



*Respect Enables  
All Learners*

## KAY BINGHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,  
Wow! How did we get to December already? It is nice to be around the neighborhood and see Christmas lights and decorations going up. This means that a well-deserved winter break is just around the corner; however, it means a very busy few weeks leading up to the holidays.

Staff have been hard at work ensuring amazing learning opportunities and experiences for all classes, whether in their homeroom classroom, PE, or extracurricular groups. Our students are hard at work learning and engaging in opportunities for growth in various subject areas.

Please be diligent in keeping your child's school records up to date. If there is a change to an address, living arrangement, and/or legal or medical alert, please contact Mrs. Bonderud at the office and she can update your child's records.

*Ms. Rosie Caputo, Principal*

### **SAFE ARRIVAL**

We have noticed that there are a number of families not receiving the Safe Arrival calls / notifications. Please take some time to look at your preferences in the School Messenger (SafeArrival) system to ensure that you are set to receive both phone calls and emails from School Messenger. (If you would like, there is also an SMS (text) option). Attached to the Newsletter e-mail is a PDF with information on the basics of the School Messenger (SafeArrival) system, and how to check your Preferences on the App.

### **INSIDE/OUTSIDE SHOES**

Please ensure your child brings indoor and outdoor shoes to school every day. This is so important to ensure floors that are safe to walk on and kept clear of water and mud, and to ensure the work our custodians do stays well maintained each day!

### **PAC**

A big thank you to everyone who is supporting the school programs through the Craft Fair, Purdy's and poinsettia sales fundraisers. Our small, yet dedicated, PAC group works tirelessly to ensure classrooms and programs are supported through their generosity. Students continue to benefit from the amazing work done by PAC.

Thank you for:

- Come Read with Me program
- Bus rides to field trips
- PAC Student of the Month
- Subscription to *The Canadian Reader* resource

As always, 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 December 16 at 6PM in the school library.

### **PAC STUDENT OF THE MONTH**

Once again, PAC is sponsoring a *Student of the Month* program. Each month, a student who exemplifies the ROCKS traits will be recognized from each class. Then a winner is randomly chosen from each pod. Congratulations to our class winners recognized at the November assembly for doing such an amazing job being **R**espectful, **O**rganized, **C**ooperative, **K**ind, and **S**afe! Pod draws will take place at our next assembly.

Div 001-James Larose

Div 002-Miles Lyons

Div 003-Diana Mustafaeva

Div 004-Kai Larose

Div 005-Joseph Agbayani

Div 006-Alisa Mustafaeva

Div 007-Marina Harvey

Div 008-Stella McIntyre

Div 009-Wraiden Clara

Div 010-Reid Walker

Div 011-Ripley Larson

### **VOLLEYBALL**

We're so grateful for our incredible coaches: Mr. Isenor, Mrs. Primus, Mrs. Dhaliwal, Ms. Biffard, Mr. Rosch, and Ms. Wishnowski! They've helped our volleyball teams learn valuable skills, sportsmanship, and the rules of the game. Congratulations to our Tier 1 Girls who completed the playoffs!

### **BASKETBALL**

Calling All Basketball Enthusiasts!

Our school is seeking dedicated coaches for our upcoming Girls' and Boys' Basketball teams (Grades 5-7).

Is this you?

- Passionate about basketball and youth development?
- Committed to fostering teamwork and sportsmanship?
- Able to dedicate time for a 5-week coaching commitment?
- Able to have a criminal record check completed?

**If you're ready to make a positive impact, we want to hear from you!**

**Contact us today:**

- Phone: (250) 376-5586
- Email: [bprimus@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:bprimus@sd73.bc.ca)

**Spread the word! Share this message with anyone who might be interested.**

### **LEARNING UPDATES**

On December 13, report cards will be published to the parent online portal. We are striving to be more environmentally friendly and thus will only print learning updates if formally requested through the teacher. Should you require a paper copy, please make this request through your classroom teacher.

### **LATE DROP OFFs**

Just a reminder that when students are late arriving in the morning, they should still go in through their classroom doors rather than the front office.

### **WATER BOTTLES**

Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school each day. They can use the automatic water dispenser to refill their bottles.

### **SCHOOL CASH ONLINE**

Just a reminder to parents to sign up for SchoolCash. This is a program that is convenient to use 24/7, accepts payments for all expenses, and you can view all your payments in one place. Contact the school office if you need assistance. Please use the following link to set up an account.

<https://kay-bingham.sd73.bc.ca/en/parents-students-support-help/cashless-schools.aspx>

### **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Students have been preparing for our upcoming concert *Christmas Variety Show*. If COVID has taught us something, it is that we can be flexible about how we can meet and gather for various events. Continuing as we have in recent years, we will have two afternoon performances (1:15pm) on December 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Due to the fact that the majority of our intermediate students do not attend evening performances, it makes it very challenging for those few students to carry on without their peers. We will also be having the performance professionally recorded and it will be available as a YouTube link as soon as it ready. This way, you can watch (and maybe rewatch) with family and friends over the holidays (with your popcorn) in the convenience of your own home. In this way, we can also accommodate various work schedules for parents and allow more family members to view the performance, rather than the limited amount we can accommodate in the gymnasium.

A separate notice will be sent out later today in regards to prebooking tickets and how the process will work. This will be a free, ticketed event, but we have a limited number of chairs available in our school and from the district.

After the concert and prior to the Winter Break, you will receive an email with the concert link attached. Please note that it will only be available for a limited time. A huge thanks to the entire staff and students for coming together, practicing, and putting on a wonderful performance.

## CALENDAR EVENTS



### November

- 30 PAC Craft Fair (Gym 10am-2pm)

### December

- 2 Non-Instructional Day
- 5 Grade 6 Immunizations (if consent given)
- 6 Popcorn Day
- 6 Spirit Day (Pyjamas)
- 6 PAC Movie Night
- 12 Christmas Concert Matinee at 1:15pm
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- 13 Pye /Brennan classes skating
- 13 Learning Updates published
- 16 PAC Meeting at 6pm in library
- 18 Brennan's class to Ridgeview Seniors
- 20 Spirit Day (Red & Green)
- 20 PAC Hot Lunch
- 23 Winter Breaks begins

### January

- 3 Last day of Winter Break
- 6 First Day back to school
- 10 Spirit Day (Crazy Hair)
- 10 Popcorn Day
- 13 PAC Meeting 6pm
- 24 Popcorn Day
- 31 PAC Hot Lunch

### February

- 7 Non-Instructional Day
- 17 Family Day (School Closed)