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All Learners*

## KAY BINGHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## WELCOME BACK TO THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Hopefully everyone had a wonderful, relaxing summer. Summer is always a great time to kick back with family and friends and enjoy the beauty we have in this area of the province. I sincerely hope you were all able to do that. We are anticipating a great year of learning at KBES, once again this year and we are very excited to be working with each of you. Our school community at KBES is one that supports and teaches kindness, respect, safety, and inclusion for all.

I would like to welcome all the new families to our school, as well as all returning families. I know that you will find the staff to be very welcoming and offer you any assistance you may need. A special welcome to our new Kindergarteners! This is my second year at KBES, and I look forward to learning, growing, and building our school community with you. Hopefully this year, I will be able to meet more of you than the pandemic previously allowed for. Feel free to introduce yourself if you see me outside, during what will hopefully be, a warm fall season!


We appreciate your patience as we strive to place students in classes this week. It has been a process and we will move to our new classrooms on Friday. You will receive an email from your child's 2022-23 teacher by Friday at 4pm. Our school warning bell rings at 8:25am and dismissal is at 2:41pm each day. To ensure the safety of your child(ren), please drop off your child(ren) in time to begin school and pick them up promptly once school is over, as after school supervision is not provided at KBES. Students are not permitted to stay without adult supervision.

We are happy to see all our youngsters happy and with smiling faces back in the school. We are all looking forward to a fabulous year of learning together. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, or call the office.

*Ms. Rosie Caputo, Principal*

### STAFF ASSIGNMENTS

KBES has a fantastic team who is eager to partner with parents/guardians to meet all our students' needs. Below you will find our staffing assignments for the 2022–2023 year.

Salmon Pod ❖ Mrs. Henderson K ❖ Mrs. Dunn K ❖ Mrs. Ellis/Mrs. Petty K/1 ❖ Mrs. Aaltonen 1	Support Teachers ❖ Mrs. Young LART ❖ Ms. McCowan Library/Fine Arts ❖ Ms. Allan Health & Physical Education
Coyote Pod ❖ Mrs. Wessel 1/2 ❖ Ms. Riddle 2 ❖ Ms. Wishnowski 2/3	Certified Educational Assistants (CEAs) ❖ Ms. Tomlinson ❖ Ms. Dupont ❖ Ms. Young ❖ Ms. Faint ❖ Ms. Gardner
Swan Pod ❖ Ms. Johnston 3 ❖ Mrs. Covaceuszach/Ms. Gardiner 3/4 ❖ Mr. Johnson 4/5	Aboriginal Education Workers (AEWs) ❖ Mr. Lysons ❖ Ms. West
Bear Pod ❖ Mr. Henry 5/6 ❖ Ms. Kelly 5/6 ❖ Mr. Aitken 5/6 ❖ Ms. Brennan 6	Custodians ❖ Ms. Heyer ❖ Ms. deBruijn ❖ Mr. Christopherson
Office ❖ Mrs. Bonderud Secretary ❖ Mrs. Hneeda Vice Principal/LART ❖ Ms. Caputo Principal	

### DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Just a reminder that in accordance with City of Kamloops Bylaw 34-26, dogs are not allowed on school property. While I love my 4-legged furry pet, not everyone feels as comfortable as some do. Please respect everyone by ensuring you adhere to this. Please also mention this to family members/daycare providers who may be dropping off or picking up your children, so they are aware.

### BELL SCHEDULE

The bell schedule will be as follows:

WARNING BELL ( <i>DOORS OPEN</i> )	8:25 AM
START OF DAY ( <i>CLASSES BEGIN</i> )	8:30 AM
RECESS BEGINS	10:10 AM
RECESS ENDS	10:25 AM
LUNCH BEGINS	12:10 PM

WARNING BELL	1:05 PM
LUNCH ENDS ( <i>CLASSES RESUME</i> )	1:10 PM
DISMISSAL (END OF DAY)	2:41 PM

**NEWSLETTERS**

A newsletter will typically be sent home prior to the beginning of the month to the email address on file. If you have changed your email address or are new to the school, please contact the office. The newsletter will also be posted on the school website. Paper copies will always be available at the front office. If for any reason you require a paper copy each time, please contact the office.

**ENTRY AND EXIT TO BUILDING**

Students will enter the building from their exterior classroom doors. They will be dismissed from these same doors. Any visitors must report and sign in at the front office

**SAFE ARRIVAL**

Please do not forget to call in your child’s absence and late arrivals 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.

**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.

**CLASS PLACEMENTS**

I want to assure all families that the staff have worked hard to create the best learning and teaching environments for all our students. The process is very involved, including much thoughtful reflection and significant dialogue for each class composition. While the organization of this process begins in the spring with teacher collaboration, consideration of parent educational request, learner and teacher profiles, as well as balancing the number of students in a class with the number of staff assigned, composition requirements, and class size are all factors that are taken into account. This often results in multilevel or split-level classrooms and children may not be in the same class with the teacher that they had hoped for or with their best friend. However, please realize that students will be able to develop new friendships, maintain old friendships, and build a new connection with their new teacher. This is a great opportunity for “positive parent talk” in supporting your child and assuring them they will be successful and flourish in whatever classroom they are placed in. Our KBES staff thank you in advance for your support with this, knowing we are all working hard to create a positive learning environment for all our learners.

