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South Kelowna Elementary

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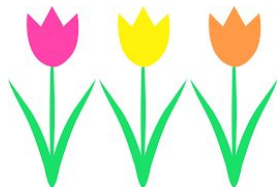
PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Welcome back! We hope everyone has enjoyed a restful spring break with friends and family. We are so happy that the weather has finally turned around for us and Spring is here!

Teachers will have made sure that you know how well your children have done in meeting the learning outcomes for Term 2, and we hope that you have found the time to talk about their results as a family. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your child's teacher to discuss them.

Thank you,
Nadia Piasentin



FOR YOUR CALENDER

April 3	First Day Back after Break
April 7	Good Friday - NO SCHOOL
April 10	Easter Monday - NO SCHOOL
April 11-14	Kelowna Gymnastix in school
April 19	7:00 PAC Meeting
April 21	PAC Spring Fling Dance!

OUTSTANDING FEES

Please log in to your School Cash Online to see if you have any outstanding fees to pay:

<https://centralokanagan.schoolcashionline.com>

LEARNING UPDATES



Please sign and return your child's Progress Report Envelope to your teacher.

MOVING OR CHANGE OF SCHOOL?

If you are planning to have your child attend another school next school year, including eschool, please email us at ske@sd23.bc.ca with the following information:

- Family Surname
- Where you are planning to move to
- Have you registered with the next school - Yes or No
- Child's first and last names
- Grade in school for Sept 2023

Staffing is dependent on student enrolment and we need to ensure that we have as accurate a count of students as possible. Thank you!

TRANSPORTATION FOR 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

REMINDER that applications for next year busing is available. Please register as soon as you can and prior to the **deadline of May 31st**.

Link for Information and to Apply:

<https://busconnect.sd23.bc.ca/application>

Sharing Kindness Everyday





A reminder that DOGS are not allowed on the school grounds.

Thank you for your cooperation.



WILDLIFE SIGHTINGS:

If you see a cougar, bobcat, bear or other wildlife in the area, you are encouraged to contact the Conservation Officer at **1-877-952-7277**.

SPRING FIELDS

At this time of year, we sometimes get complaints of rotten-egg odors on the school fields. The health authority assures us that this is not a sewer or septic tank problem, but rather an “anaerobic” bacteria growing in the muddy soil where all nutrients are, such as fertilizer. The smell can become particularly bad after heavy snowfall during fluctuating spring temperatures, when the ground goes through cycles of thawing and refreezing. We hope the fields stay odor-free!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TRACK AND FIELD FOR INTERMEDIATE STUDENTS



The intermediate students from South Kelowna Elementary School will be participating in Track and Field events 2 days per week at school **starting April 21st**.

In order to run 7 stations on each of these days, **we will need parent volunteers** to run a station along with the 3 intermediate teachers.

(Stations needing volunteers are: High Jump, Triple Jump & the two running events - 800m & 100m/relay).

The days we will need commitment from our volunteers are **Wednesday** and **Friday afternoons**. On each of these days, we will need our volunteers at the school for 12:00 pm. We will be starting the 20 minute station rotations at **12:15 ending at 1:20 pm**.

Having students participate in these track and field events will be preparing them for our joint school Track Meet with Casorso Elementary at the **Apple Bowl**, which takes place on **Monday, May 29, 2023**.

If you are able to volunteer, please email Ms. Vecchio (stacy.vecchio@sd23.bc.ca) . **Please state the station you would prefer, your child's name, and the days you are able to volunteer.**

Please note that all volunteers must have their criminal record check and volunteer forms filled out and up to date at the office prior to volunteering.

Dates: **Fri., April 21st, Wed., April 26th , Fri., April 28th**
Wed., May 3rd, Fri., May 5th, Wed., May 10th, Wed., May 17th,
Fri., May 19th, Wed., May 24th, Fri., May 26th.

Thank you so much!

