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All Learners*

KAY BINGHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,
I hope everyone is doing well. Here, we are amid preparing for our winter break as we move into a well-deserved break.

Today the students will gather to watch the Christmas performance in the gym. While we were able to gather this year, for a variety of reasons some were unable to join us. We also thought it would be nice for those of you who wanted to gather as a family and watch the festivities with the people you normally would. We hope you will enjoy the show. The link for the concert is here: <https://youtu.be/18EjR3XD0rI>. This link will be available until Monday, December 26, 2022.



On behalf of the staff at KBES, I would like to wish each of you a happy, safe, and beautiful holiday season filled with family and those you treasure the most. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Please note that school reconvenes on January 3rd, 2023, as a regular school day.

Ms. Rosie Caputo, Principal

DAILY HEALTH CHECKS

Continued thanks to everyone as they complete the **daily health checks** before sending their children to school each day. This list should provide clear direction for everyone to follow to keep our community safe and healthy. If your child exhibits any of the following symptoms: including fever, chills, cough, difficulty breathing, loss of smell or taste, sore throat, loss of appetite, headache, body aches, extreme fatigue or tiredness, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea; please keep them home from school until the symptoms pass. As well, when in doubt, consult with the COVID 19 Self-Assessment Tool <https://bc.thrive.health/covid19/en> .



CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS

It has been brought to our attention that now criminal record checks are necessary for all parents who wish to participate in field trips, as volunteers, and school related supervision. As per Administrative Policy 490 VOLUNTEERS IN SCHOOLS:

3. Principals will require a criminal record check for potential volunteers in any situation or circumstance where the principal deems such checks to be appropriate. Such checks may include the following situations:

3.1 Where volunteers are alone with children without the near company of other adults; and

3.2 Where there is minimal direct supervision by staff members

And as per Administrative Policy 260 FIELD TRIPS

6. Requirement for Field Trip Supervisors

6.5 The Principal will ensure that all volunteers and chaperones provide a current criminal record check. This applies to all non-District employees. A criminal record check within the previous three years may be deemed current.

So, moving forward all volunteers, coaches, chaperones, and supervisors at school events must apply for a criminal record check. This can be completed via an online portal or paper copy with 2 pieces of identification. Information/paperwork on both can be obtained from the school office. Identification must be validated by the school principal. Please speak to your classroom teacher about any field trips that may be arising in the new year.

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. You may also download the app for school messenger. Please accurately indicate if the student absence is due to illness, so we can track any illness levels at the school.

COMMUNICATING STUDENT LEARNING

Student progress and reporting will be sent home the week of January 30, 2023. Our 4-point proficiency scale indicates your child's performance in relation to the learning standards and concepts for their grade level in each subject area. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher should you have any questions about their progress.

Like the first school term, overviews for the second school term will be shared with families by February 1, 2023. Overviews will provide you with key concepts and skills being covered, some of the learning activities your child will be engaged in, as well as various ways your child will be accessed and demonstrate their learning.

PAC

A big thank you to everyone who supported school programs through the Purdy's and poinsettia sales fundraisers. These fundraisers greatly support our students in a variety of ways.

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 January 12 at 6 PM.

OLD SKATES TO DONATE

If anyone has old skates, particularly in larger sizes, we would love to take them off your hands! We are always in need and now that we are in the process of taking students skating once again, we are looking to replace some very tired and worn out skates. Please bring them to the school office if you have any.

BLAZERS TICKETS

On January 4th, Kay Bingham Elementary has been sponsored as the Kamloops Blazers *School of the Night*. The Blazers offer us a number of tickets for students. As there is a limited number of tickets, we will be holding a draw. Any students attending with a free ticket must be accompanied by an adult family member who has purchased a ticket. There will NOT be any staff attendance or supervision during this event, therefore an adult family member MUST attend.

If you would like to enter your child into the draw, please fill in the google form at this link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1a6his0acl96ljUh60pV4uAwrKqA7XXoAKSh0rLiNcbQ/edit>

CALENDAR EVENTS

Following on next page.

JANUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Happy New Year</i>	2 School Closed	3 School Reopens	4 Div 11 & 13 Skating 9:15-10:15	5	6	7
8	9	10 Div 5 & 6 Skating 9:15-10:15	11	12 Div 10 @ Edith Lake PAC Meeting 6pm	13 Popcorn Day	14
15	16	17	18 Div 5 & 6 Skating 1:00-2:00	19 Orange Shirt Day	20	21
22 Unplug & Play Week	23	24 Spirit Day: Hat Day Div 9 & 10 Skating 1-2pm	25	26	27 Popcorn Day	28
29 Report Cards home this week	30	31				