On Friday of this week, students were moved to the classrooms where they will be for the remainder of this year. You will receive an email indicating your child’s teacher. Beginning on Monday morning, students will report to their classrooms for the year by way of the outdoor entrances. Each teacher will have a sign next to the doorway in the window,

indicating the teacher's name and grade level. This will help us ensure that all students, particularly younger ones, get to the classrooms that they need to be at on Monday morning.

### **LOCKERS**

Lockers are assigned and managed by the classroom teachers. Students do not use locks; therefore, no valuables such as electronic devices should be kept inside of them.

### **MEALS PROGRAM**

Our meals program schedule was sent out earlier this week and will be due Tuesday, September 13, 2022. These will usually be sent out approximately two weeks prior to the start of the month. If you require a subsidy for the 2022-2023 year, please contact the office.

### **SCHOOLCASH ONLINE**

This year, we will be using SchoolCash Online much more than last year to allow parents to pay for fees, field trips, agendas, and other fees online. Each item will be 'loaded' into your account as it becomes available, to allow you to pay. Please ensure your email address is up to date. Please contact Mrs. Bonderud if you have any questions.

### **COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PREVENTION PLAN (CDPP)**

With the beginning of a new school year, we will be revising our CDPP to coincide with the district plan. Currently, please remember:

- Stay home when sick
- Practice the daily health check and follow health advice
- Wearing a mask is a personal choice
- Practice good hand hygiene (wash hands, use hand sanitizer) and good respiratory etiquette (cover mouth when coughing; wash hands after coughing or sneezing)

### **SCHOOL SUPPLIES/AGENDA**

A school supply list will be sent out in the next few days. Parents also have the convenient option to participate in the SD73 school supply program. By paying a one-time fee, students will be provided with the supplies that they need for the entire school year. Regardless of which way you choose to participate, fees and supplies are due to the school by September 30<sup>th</sup>. School supplies and agenda fees were loaded to SchoolCash Online this past week. Please contact Mrs. Bonderud if you have any questions.



### **SD73 DRESS CODE**

The dress code for SD73 can be found here [AP350.2 Dress Code Policy](#).

### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

The student code of conduct is accessible on this [link](#). It will be reviewed in classrooms over the coming week, and we appreciate it also being reviewed at home.

## MEDICAL FORMS

Please let the office know if your child has a serious health condition or requires medication to be administered at school. *Medic Alert Planning* forms and *Request for Administration of Medication at School* forms must be completed, revised, and renewed each school year. Please contact the office if you require more information or need to update the forms.

## 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.

## CELL PHONE USE

Here at KBES, we realize that many of our students walk to school and that they may use cell phones to communicate with parents before or after the school day. We wanted to take this time to remind students that cell phone use of any kind is not permitted while students are at school.

If students bring phones to school, we ask that they are silenced so they are not interrupting any classes. Students may ask a teacher to hold on to it for safe keeping; otherwise, devices are to remain in backpacks and/or lockers.

The school and district accept no responsibility for theft or damage which may occur to personal devices brought to school. At no time, will the use of such personal devices be used to infringe upon the rights of others. As such, under no circumstances are phones allowed to be used to photograph or record another person.

School administration reserves the right to access all files and content on personal devices connected to district networks to check for appropriate use. As well, administration reserves the right to confiscate any personal electronic device that is being misused. Parents will be informed of the misuse and pick up the device at the school office. Should a child need the use of a phone during school time or if parents need to have a message conveyed to their child, the school office is available for both. Please review with your child the appropriate times to use their cell phones.



### September 2022

- ❖ 14<sup>th</sup> - Kindergarten begins full days
- ❖ 15<sup>th</sup> - PAC Meeting at 6:00pm
- ❖ 19<sup>th</sup> - Professional Development for Staff (School closed)
- ❖ 21<sup>st</sup> - Picture Day
- ❖ 21 - Raise a Reader-Bring a loonie for literacy
- ❖ 23<sup>rd</sup> - Terry Fox Run-Bring a toonie for Terry
- ❖ 29<sup>th</sup> - Orange Shirt Day
- ❖ 30<sup>th</sup> - Day for Truth and Reconciliation (School Closed)

❖ 30<sup>th</sup> - School Fees due

October

- 10 Thanksgiving Day-School Closed
- 20 Early Closure @ 12:41pm
- 20 Parent Teacher Interviews
- 21 Non-Instructional Day - School Closed

November

- 11 Remembrance Day - School Closed

December

- 5 Non-Instructional Day - School Closed
- 17 Start of Winter Break

January

- 3 First Day back after winter break

February

- 3 Non-Instructional Day
- 20 Family Day - School Closed

March

- 18 First Day of Spring Break

April

- 3 First day back after Spring Break
- 6 Day of Suwentywe'cw
- 7 Good Friday - School Closed
- 10 Easter Monday - School Closed
- 24 Non-Instructional Day - School Closed

May

- 19 Non-Instructional Day - School Closed
- 22 Victoria Day- School Closed

June

- 21 National Aboriginal Day
- 29 Last day for students; dismissal at 12:30pm
- 30 Admin Day

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