Ms. Vecchio & SKE Intermediate Teachers



SCHOOL SECURITY

Safety is our number one concern here at South Kelowna Elementary. As such, we would like to remind our parents of a number of security precautions in place:

- All outside doors remain locked during the day, except the front entrance door, which is visible to the office. Anyone who enters the school is expected to report to the office and notify the secretary or principal of their purpose.
- Volunteers are welcome to support students. Please make prior arrangements with classroom teachers and remember to sign-in in the booklet in the forum at the front entrance.
- Instructional time is important for learning, therefore, we ask visitors to refrain from loitering in school hallways.
- All visitors are asked to report to the office, sign in and out, and wear a visitor's badge while in the school.
- Morning playground supervision is from 8:10 - 8:30 am and after school from 2:30 - 2:45 pm. **There is no supervision after 2:45 pm. Students must report home after 2:45 pm or have a parent with them to play after 2:45 pm.**
- Please pre-arrange playdates in advance. Our school phone is meant for calling home, not to set-up after school playdates.
- Students waiting for parent pick-up during the day are asked to wait inside the school.
- Safety procedures (fire drill, earthquake drill, lock-down drill) are practiced regularly.
- Parents are asked **NOT** to use our student washrooms - please ask at the office to use our staff adult washrooms.

SAFETY REMINDERS

Home Safety – Walking Home

- Do a visual check as you are walking. Look out for strange people and strange vehicles.
- When possible, walk with others.
- Don't get into a car with a stranger. Tell the stranger your parents are expecting you on this route and will be by soon to pick you up.
- Don't take anything from a stranger and do not approach the stranger's vehicle.
- Be polite but be firm. If the stranger continues to bother you, go to a neighbour's home. If neighbours are too far away, discuss with your parents an alternate plan. Develop a password to use when your parents send someone to pick you up.



Bikes, Skateboards, Scooters, Rollerblades



Please note that bicycles, scooters, skateboards and rollerblades **may not** be used on school property. Bicycles and scooters must be walked on school property and stored for the day. **Helmets are mandatory.** Please use a lock to secure bikes to the bike rack upon arrival at school. Scooters must be folded and stored in the classroom. Skateboards are to be carried on school property and stored away for the day.

Bike Safety



Bikes are ridden with the flow of traffic. Helmets and arm signals must be used for safety. Bikes are walked in the crosswalk and on school property. Bike racks are out of bounds during school hours.

Bus Safety



Skateboards are ~~not~~ allowed on the school bus. Skateboards become potential projectiles if the bus driver ever has to perform an evasive maneuver. Small items may be carried onto the bus (including a musical instrument) if they will fit under the seat or on your lap. If the driver thinks an item will block the aisle, floor space, or seat, it will not be allowed on the bus.

PAC NEWS

PAC MEETING

All SKE Parents are invited to the next PAC Meeting scheduled for

April 19th @ 7:00 pm

PLEASE WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS

All Meeting minutes are posted on the SKE website under PARENTS
"Parent Advisory Council (PAC)"

SPRING FUNDRAISERS

Sonic Wash Gift Card Fundraiser



40% of all sales will go to SKE PAC! These gift cards can be used for car washes

Please watch for more details to come.

PAC THANK YOU!

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR ALL THE SUPPORT THAT OUR PAC COMMUNITY PROVIDES THE SCHOOL! YOU ARE ALL INVALUABLE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY AND YOUR TIME AND EFFORT IS APPRECIATED.

THANKS TO EACH PAC VOLUNTEER FOR EVERYTHING.



Spring Fling Dance! Friday, April 21



Hello SKE Families

We are excited to share the details of the 2023 SKE Spring Fling Dance. The event will be held at the SKE gym on April 21st. All family members are welcome to attend. Please RSVP by April 11th

Details for Friday April 21st:

Optional Pizza Dinner (Doors open 5:15, Pizza dinner from 5:30 - 6:00)

- There will be the opportunity for families to pre-order pizza to enjoy at the school from before the dance kicks off. Ordering will be done through the Munchalunch website munchalunch.com/login. Ordering opens April 3rd and closes April 11th

Dance (Doors open 5:45, Music from 6:00 - 8:00)

- Music by DJ Haymaker

Cost for Dance

- The cost is \$2.00/per person (school age or older), cash only at the door

Activities

- Cash concession, temporary tattoos, photo booth and of course music and dancing

RSVP/Volunteering

- Please use the bottom of this form to let us know the number of people from your family that will be able to attend. This greatly helps the organizers plan for the event. We also need lots of help to put the event on, please let us know if you can volunteer.

