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KAY BINGHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

September is behind us after this weekend; it's hard to believe that October is here. It is still amazing to see the sun shining and providing us with a few beautiful fall days for our students to get outside. Students have been settling nicely into their classrooms and are learning the grade level structures and routines. Parents should have heard from their child(ren)'s teacher in terms of what expectations are in each classroom.

During this past week, our school community took part in various activities as a way to honour residential school survivors and those children who did not make it home. Our school community took part in various cultural and learning activities about Orange Shirt Day story and to honour the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. We were also very honoured to have hosted Phyllis Webstad to our school. It is our hope that students have a little more understanding about this very important day and that they were able to share some of the activities that they took part in with their families.

I hope you all had an enjoyable long weekend with family and friends, as you remembered the meaning for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Ms. Rosie Caputo, Principal

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone who donated for the Terry Fox Run. We have a very generous community; it was great to see everyone working hard towards Terry's goal.

VOLLEYBALL

This year, our school will be participating in the SD73 Volleyball season if there is enough student interest. Boys and girls in Grades 5, 6, and 7 are welcome to join. Initial meetings have been called and interested students are invited to see Mrs. Primus if interested.

VERIFICATION FORMS

Thank you to the parents who have already returned the verification forms to the school office. These are very important, so the office has up-to-date contact information for each family. If you have not yet done so, please return your child's verification form to the office or to the classroom teacher by Thursday, October 3.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

We are lucky to have 17 participants join cross country running this year and put forth a great effort in meets thus far. Participants are taking part in four meets around the city and representing our school community well. Congratulations to the Grade 7 girls for winning the Rosetta at the OLPH Cross Country Meet (Picture)



IN/OUT PROCEDURES DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

When students arrive at school late, the expectation is that they report to the classroom first through the regular/outside classroom door. Once they have checked in with the teacher, they will proceed to check in at the office.

When students are being picked up early for appointments, parents/guardians are asked to come to the front office, sign them out, and the office will call the classroom and have the student(s) sent down to the front office. If you would like to call ahead when en route, we will try our best to have them waiting down at the office. It is imperative that we know exactly who is in the school, at all times, in case of any emergency or other pertinent situations that may arise. We appreciate your help with this.

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 have not done so, you may create an account at the following website: go.schoolmessenger.ca.

As well, please do not ignore the Safe Arrival calls. This occurs for the safety of your children. When calls are ignored, this makes a great deal more work for office staff and takes a great deal of time, especially if staff are away.

FOUNDATION SKILLS ASSESSMENTS

Every year, Grades 4 and 7 students around the province participate in the Ministry of Education Foundation Skills Assessment. This assessment considers the areas of reading, writing, and numeracy and will take place October 1 through to November 8 this year. Parents of children in Grade 4 and Grade 7 should have received a letter home as well. If you do not receive one, please contact Vice Principal Primus.

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 to arrange a call or meeting.

POPCORN SALES

The Bear Pod popcorn sale fundraiser will have a few changes this year. See the PDF attached for more information. All sales will be completely through SchoolCash online and value packs can be purchased for the year for the best price. Students who miss out on the value packs will have the option to purchase for one week prior to popcorn day!

INDOOR SHOES

Please ensure your child has non-marking indoor runners for PE classes.

SCHOOL GIFTS

At the end of last year, a survey was sent out asking parents to respond giving their child's hoodie size. With the catchment change and welcoming new students to our school, we offered each student some Kay Bingham swag gifts. These will be handed out this week. For those who did not place an order, we do have some extras and staff will work towards ensuring that all new students who are not on the list receive one. This may take a little time as we maneuver through this situation.

YMCA PROGRAMS (see attachments)

YMCA BC Kamloops understands the important role that stress, and mental wellness play in the lives of our community and children. That's why we have a variety of mental wellness groups that support individuals of all ages and families to learn healthy coping skills, connect with others in the community, and get support all in a safe and friendly environment.

The Mental Wellness Department is offering several FREE 8-week session programs for school age children. These groups focus on mental wellbeing and some of the groups include a physical component as well.

All programs for the fall session are starting in late October. Please reach out if you are interested or know someone that might benefit from these programs as we still have some spaces available in our groups for the fall. All dates/times and descriptions are in the word document.

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Learn more about our Mental Wellness programs: <https://www.kamloopsy.org/mental-wellness-programs.htm>

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Parents have the option to participate in the SD73 school supply program or purchase their own if they desire. Please note that fees and supplies were due to the school at the end of September and have been posted to School Cash Online.

COMMUNICATING STUDENT LEARNING

By Friday, October 4, your child's teacher will send home an overview of key learning concepts that your child will be engaged in over the upcoming months. In addition to the learning outcomes, teachers will also share information as to how your child will be assessed when they design learning activities.

In addition to academics, we work hard to explicitly teach and practice in key areas regarding Social Emotional Learning (SEL). We believe our school **ROCKS** when we are respectful, organized, cooperative, kind, and safe. We also encourage children to use their **WITS** strategies including walk away, ignore, talk it through and seek help when in conflict with others.

NEIGHBOURLY BEHAVIOUR

Parents are asked to please not park in the Overlander parking lot under any circumstances. We would ask that everyone please utilize our school parking lot or roadway parking lanes.

PAC UPDATE

All parents/guardians of children at our school are members of our PAC and are encouraged to become involved in our school PAC. If you have not done so, please join the Facebook page by searching *Kay Bingham PAC*. A huge thanks to the PAC for always supporting our classrooms with various purchases and field trips. Without their generous support and time commitment, students would miss out on key experiences. Please consider giving of your time and talents to ensure our students continue to receive these great opportunities from PAC.

- ❖ The executive for the PAC is looking for a few new members. If you are interested in assisting the PAC and would like to become involved, please contact them through the PAC Facebook page.
 - Chair: Kyla Walker
 - Vice Chair: Chloe Boone
 - Secretary: Tianna Bifford
 - Treasurer: Irene Dhaliwal
- ❖ All meetings will be held on the Mondays at 6pm.
- ❖ Next meeting: October 21 @ 6:00pm

SCENT SENSITIVE SCHOOL

KBES is a scent sensitive school. This means we discourage the use of scents and fragrances because many staff and students have allergy related scents. Please try to use neutral hair products, deodorants and other personal hygiene products.

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, as our water fountains do not allow students to drink from them at this time.

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. We appreciate your understanding and help with this.

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.

CALENDAR EVENTS

September 2024

- 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (School Closed)
- 30 School Fees due

October

- 02 Picture Day
- 04 Spirit Day-Pod Colours
- 07 Kindergarten Bus Safety
- 09 Westsyde Cross Country Meet
- 11 Popcorn Day (see newsletter/attachment for changes to this)
- 14 Thanksgiving Day (School Closed)
- 16 Parkcrest Cross Country Meet
- 17 Shake Out BC Earthquake Drill
- 21 Volleyball season begins
- 21 PAC Hot Lunch
- 21 PAC Meeting 6pm
- 24 Photo Retakes
- 24 Popcorn Day
- 25 Non-Instructional Day (School Closed)
- 31 Halloween

November

- 11 Remembrance Day (School Closed)

December

- 02 Non-Instructional Day (School Closed)
- 23 Start of Winter Break