



*Respect Enables
All Learners*

KAY BINGHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Happy Halloween! Our school year is almost 1/5 over and it's hard to believe how quickly time is passing. Beautiful fall leaves are adorning the school yard grass! Hopefully we get to enjoy this fall weather well into November. However, as the weather gets cooler, please ensure that your child comes prepared and dressed to play outside during break times. Also, check in with them when they do not bring all of their clothes home. Our lost and found is overflowing!

Thank you to everyone as they complete the **daily health checks** before sending the 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 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

REMEMBRANCE DAY

This year, we will have an assembly to commemorate Remembrance Day on November 10th at 10:45am. Please ask your child(ren) to share what their class contributed to our assembly.

TERRY FOX RUN

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Terry Fox fundraiser for cancer research. Our school community raised a generous \$961 to donate! WAY TO GO!!

HALLOWE'EN

With Hallowe'en just around the corner, KBES will be celebrating the festivities on Monday, October 31, 2022. 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.

Please note: All students will be required to change out of their costumes at lunch, as they will be sitting in the gym during the afternoon for a performance. Please ensure your child has clothes on underneath their costume so they can all change in the classroom.

We would also ask that the remainder of the week, once the fun of trick or treating is completed, that students are limiting 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.

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.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

This year our school will be hosting a virtual book fair. This means that families will be able to shop and place orders online. All orders placed online will qualify for free shipping to the school. Each order will be individually packaged, consolidated, and shipped to the school for pickup by students or parents. The school earns a percentage of books sold for the duration of the book fair.

The site will accept major credit cards and Visa Debit as forms of payment. A reminder that purchases can only be made after the fair start date. Parents can only browse and get a sneak peek prior to the fair start date. The shop will open on November 14th at 12:01 EST and will close on November 28th at 11:59 PST.

Click on the link below to peruse ahead of time or to purchase:

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5197368>

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. 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.

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 10 @ 6:00pm

MEALS PROGRAM

Our meals program has begun. If you require a subsidy for the 2022-2023 year due to financial challenges, please contact the school principal.

ORANGE SHIRT DAYS

To continue our important conversations and continue learning more about Truth and Reconciliation, the students at our school are encouraged to participate in our monthly orange shirt days. Please stay tuned and check the calendar each month in the newsletter for a rotating orange shirt day!

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 2:41pm 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.

BROCK MIDDLE SCHOOL HOSTS *FIND YOUR FIT!*

On November 22, Brock Middle is once again hosting **Find Your Fit!** This is an interactive event and hands-on experience that seeks to give students the chance to discover and explore career opportunities. It is hosted by WorkBC. Please see the link for last years' experience!

<https://brockmiddle.sd73.bc.ca/Modules/News/index.aspx?newsId=302eec67-bf85-4267-9a19-0ba20c4c9489>

This year, we will be hosting an **evening session** for Elementary families and their students to attend. The evening session will run on November 22nd from 3:30pm to 7pm in the gym at Brock Middle.

CALENDAR EVENTS

Following on next page.

NOVEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4 Popcorn Day	5
6	7	8	9 Spirit Day: Plaid	10	11 <u>Remembrance Day</u>	12
13	14 Photo Retakes Virtual Book Fair begins	15	16	17	18 Orange Shirt Day Popcorn Day	19
20	21 Non-Instructional Day (in lieu of #1)	22	23	24 Spirit Day: Hats	25	26
27	28 Grade 6 Immunizations Book Fair Ends	29	30	1	2	3

