



THE EAGLE GAZETTE - SEPT 2022

South Kelowna Elementary

Phone: 250-870-5107

www.ske.sd23.bc.ca



Principal:

Mrs. Nadia Piasentin

Admin. Assistant:

Ms. Robyn Hansen



WELCOME BACK!

Welcome to the start of our new school year. The staff of South Kelowna would like to extend a warm welcome to all of the new students, families and staff who have joined our learning community. We are a caring community of learners and look forward to a great year! As a community we can look forward to new opportunities and continuing the excellence at SKE. Please speak with your child's teacher if you have questions about their educational program. We look forward to a great year here at SKE. Please come out and get involved! There are many opportunities for families to become partners in their child's learning. I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere "Thanks" to our staff who dedicated many extra hours preparing the school for a new year.

Mrs. Nadia Piasentin, Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 6	First Day of School **11:00 Dismissal**
September 7 & 8	Kindie Mini Sessions
September 9	Kindie Attend Half Days
September 14	First Full Day for Kindies
September 19	D.E.A.R.
September 19	Terry Fox Run
September 29	Orange Shirt Day
September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - NO SCHOOL

SCHOOL HOURS

Our regular school hours for all grades are as follows:

8:25 a.m.	Warning Bell
8:30 a.m.	Classes Commence
11:15 a.m.	Lunch
12:10 p.m.	Classes Resume
1:20-1:35	Recess
2:30 p.m.	Dismissal



**TEXT MESSAGING IS COMING
TO SOUTH KELOWNA
ELEMENTARY!**



**OPT IN BY TEXTING
"YES" TO 978338
OR SCAN THIS QR CODE.**

TO REPORT AN ABSENCE/LATE

1. **School Messenger APP** on cell phone
2. **Website**
3. **Phone Message.** Call 250-870-5107
#1, follow prompts

EMAIL TO TEACHERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

If your child has an unexcused absence, you will receive a phone call notification.

Sharing Kindness Everyday 



MAKE SURE TO REGISTER FOR SCHOOL MESSENGER

This will ensure that you receive important information!



SKE WEBSITE - Please make an effort to check our website often for updated information and the school calendar.



A reminder that dogs are not allowed on the school grounds. Thank you for your cooperation.

SUPERVISION

Supervision is provided **AFTER 8:10 a.m.**
and **ENDS at 2:45 p.m.**

Students must leave the grounds by 2:45 p.m. unless they are with a parent. Students are to report home after supervision is over at 2:45 p.m., and then the student may return to play if a parent gives permission.

Thank you in advance for helping us maintain your children's safety!

INFORMATION FROM SCHOOL DISTRICT 23

The Central Okanagan School District's Financial Hardship Clause - Within Board Regulation 425R – Student Fees (see www.sd23.bc.ca), the Board of Education has indicated "*that a student will not be excluded from any educational program due to financial hardship*". Clause 8.5 in the Regulations states: "*Principals are directed to establish a procedure in each school which will allow for the private and confidential consideration of financial circumstances of individual students and families. Such procedures will preserve the dignity of families who may be unable to pay*". Please contact the school Principal if you are facing a financial hardship that may restrict the ability of your child to access a school program.

The Central Okanagan School District's Appeals Process - Board Policy 460 – Appeals states that, "*A student or a parent of a student who is entitled to an educational program in the Central Okanagan Public Schools may appeal a decision of an employee of the Board of Education which significantly affects the education, health or safety of the student*".

For a complete description of the Appeals Policy, along with the recommended steps to follow in attempting to solve a problem, please refer to Policy 460 – Appeals, that can be accessed from the 'Policies' link under the Board of Education heading on the School District homepage (www.sd23.bc.ca).



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VOLUNTEER + CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS

If you are planning to participate in activities in your child's classroom or help with field trips, a School District #23 Criminal Record Check must be completed. This is mandatory for all volunteers, and is paid for by the district. We strongly recommend you complete one right away, as the process can take a few weeks before it is finalized. We cannot permit volunteers in the school or on field trips until the finalized record check is received.

