



*Respect Enables  
All Learners*

## KAY BINGHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Happy Halloween! Our school year is 1/5 over and it's hard to believe how quickly time is passing. Beautiful fall leaves are falling everywhere! As the weather gets cooler, please ensure that your child comes prepared and dressed to play outside during break times. We have noticed not everyone is dressed for the weather on the playground. Also, check in with them when they do not bring all of their clothes home. Our lost and found is already overflowing!

As we settle into the new school year, one of the areas being discussed with learners is that of mindsets. We reflect if we are exhibiting a growth, fixed, or mixed mindset when we are given tasks or learning concepts that are new, difficult, or require perseverance over time. A growth mindset is the belief that we can learn more by working hard and persevering. It is also important to always remind students that mistakes are part of the learning process; yet it is how we deal and react to these mistakes, that is most important.

We also assist students in their self-awareness and their ability to recognize their core or big emotions (happy/excited, worried/ afraid, sad/disappointed, angry/frustrated). Students are encouraged to name their big emotions and then learn strategies to regulate their emotions, thoughts, and behaviours effectively. We also teach a variety of self-regulation strategies and staff are always available to assist students with co-regulation until they can do this independently. In addition, we also instruct in the areas of perspective taking, the ability to establish and maintain healthy relationships, and responsible decision making.

Wishing you all a beautiful autumn season.

*Ms. Rosie Caputo, Principal*

### **HALLOWE'EN**

With Hallowe'en just around the corner, KBES will be celebrating the festivities on Thursday, October 31, 2024. If students are choosing not to wear costumes, they may prefer to wear orange and black that day. Costumes are not mandatory, and in fact some students prefer not to bring them to school so they do not get ruined.

If students are choosing to wear costumes, there are some guidelines to follow at KBES. Please remember costumes should not include any weapons, face covering/masks, include gore, profanity, or anything else which violates our code of conduct. We ask that ALL accessories remain at home so that they are in great condition for Hallowe'en evening and to maintain the safety of all our students. KBES is not responsible for costumes that may be damaged if students choose to wear them to school.

Please ensure your child has a change of clothes in case they wish to change out of their costumes.

We would also ask that the remainder of the week, once the fun of trick or treating is completed, that students limit the number of treats they bring to school each day. The staff at Kay Bingham appreciates your help in making our school safe and healthy.

### **REMEMBRANCE DAY**

This year, we will have an assembly to commemorate Remembrance Day on November 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:45am. Please ask your child(ren) to share what their class contributed to our assembly. Parents are welcome to attend.

### **IS IT BULLYING...OR PEER CONFLICT OR MEAN BEHAVIOUR??**

Please see the attached sheet so we are all using the correct terminology in dealing with inappropriate behaviours around the school yard and in our community. It is very important to reiterate to students, that they should seek the help of an adult when any of these behaviours are ongoing. It is difficult for staff to manage a situation when they have no idea it is going on. Please remember to speak to your child's teacher for any issues you may be concerned about.

### **EMERGENCY PROCEDURE**

This is a reminder that whenever the school is involved in an emergency process or drill, that students are not permitted to use their cell phones under any circumstance (just as they are not allowed during the school day). As such, please do not contact your child if you become aware that we are involved in any emergency procedures. If it is a true emergency procedure, the school website will have up to date information posted by the school district.

### **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. The absence reporting telephone number is 1-844-350-2647 and if you haven't done so, you may create an account at the following website: [go.schoolmessenger.ca](http://go.schoolmessenger.ca). You may also download the app for school messenger.

### **PAC**

Thank you to the PAC for all the amazing work they do to support our students and classrooms! We have a few new members this year but encourage everyone to come out and join us. Many hands make light work!

All parents/guardians of children at our school are members of our PAC and are encouraged to become involved in our school PAC.

❖ Next meeting: November 18 @ 6:00pm

Thank you to the PAC for supporting classes by providing:

- PAC Student of the Month gift bags
- *The Canadian Reader* subscription for intermediate classes
- Bus transportation for field trips
- Funding for *Come Read with Me* volunteer tutoring

### **BGC AFTERSCHOOL CARE**

Beginning in January 2025, BGC Kamloops will be offering afterschool care each day that school is in session until 5:30pm each day. If you are interested and would like a BGC staff member to call you, please fill in the following Google form [here for waitlist](#).

### **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. Each winner receives a gift bag from PAC! Congratulations to our class winners in September for doing such an amazing job being respectful, organized, cooperative, kind, and safe!

Div 001-Gia Marino

Div 002-Olivia Zaste

Div 003-Emily Lam

Div 004-Emma DeBono

Div 005-Akayna DeBono

Div 006-Cohen Keeler

Div 007-Ava Rhone

Div 008-Adam Ronald

Div 009-Brayden Owen

Div 010-Avetta Steele

Div 011-Luke Fletcher

### **MEALS PROGRAM**

Our meals program has begun. If you require a subsidy for the 2024-2025 year due to financial challenges, please contact the school principal.

### **POPCORN VOLUNTEERS**

Please use the link below to sign up as a popcorn volunteer. This usually is on a Friday (of Thursday before a Friday closure) and takes place between 8:30-10:30. If you can help out the Bear Pod in their quest to raise funds for their Eagle Bay trip, please sign up below. Please note, you must have a criminal record check.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D48A8AE2FABFF2-52654135-popcorn>

### **PARENT PORTAL**

Now is the time to ensure you are set up on the parent portal before the busy report card season approaches. Please contact Mrs. Bonderud in the front office for any assistance related to the portal, whether it is getting started or needing a password reset.

## **BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION**

Please be mindful that we do not provide supervision either before or after school. Our classroom doors open at 8:25am and students are dismissed at 2:39pm each day.

Supervision outside of this time is the responsibility of the parent. Students should not be staying on their own to play before walking home.

## **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.

## **COME READ WITH ME**

Grade 1 Parents, please see attached notice. The deadline to return forms is by this Friday at 9am.

## **TOYS AT SCHOOL**

Just a reminder for students to leave cherished, important toys at home. When brought to school they can be lost or damaged, leaving a student very upset. It is much easier to keep all toys at home so as to avoid these sorts of meltdowns. We appreciate your help with this matter.

## **CALENDAR EVENTS**

### November

- 4 Scholastic Book Fair begins until Wednesday
- 8 Popcorn Day
- 8 Spirit Day (Twin Day)
- 8 Come Read with Me @ 8:30am (for Grade 1 parents)
- 8 Remembrance Day Assembly @ 10:45am
- 11 Remembrance Day- SCHOOL CLOSED
- 15 PAC Hot Lunch Day
- 18 PAC Meeting @ 6pm
- 22 Popcorn Day
- 25 PAC Paint Night (details to follow from PAC)
- 30 PAC Craft Fair

### December

- 2 Non-Instructional Day-SCHOOL CLOSED