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All Learners*

KAY BINGHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

September is behind us after this weekend; it's hard to believe that October is here. It is still amazing to see the sun shining and providing us with a few beautiful fall days for our students to get outside. Students have been settling nicely into their classrooms and are learning the grade level structures and routines. Parents should have heard from their child(ren)'s teacher in terms of what expectations are in each classroom.

During this past week, our school community took part in orange shirt week as a way to honour residential school survivors and those children who did not make it home. Our school community took part in various cultural and learning activities about Orange Shirt Day story and to honour the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. It is our hope that students have a little more understanding about this very important day and that they were able to share some of the activities that they took part in with their families.

I wish you an enjoyable long weekend with family and friends, as you remember the purpose for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Ms. Rosie Caputo, Principal

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone who donated for the Terry Fox Run. Several students were proactive in collecting a large number of sponsors on their own, increasing our school donation. We have a very generous community; it was great to see everyone working hard on this.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

We were lucky to have 27 participants join cross country running this year and put forth a great effort. Participants were able to take part in four meets around the city and represented our school community well.

VOLLEYBALL

This year, our school will be participating in the SD73 Volleyball season if there is enough student interest. Initial meetings have been called and interested students are invited to attend if they are interested.

IN/OUT PROCEDURES DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

When students arrive at school late, the expectation is that they report to the classroom first through the regular/outside classroom door. Once they have checked in with the teacher, they will proceed to check in at the office.

When students are being picked up early for appointments, parents/guardians are asked to come to the front office, sign them out, and the office will call the classroom and have the student(s) sent down to the front office. It is imperative that we know exactly who is in the school at all times in case of any emergency or other pertinent situations that may arise. We appreciate your help with this.

VERIFICATION FORMS

Thank you to the parents who have already returned the verification forms to the school office. These are very important, so the office has up-to-date contact information for each family. If you have not yet done so, please return your child's verification form to the office or to the classroom teacher by Tuesday, October 3.

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 have not done so, you may create an account at the following website: go.schoolmessenger.ca.

As well, please do not ignore the Safe Arrival calls. This occurs for the safety of your children. When calls are ignored, this makes a great deal more work for office staff and takes a great deal of time, especially if staff are away.

FOUNDATION SKILLS ASSESSMENTS

Every year, Grades 4 and 7 students around the province participate in the Ministry of Education Foundation Skills Assessment. This assessment considers the areas of reading, writing, and numeracy and will take place October 3 through to November 10 this year. Parents of children in Grade 4 can expect a letter home as well. If you do not receive one, please contact the school office.

MEALS PROGRAM

Our meals program has begun. If you require a subsidy for the 2023-2024 year due to financial challenges, please contact the school principal.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Parents have the option to participate in the SD73 school supply program or purchase their own if they desire. Please note that fees and supplies were due to the school at the end of September and have been posted to School Cash Online.

COMMUNICATING STUDENT LEARNING

By Friday, October 6, your child's teacher will send home an overview of key learning concepts that your child will be engaged in over the upcoming months. In addition to the learning outcomes, teachers will also share information as to how your child will be assessed when they design learning activities.

In addition to academics, we work hard to explicitly teach and practice in key areas regarding Social Emotional Learning (SEL). We believe our school **ROCKS** when we are respectful, organized, cooperative, kind, and safe. We also encourage children to use their **WITS** strategies including walk away, ignore, talk it through and seek help when in conflict with others.

NEIGHBOURLY BEHAVIOUR

Parents are asked to please not park in the Overlander parking lot under any circumstances. We would ask that everyone please utilize our school parking lot or roadway parking lanes.

PAC UPDATE

All parents/guardians of children at our school are members of our PAC and are encouraged to become involved in our school PAC. If you have not done so, please join the Facebook page by searching *Kay Bingham PAC*. A huge thanks to the PAC for always supporting our classrooms with various purchases and field trips. Without their generous support and time commitment, students would miss out on key experiences. Please consider giving of your time and talents to ensure our students continue to receive these great opportunities from PAC.

- ❖ The executive for the PAC is looking for a few new members. If you are interested in assisting the PAC and would like to become involved, please contact them through the PAC Facebook page.
 - Chair: Rachel Rumley
 - Vice Chair: Angela Wilson
 - Secretary: Jolene Tinebra
 - Treasurer: Irene Dhaliwal
- ❖ All meetings will be held on the second Thursday of the month at 6pm.
- ❖ Next meeting: October 12 @ 6:00pm

SCENT SENSITIVE SCHOOL

KBES is a scent sensitive school. This means we discourage the use of scents and fragrances because many staff and students have allergy related scents. Please try to use neutral hair products, deodorants and other personal hygiene products.

WATER BOTTLES

Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school each day. They can use the automatic water dispenser to refill their bottles, as our water fountains do not allow students to drink from them at this time.

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. We appreciate your understanding and help with this.

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.

PARENT ENGAGEMENT SESSION

[Parent Engagement Session: October 25, 2023 6:00-7:00pm via ZOOM](#)

Title: Vaping and Youth: Why Connections Matter *Presenters: Krista Lussier RN, MSN, CCNE & TRU Second Year Bachelor of Science in Nursing Students*

Vaping among youth is widely recognized as a major public health concern that poses well documented health risks, most notably respiratory health concerns. The Canadian Tobacco and Nicotine Survey outlined that an increased number of adolescents aged 15 to 19 reported vaping to reduce stress than in previous years. Coping with stress is the main reason for vaping by youth today (StatsCan, 2021). In this 1-hour session, we will share some tips and tricks for talking to young people about vaping. We will then outline healthy and unhealthy coping and discuss how to support young people in developing healthy coping strategies and in building connections.

Register here to receive the ZOOM link: **[Vaping-and-Youth-Why-Connections-Matter](#)**

CALENDAR EVENTS Following on next page.

OCTOBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Nat'l Day for Truth & Reconciliation
1 FSAs for Grade 4s: Oct. 3- Nov. 10	2 Day in lieu for Nat'l Day for Truth & Reconciliation School Closed	3 Bear Pod @ McQueen Lake	4	5 Popcorn Day	6 Spirit Day: Plaid	7
8	9 Thanksgiving Day School Closed	10	11 X-Country Run (Westsyde)	12 PAC Meeting 6pm	13	14
15 Parent-Teacher Interviews	16	17	18	19 Early Closure @ 12:41pm ShakeOut BC Earthquake Drill	20 Non-Instructional Day #2	21
22 Parent-Teacher Interviews	23	24	25	26	27 PAC Hot Lunch PAC Movie Night Wishnowski/Johnston/Wessel/Vermey at Pumpkin Patch	28
29	30 Photo Retakes	31 Halloween PAC Cookie Sale Black & Orange Day				

