



*Respect Enables
All Learners*

KAY BINGHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Wow! How did we get to December already? It is nice to be around the neighborhood and see Christmas lights and decorations going up. This means that a well-deserved winter break is just around the corner; however, it means a very busy few weeks leading up to the holidays.

Staff have been hard at work ensuring amazing learning opportunities and experiences for all classes, whether in their homeroom classroom, PE, or extracurricular groups. Our students are hard at work learning and engaging in opportunities for growth in various subject areas.

Please be diligent in keeping your child's school records up to date. If there is a change to an address, living arrangement, and/or legal or medical alert, please contact Mrs. Bonderud at the office and she can update your child's records.

Ms. Rosie Caputo, Principal

DAILY HEALTH CHECKS

We are having many student and staff absences as we roll through the latter half of November. Please 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 completely. Please also see the Interior Health attachment about when to keep a child home from school.



SPIRIT DAY

To keep our Mustang spirit strong, we have a December spirit day scheduled with Christmas colours as the theme on December 16th. As well, remember that every Friday is Kay Bingham swag day. For those who do not have any KB clothing, we are currently working with a clothing provider and will be placing an order for the new year. Stay tuned!!

PLAYGROUND SUPERVISOR NEEDED

KBES is looking for a parent or grandparent who is willing to do lunch hour supervision. The successful individual must complete a criminal record check and a stipend of \$12 per lunch hour is offered. Unfortunately, the supervisor would not be able to bring other

children with them, as the idea is to supervise and to deal with student interactions on the playground. The time would be from 12:10-1:10 every school day. Please contact the school principal if you are interested by replying to this email.

PAC

A big thank you to everyone who supported the school programs through the apple sales, Purdy's and poinsettia sales fundraisers. Our small, yet dedicated, PAC group works tirelessly to ensure classrooms and programs are supported through their generosity. Students continue to benefit from the amazing work done by PAC.

Thank you for:

- Supplying a bus to each class for field trips
- Paying for 50% of the cost of the Mystery Science platform used in classrooms
- Supporting the *Rocks and Rings* initiative for five classrooms attending

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 December 8 at 6PM.

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 November, for doing such an amazing job being **Respectful, Organized, Cooperative, Kind, and Safe!** Pod draws will take place at our next assembly.

Div 001-Eleanor Pfeffer

Div 002- Brooklynn Sanders

Div 003-Kinley Sebastian

Div 004-Vaness Hua

Div 005-Liz Kilba-Erickson

Div 006-Sara Pfeffer

Div 007-Marina Harvey

Div 008-Kamryn Duplessis

Div 009-Zayden Arnouse

Div 010-Kyla Worgan

Div 011-Kyroh Chillihitzia

Div 012-Kaisha Jones

Div 013-Persasis Myttenor

Div 014-Olivia Fletcher

LATE DROP OFFS

Just a reminder that when students are late arriving in the morning, they should still go in through their classroom doors rather than the front office.

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!

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.

MATHLETICS PASSWORDS

You may have already received a password from your child's teacher with a sign in and password to Mathletics. This is an online learning platform that allows students to practice skills already taught in the classroom and to challenge their thinking in numeracy. This was purchased to further support our school learning plan goal in the area of numeracy.

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

Just a reminder to parents to sign up for SchoolCash. This is a program that is convenient to use 24/7, accepts payments for all expenses, and you can view all your payments in one place. Contact the school office if you need assistance. Please use the following link to set up an account.

<https://kay-bingham.sd73.bc.ca/en/parents-students-support-help/cashless-schools.aspx>

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Students have been preparing for our upcoming concert *Christmas Variety Show*. If COVID has taught us something it is that we can be flexible about how we can meet and gather for various events. After a lengthy staff discussion, we have determined that we will have two afternoon performances (1:30pm) on December 6th and 7th. Due to the fact that the majority of intermediate students do not attend evening performances, it makes it very challenging for those few students to carry on without their peers. We will also be recording the performance and it will be available as a YouTube link as soon as it has been edited and put together. This way, you can watch (and maybe rewatch) with family and friends over the holidays (with your popcorn) in the convenience of your own home. In this way, we can also accommodate various work schedules for parents and allow more family members to view the performance, rather than the limited amount we can accommodate in the gymnasium.

A separate notice will be coming out in regards to prebooking tickets and how the process will work later this week. This will be a free, ticketed event but we have a limited number of chairs available in our school and from the district.

A separate message will go out with the concert link attached. Please note that it will only be available for a limited time. A huge thanks to the entire staff and students for coming together, practicing and putting together a wonderful performance.

CALENDAR EVENTS

Following on next page.

DECEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29 	30	1 Div 3&4 Skating	2 PAC Hot Dog Day	3
4	5 Non-Instructional Day	6 Concert Performance 1:30pm	7 Concert Performance 1:30pm	8 Div 3&4 Skating PAC meeting 6pm	9 Popcorn Day	10
11	12	13 Orange Shirt Day	14 Div 11 & 13 Skating	15 Gingerbread Buddy Activity	16 Spirit Day: Christmas Colours	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
WINTER BREAK						
25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve
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