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All Learners*

## KAY BINGHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Hard to believe that we are in the final two months of the school year. It has gone by so quickly and the next few months will be busy ones as we approach summer.

We hope that as we near the end of the school year, we will have the opportunity to gather a little more. Look for mug 'n muffin dates, BBQs, track meets, games night, etc., as the weather becomes brighter and warmer outside.

As always, please continue to monitor illness. We have had a number of sick students recently so please take this as an opportunity to remind students of proper handwashing and sneezing etiquette.

*Ms. Rosie Caputo, Principal*

### **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

We are still accepting registrations for Kindergarten 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
- All completed packages must be dropped off by appointment only
- If there are any questions, please contact Mrs. Bonderud in the school office

### **RED DRESS DAY**

Annually on May 5<sup>th</sup>, Red Dress Day honours the memories of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls across Canada. We encourage our students to wear red in honour of this day. If a student does not have a red item to wear, they can make/cut out a red dress and pin it on.

### **MOOSE HIDE CAMPAIGN DAY**

The Moose Hide Campaign is a grassroots movement of Indigenous and non-Indigenous men and boys who are standing up against violence towards women and children. The inspiration for the campaign came to co-founders Paul Lacerte and his daughter Raven in 2011 during a moose hunt on their traditional Carrier territory along the Highway of Tears in Northern BC – where so many women have gone missing or been murdered. Our school

will be taking part in this virtual event. Students will bring home their moose hide pins that day. Moose Hide Campaign Day is May 16, 2024

### **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-Aarev Sethi

Div 002-Quetsia Caputo

Div 003-Nyore Edewor

Div 004-Thanos Koustopudiotis

Div 005-Allison Wells

Div 006-Serena Williams

Div 007-Khalea Champagnie

Div 008-Marina Harvey

Div 009-Paige Dhaliwal

Div 010-Leonidas Koustopudiotis

Div 011-Ben Ramage

Div 012-Brayden Loewen

Div 013-Maddy Alderink

Div 014-Te-Bell Morrison

### **PAC**

Our very small, yet dedicated, PAC group works tirelessly to ensure classrooms and programs are supported through their generosity. Thank you for making the following requests possible:

- Kamloops Museum Taxidermy Educational Program
- Train Rides at the Wildlife Park
- Filament Roles for 3D printer projects
- Entry Fee for Young Artists Conference
- LadyBug Life Cycle Kits
- Caterpillar Life Cycle Kits
- Sports Day
- Buses for field trips

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 May 11<sup>th</sup> at 6PM.

### **ISPARC CHALLENGE-A MESSAGE FROM OUR AEWs**

We are pleased to introduce a new program sponsored by ISPARC (Indigenous Sport Physical Activity & Recreation Council) by bringing Indigenous sport and physical literacy programs to Kay Bingham.

We are hosting a school wide walking challenge and invite any families that would like to join. The program begins April 29 and ends June 14. Our goal is to walk as many laps as

possible each Tuesday afterschool around the track to promote physical health and literacy while getting outdoors with our school community. We would like to dedicate our walks to the 215+ who never got to go home. Mr. Lysons and Ms. Harry will track of our weekly progress to see how far we can go. Prizes will be awarded! We will provide a healthy snack, but please bring your own water. Let us know if you can join us [dlysons@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:dlysons@sd73.bc.ca) or [dharry@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:dharry@sd73.bc.ca).

This will be an excellent opportunity to connect with families, as well as show the children that with perseverance, dedication, and team spirit, anything can be accomplished.

We believe that healing starts with us, and we owe it to the children, our ancestors, as well as future generations. We would be honoured for you and your family to join with us.

### **KAMLOOPS YMCA-YWCA**

We are gearing up again to run our mental wellness groups for all. Please see attachment. If you have any questions, are looking for more information or would like to register for any of the programs, please feel free to connect with our Program Coordinator at [250-376-4771](tel:250-376-4771) or email at [mentalwellness@bc.ymca.ca](mailto:mentalwellness@bc.ymca.ca)

### **TRACK AND FIELD MEET**

On May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, intermediate students will be participating in track and field events beginning at 8:30am on both days. Events will run until completed. Parents are welcome to attend and cheer their children on. On May 9<sup>th</sup> during the afternoon, PAC has sponsored a fun sports day afternoon. Please join us in having fun in buddy groups and participate in cooperative games. A concession will be hosted by PAC. More information coming.

### **JUMP ROPE FOR HEART**

Kay Bingham Elementary will once again be hosting a Jump Rope for Heart event! Kick off day is TODAY, May 1, 2024.

Kay Bingham Elementary is fundraising for the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada, by hosting a Jump Rope for Heart Event on **Wednesday, May 29th**.

At home, students are encouraged to practice and jump any way they can this month:

- They can use their own jump ropes;
- They can draw, then jump hopscotch on their driveway with chalk;
- Play basketball or another sport that involves jumping or increasing their heart rate;
- See how many times they can jump or how high they can jump;
- Or Be Active in some way that works for them.

Fundraising and prize information forms will go home later this week, after our kickoff. However, if you're eager to start fundraising right away, our school page is <https://jumpropeforheart.crowdchange.ca/43655>. All fundraising is done online. This is a really great cause, and one our families have fully supported for years! Please consider making a small contribution. Every little bit helps!

## **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.

## **BATTLE OF THE BOOKS NEWS**

Our Grade 3/4 and Grade 6 Battle of the Books teams represented Kay Bingham very well at the Zone Battle on April 18 at Brock Middle School. Unfortunately, despite a great effort, they did not move on to the District Battle this year.

A special congratulations and thank you to the following students for making us proud:

*Grade 3 / 4 Team*

Audrey Larose

Aliyah Wilson

Marina Harvey

*Grade 6 Team:*

Emily Dhaliwal

Charlie McArdle-Okrainetz

Liam Seymour

## **YOUNG ARTISTS**

Congratulations to the three Kay Bingham artists attending the Young Artist Conference at TRU on May 1: Aliyana Prest, Ilo Rickson, and Ruby Poudel.

Many beautiful artworks were submitted, and it was a difficult decision for the school judges to choose just three. Thank you to all students who participated. Your artwork will be displayed very soon.

## **CALENDAR EVENTS**

Following on next page.



# MAY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Jump Rope for Heart kickoff	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Red Dress Day Popcorn Day	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Wishnowski/Johnston@ Isobel Lake  Covaceuszach @ N. Kam library	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Track Meet 8:30am (track) Sports Day afternoon (PAC) PAC Meeting 6PM	<b>10</b>  Track Meet 8:30am (field)	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>  Mother's Day	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  EUREKA workshops (Day 1)	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  Popcorn Day	<b>17</b>  Non-Instructional Day School Closed for students	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  Victoria Day- School Closed	<b>21</b>  Grade 6 vaccines	<b>22</b>  Zone 3 track Meet @ Hillside Stadium Bear Pod @ Eagle Bay	<b>23</b>  Bear Pod @ Eagle Bay	<b>24</b>  Bear Pod @ Eagle Bay	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  Ellis/Aaltonen @Isobel Lake	<b>28</b>  Wishnowski/Johnston @ Kamloops Museum	<b>29</b>  Jump Rope for Heart	<b>30</b>  District Track Meet	<b>31</b>  PAC Hot Lunch Day	