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All Learners

KAY BINGHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,
After this last cold snap, I think we are all ready for spring (thus my spring flowers picture)! February initially brought us some warmer temperatures and teased us with the milder weather.

As we move to a more online presence with at KBES, we encourage parents to sign up for the My Ed Parent Portal, PAC MunchALunch, and ensure your account for SchoolCash Online works well. Next year, student photographs will also be fully online.

Finally, I hope you were all able to see our school showcased on CFJC-TV on Pink Shirt Day. If you missed it, [click here](#). Hunter Pooler, Lilli Smith, and Odetta Kerner did a wonderful job representing and speaking on behalf of our school.

Wishing you all a wonderful spring break later this month!

Ms. Rosie Caputo, Principal

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Research shows that attendance is a critical factor in student achievement. Missing 10% of the school year (18 days) which is equivalent to approximately one missed month per year is classified as *chronic absenteeism*. Every day that a student misses school impacts their learning. A missed school day is a lost opportunity for learning. A student's overall growth – academic, social, and emotional- are positively impacted when a child is at school. At KBES, we want our students to grow into the best global citizens who are positively contributing to our school and global community. Please reach out to the school office if you need assistance in making a positive change in this area. Please note, we do understand when illness affects a student's ability to attend school.

LOST & FOUND

There is a great deal of clothing and miscellaneous items in the lost and found. They have been laid out on tables. Please take a minute to come in the main doors, walk down the halls, and look. Tables are set up outside the courtyard windows. All items will be donated next week.

BATHROOM MISUSE

Over the past few months, we have had numerous instances of inappropriate behaviour taking place in the bathrooms; everything from sewer related issues to cleanliness to taking

items apart. Students have been given multiple reminders from the office and the classroom teachers that the bathrooms are for one thing, and they are to be used accordingly. We continue to reiterate to students that we would not come into each of your homes and destroy or damage property, as some students have been doing. The staff would appreciate if parents could also take the opportunity to speak to their children about this matter.

CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS

Many parents and guardians have already taken the opportunity to complete the criminal record check process. If you are looking to volunteer, coaches, chaperones, and supervisors at school events must apply for a criminal record check. This can take time, so please do not hesitate to apply. As per SD73's Administrative Procedure, all criminal records checks are valid for three years.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

While our official registration week is over, we are still accepting Kindergarten registrations for this coming September. General information can be found on the [SD73 website here](#). In order for registration packages to be accepted as complete they must include birth certificate, BC Services card, and proof of address (utility bill, rental lease, house purchase).

As we prepare for Kindergarten registration, there are a few things to keep in mind:

- If you have an older child attending KBES, and would like a package, please contact the school office and a package will be sent home with them
- If there are any questions, please contact Mrs. Bonderud in the school office

PAC

A big thank you to the PAC for always being so supportive of school events. You will see some in-school fundraisers coming up over the next few months to build community within our school. Thank you, PAC parents, for all you do.

Please contact the PAC by email at kaybinghampac@gmail.com or join our Facebook page 'Kay Bingham PAC'. 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 March 9 at 6:00 PM.

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 for February, for doing such an amazing job being **Respectful, Organized, Cooperative, Kind, and Safe!** Pod draws will take place at our next assembly.

Div 001-Evelyn McIntosh

Div 002- Iyla Onefreychuck-Pattie

Div 003-Lilian Pedrosa
Div 004-Hunter Pooler
Div 005-Thomas Oakland
Div 006-Ava Burnell
Div 007-Audrey Larose
Div 008-Stella McIntyre
Div 009-Madison McArdle-Okrainetz
Div 010-Luke Fletcher
Div 011-Mason Reinhart
Div 012-Mikeayla Taylor
Div 013-Brayden Owen
Div 014-Ryder Read

PARENT ENGAGEMENT SESSION

We are happy to present March's Parent Engagement Session as follows:
Wednesday, March 8th, 2023, 6:30 – 7:30pm **via Zoom*

[Competency-Based Inclusive Education Plans \(CBIEPs\)](#)

Presented by Lise Hyam, District Coordinator - Inclusive Education

Students in School District No.73 who have exceptional needs may be eligible for a Ministry of Education Special Education Designation. Join us to learn more about what this means, how Competency-Based IEPs are designed to support students, and how parents can be involved in the process. Whether your child currently has a CBIEP in place or if this is a new process for your child, this session will be helpful for all parents to learn more about how diverse learners are supported in our schools.

Register here to receive the ZOOM link: [Your-Child-and-the-Competency-Based-IEP](#)

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.



SPRING BREAK

This year, spring break will take place from March 20-March 31, 2023. The school will be closed for this two-week period!

CALENDAR EVENTS

Following on next page.

MARCH 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Div 1/2 Skating @ 1-2PM	2 Div 12/14 Curling 12:45-2:41PM	3 PAC Hot Lunch Day Div 7 SPCA Visit to School	4
5	6	7 Div 7/8 Rattlemaking	8	9 PAC Meeting 6PM Spirit Day: Pyjama Day	10 Popcorn Day Div 7 SPCA Visit to School	11
12	13 Orange Shirt Day	14 LUNCH PROGRAM DUE	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day- Wear Green	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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