



Respect Enables
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. Nothing like shifting from 15C to 2C in the same day to mess with our sense of seasons!

In these past few weeks, families would have received letters regarding catchment changes. Your letter would have indicated:

1. Your catchment is not changing. Your child will stay enrolled at Kay Bingham.
2. Your new catchment will be George Hillard Elementary. Your child will be enrolled there for September.
3. Your eldest child is in Grade 6 and you can decide if your family is staying at Kay Bingham or moving to George Hillard.

As well, if you wish to pursue a school transfer request to have your child return to Kay Bingham, more information about this process is outlined in [Administrative Procedure 305 School Boundaries and Student Transfer Requests](#).

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. It will be laid out on tables from March 11-14. 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 before spring break.

ROCKS REFLECTION ROOM (Respectful, Organized, Cooperative, Kind, and Safe)

The ROCKS Reflection room is a classroom where students go when they are struggling to adhere to the student code of conduct for the school/district during outside play at lunch hour. This may include but is not limited to behaviors, such as physical or verbal aggression towards another student, use of inappropriate language, property misuse, or leaving school grounds. It is a positive, respectful, and supportive teaching strategy used to help a student during peer interactions.

Outside supervisors will send a student to this room where they are able to have a conversation with a teacher about what they were doing, what they could do differently, and how they can make up for what they have done. For example, if a student was sent to the ROCKS Reflection room for using inappropriate language, they may determine that they should apologize to someone for use of the language. Our goal is to teach them about appropriate expectations around behaviour. Depending on the severity of the incident may determine if parents are called.

Every day is a new start in the ROCKS Reflection room, so once a student has the opportunity to talk with a teacher about their actions, it is back outside the next day to try and do better. The ROCKS Reflection room is a good time for students to reflect on their own behaviors and whether or not they made a good choice, as well as giving staff an opportunity to re-teach expectations according to our code of conduct. One encouraging outcome we have noticed is that this helps build positive relationships between students and staff members, resulting in many positive outcomes for the students and their peer relationships.

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. PLEASE DO NOT WAIT UNTIL YOUR CHILD HAS A FIELD TRIP YOU WANT TO ATTEND BEFORE COMPLETING THIS as the process can take some time. 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.

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 14 at 6:00 PM.

PAC STUDENT OF THE MONTH

PAC continues to sponsor 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 **R**espectful, **O**rganized, **C**ooperative, **K**ind, and **S**afe! Pod draws will take place at our next assembly.

Div 001-Atarah Esteban

Div 002- Everleigh webster

Div 003-Aderinsola Adekeye

Div 004-Liam Ward

Div 005-Aleah Chudrick

Div 006-Vanessa Hua

Div 007-Justin Hua

Div 008-Trinity McKinney

Div 009-Maya Durrant

Div 010-Rylkee Aplin

Div 011-Clairabelle Morrison

Div 012-Jasmine Gooch

Div 013-Chase Campbell

Div 014-Piper McIntyre

PARENT ENGAGEMENT SESSION

We are happy to present March's Parent Engagement Session as follows:

As a parent/caregiver, you lead the charge as a digital role model. Help your child develop a strong digital citizenship foundation while reminding them that their digital tattoo reflects their real and online selves. Parents/Caregivers have an important role to play in providing support and guidance during critical periods. A snapshot of current trends and concerning apps will be provided to equip you in your digital parenting strategy.

- Social Media Update - The most current apps and trends in your children's social media lives
- Digital Parenting Strategy - How to have important conversations with your child about social media safety
- Digital Footprint and Reputation - With their future approaching, recruiters and employers are taking note - What will they find?
- Family Tech Plan - Recommendations for family guidelines and parental controls

This free workshop will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. If you are interested in attending, you are asked to register [here](#). A Zoom link will be sent to you two days before the event.

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 18-April 2, 2024. The school will be closed for this two-week period plus Easter weekend!

CALENDAR EVENTS

Following on next page.

MARCH 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 PAC Hot Lunch Day	2
3	4 BOOK FAIR	5 BOOK FAIR	6 BOOK FAIR	7 BOOK FAIR	8 Popcorn Day Spirit Day: Throwback Day	9
10	11	12 LUNCH PROGRAM DUE	13	14 PAC Meeting 6PM	15 St. Patrick's Day- Wear Green Learning Updates Published PAC Cookie Sale	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	SPRING BREAK					
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	SPRING BREAK					
31 EASTER						