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KAY BINGHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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December 21, 2023

Dear Parents,
I hope everyone is doing well. We are almost to the finish line as we move into a well-deserved break.

In the next day or two, the students will watch the Christmas performance. We were very lucky this year to be able to hire Pro-Video Services to produce a top notch finished product for us. We thought it would be nice for those of you who wanted to gather as a family and watch the festivities with family and friends. We hope you will enjoy the show. The link for the concert is here: <https://youtu.be/dMXDsTxnrFw>. This link will be available until January 4, 2024.



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 8th, 2024, as a regular school day.

Ms. Rosie Caputo, Principal

STUDENT AND FAMILY AFFORDABILITY FUND

As you may be aware, the District received Provincial funding through the Student and Family Affordability Fund in the 2022-2023 school year to assist students and families with the rising cost of living. A limited amount of unused funding was carried forward into the 2023-2024 school year to provide continued support with school supplies, course fees, enhancement fees, and academy fees.

The District will be reviewing the use of these funds on January 26, 2024 after which it may no longer be available for your student's outstanding fees.

To date, we continue to have a number of outstanding school fees, and we need your permission to use these funds to pay for your school fees. If you need assistance with your fees, we encourage you to request the use of these funds through SchoolCash or by contacting the office prior to January 26, 2024.

PARENT ENGAGEMENT SESSION

We are happy to present January's Parent Engagement Session:

Tuesday, January 16th, 2024 6:00 – 7:30pm presented via zoom

Title: Gaming Concerns, Balance, Addiction & Opportunities For Parents

Presented by: The White Hatter

Gaming is a massive industry that for many young people is their primary mode of entertainment and hobby. For some, can even lead to a career in the industry. However, this activity is not without problems that can lead to challenges in having a balanced lifestyle. Harnessing gaming in a safe and effective way can provide many opportunities for gamers of all ages. In this session, The White Hatter will help advise families to create healthy gameplay while delving into the research, stories, and firsthand examples of the positives and negatives in this industry. We will also examine the research surrounding the debate around addiction.

Register [HERE](#) to reserve your spot.

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

Learning Updates to communicate student learning were published to the parent portal on December 15, 2023. The 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, 2024. 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 assessed 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 18 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.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The Kay Bingham Breakfast Program is designed to assist families who need a safe, supervised place for their child(ren) to be before school starts. While at the Breakfast Program, students will be fed a simple, healthy meal, provided by a school staff member. To maintain proper supervision and to provide sufficient time for breakfast routines, students attending the program will need to be dropped off at the school promptly at 7:45am. This is not a drop-in program. Spaces are limited and will be made available on a needs basis. You will receive a confirmation prior to the program. Please contact the Principal for an application.

CALENDAR EVENTS

Following on next page.

JANUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <i>Happy New Year</i>	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 School Reopens	9	10	11 Johnson @ Edith Lake all day	12	13
14	15	16	17 Johnson/ Covaceuszach Skating 8:50-11:15am	18 PAC Meeting 6pm	19 Popcorn Day	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 PAC Hot Lunch	27
28	29	30	31			