If you are planning to attend, please return this part of the form to the school by April 11th

RSVP:

Number of people from our family that will be attending _____

Reminder: The cost is \$2.00/per person (all ages). Cash only, at the door.

Volunteering:

☐ Yes I would like to volunteer.

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____



ELFF EVENING

Families with 3-5 year olds were invited to attend SKE and engage in station activities and a warm welcome tour around the school.





Mrs. Reisdorf's and Mrs. Kirschner's class enjoyed a super fun STEM challenge...inspired by true events! The kids had so much fun learning about raccoons, brainstorming, designing their own contraptions, building, and improving their designs.





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LUNCH TIME GAMES





2023 Spring Program

EcoCooks Club is an afterschool program consisting of 8 fun-filled sessions.

Youth (grades 4-7) are immersed in this science-based environmental cooking program which creates a strong foundation to develop lifelong healthy and planet-positive eating habits.



**Two
program
options!**

Tuesdays | April 4th– May 23rd or
Wednesdays | April 5th – May 24th

Time | 4:15pm to 6:30pm

Location | Salvation Army Sutherland Church, Kelowna

Cost | Free

To register, please visit:

<https://www.ecocooks.org/club-registration-kelowna>

For more information, please contact:

Anna at awebster@uncf.ca



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**
Together We Learn

**French Immersion Kindergarten
Informational Session:**
Tuesday, January 17, 2023
@ 6:00-7:00pm
bit.ly/FI-Information-Session

**ONLINE APPLICATION for STUDENT ENROLLMENT begins on
Monday, January 30, 2023, at 7:00 am for 2023 - 2024 School Year**
(for kindergarten, new students, and Programs of Choice for K – 12)

Schools will be open at 7:00 am to provide telephone support to parents that require assistance.
Documentation Submission Deadline: Friday, March 17, 2023

If you are new to Canada, please contact the Welcome Centre for enrollment information at (250)470-3258

HOW TO APPLY

PLEASE NOTE: *The application process is online only. You are required to have a valid email account.*

In your web browser type: <https://enrollment.sd23.bc.ca>

No internet access? Please contact your school for assistance.

Online applications begin on Monday, January 30, 2023 at 7:00 am. Applications will be assigned a date-time stamp on a first-come, first-served basis, which will factor into a student's placement priority.

Complete the online application as early as possible, and provide the required documents listed below directly to the school by email by **Friday, March 17, 2023**.

1. Student's **Birth Certificate** or other government issued proof of age and citizenship.
2. **Proof of Parent/Guardian B.C. Residency**
 - a. Combination BC Driver's License and Services Card (copy of both sides); or,
 - b. BC Services Card (copy of both sides) **and** one item from the list of supporting documentation below; or,
 - c. Proof of application for BC Medical Services Plan and one item from the list of supporting documentation below.
3. **Proof of Parent/Guardian Living Address/Supporting Documentation**
 - Ownership of a dwelling or long-term lease or rental of a dwelling;
 - Documentation indicating British Columbia residence (i.e. utility bill);
 - British Columbia registration of an automobile;
 - British Columbia Driver's License (copy of both sides); or,
 - A current income tax return filed as a British Columbia resident.

AFTER Thursday, August 31, 2023

New in-catchment area enrollments: Parents will receive a confirmation email when the school has accepted the student's application for enrollment. Board Policy 405R – Student Placement (Regulations), will be used to determine student placement and priority.

New out-of-catchment area enrollments: Parents may not be notified until after the summer enrollment period is over and all in-catchment area students have been placed.

Qualifying age: The School Act requires that a child must be five years of age by December 31, 2023, to qualify for school enrollment in September 2023. No exceptions.

For further information, please visit the School District website www.sd23.bc.ca or call (250) 860-8888.