again! All children entering Kindergarten must be 5 years old by December 31, 2025, to be eligible to register. Registration will take place **February 3-7, 2025**. 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

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The Kay Bingham Breakfast Program is designed to assist families who need a safe, supervised place for their child(ren) to be before school starts. While at the Breakfast Program, students will be fed a simple, healthy meal, provided by a school staff member. To maintain proper supervision and to provide sufficient time for breakfast

routines, students attending the program will need to be dropped off at the school promptly at 7:45am. This is not a drop-in program. Spaces are limited and will be made available on a individual basis. You will receive a confirmation prior to the program. Please contact the Principal or Ms. Stanley (CEA) for an application.

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.

LICE

We have had numerous classes where parents have notified us of active lice. Please see the attachment that discusses what to do, how to identify and the parent checklist. Also, speak to your child about the important of not sharing clothing, etc. which may promote the spread of lice.

PAC

A big thank you to the PAC for contributing through:

- Partial payment for Christmas Concert recording
- Recess equipment for classrooms
- Hockey helmets for skating
- 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 10 at 6:00pm.

PAC STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Our amazing PAC recognizes and sponsors the *Student of the Month* program. Each month, a student who exemplifies the ROCKS traits will be recognized with a small gift bag. Congratulations to our class winners this month for doing such an amazing job being respectful, organized, cooperative, kind, and safe!

Div 001- Emilio Yong Perez

Div 002- Sehaj Chahal

Div 003- Quetsia Caputo

Div 004- Iyla Oneyfreychuk-Pattie

Div 005- Mazie Baker

Div 006- Jacob Brown

Div 007- Paige Dhaliwal

Div 008- Kailey Priboyski

Div 009- Kyla Worgan

Div 010- Massimo Catalano

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

If you require assistance to gain access to the MyEd parent portal, please contact Mrs. Bonderud. 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 learning updates, portfolios, attendance, verification forms, high school course selection, and progress towards graduation. There are several benefits including:

- Parents can easily access their child's learning update (on the first report, only 19% of parents accessed their child's reports)
- 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

In early March, Mrs. Primus will lead a quick morning session for parents to help accessing information in the portal. Watch for details!

CALENDAR EVENTS

January

- 31 PAC Hot Lunch

February

KINDNESS MONTH

- 5 Wessel/Wishnowski skating 10:15am-1pm
- 6 Popcorn Day
- 6 Spirit Day: Band Shirt Day
- 7 Non-Instructional Day (School Closed for students)
- 10 PAC Meeting 6pm
- 13 Donut Day (pre-order required Jan27-Feb 5)
- 14 Valentines Day: Wear red and pink

- 17 Family Day (School Closed)
- 21 Popcorn Day
- 26 Pink Shirt/ Anti-Bullying Day
- 28 PAC Hot Lunch

March

- 6/7 Grade 6/7 Ab Ed team @ Harper Mtn
- 7 Popcorn Day
- 7 Spirit Day (Jerseys)
- 10 PAC Meeting @ 6pm
- 12 Learning Updates (Reports) published
- 13 Donut Day (pre-order required Feb 24-Mar 5)
- 17 Spring Break begins
- 31 First day back after spring break