You may pick up these forms in the office. Note that this process must be renewed every four years. In order to drive other children to field trips or sporting events, you must complete the "Driver Declaration" form as well, and bring in your vehicle insurance and drivers license to be photocopied. Please see the office for the proper forms.

VERIFICATION FORMS

Please watch for verification forms coming home this month. These forms are very important for the office to have so your contact information is easy to find when needed. Please return them even if nothing has changed.



PARKING

At SKE we are very fortunate to have many options for dropping off students at SKE. By taking a few extra minutes in the morning and noting the following safety rules, we can ensure safer access for students.

If you are dropping off your child and the bus has already left, you may *drive through* the bus lane to drop off. ***DO NOT LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE in the bus lane at any time of the school day.***

The Staff Parking Lot is for STAFF ONLY. Please do not park in the staff parking lot during the day.

STUDENT MESSAGES

Messages should only be for emergency situations (e.g. car problems on your way, or an appointment scheduled during the day). Otherwise please use the student planners for Gr. 1-6 to communicate any messages regarding after school arrangements different from the norm (kindergarten students send a note to teacher).

Playdates should be made from home.

Please be considerate of the many phone calls we receive through our office on a daily basis and try to keep your calls to very important messages only.

ORANGE SHIRT DAY - SEPTEMBER 30th

"EVERY CHILD MATTERS"

"Every child matters"



September 30th has been declared Orange Shirt Day annually, in recognition of the harm the residential school system did to children's sense of self-esteem and well being, and as an affirmation of our commitment to ensure that everyone around us matters.

Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission residential school commemoration event held in Willams Lake in the spring of 2013. It grew out of Phyllis (Jack) Webstad's account of losing her pretty new orange shirt on her first day of school at the Mission, and it has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually.

The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year.

Orange Shirt Day is also an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and community agencies to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.

To read Phyllis' story please go to this link: <http://www.orangeshirtday.org/phyllis-story.html>

Please wear **Orange** on **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th** to show your support.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Central Okanagan Public Schools does not insure expenses for **student injuries** that occur on school grounds or during school activities. Parents and guardians can voluntarily purchase private accident insurance. The Kids Plus Accident Insurance Program that was previously offered to our students was discontinued in 2019. The IA Financial Group now offers the Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FARP) which is a voluntary plan that provides coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses, and critical illness.

To apply for the Family Accident Reimbursement Plan or to find out more, visit <https://www.solutionsinsurance.com/aonbc>.

SCHOOL PRIORITIES AND LEARNING GOALS

School Priorities 2022-2023

To ensure learner confidence and success for each of our learners by:

- focusing on mathematical problem solving and critical thinking strategies
- developing an environment that actively encourages cooperative learning
- increasing the sense of connectedness and belonging at school within a safe, inclusive and caring environment

Mindset for Learning Focus

How can we help each of our students:

- Develop critical thinking strategies to solve mathematical problems;
- Co-construct their learning with their peers through a cooperative learning environment
- Increase our feeling of connectedness, belonging and inclusion while connecting our learning to our local indigenous perspectives. Through our three core competencies: communication, thinking, personal/social - we will build confidence, connections and strength based communication skills.

Sharing Kindness Everyday



IMPORTANT INFORMATION



As you may know, there are a number of children in our school with extreme allergies to peanuts and tree nuts .

Tree nuts include cashews, almonds, pecans, pistachios and walnuts.

Allergies can be so severe that it could be life threatening. The student may have a reaction if an item containing peanuts/nuts is even in their proximity.

Our goal is to make the school a safe environment for all students. **We ask that all families avoid sending foods that contain nuts or nut products.**

Please visit this website for more detailed information on tree nuts/peanuts and possible sources of tree nuts/peanuts:

<https://foodallergycanada.ca/>

Thank you for supporting us to help keep all children at SKE safe

****MEDICAL and LEGAL ALERTS****



Please inform the office If your child has a **MEDICAL or LEGAL ALERT ASAP** at ske@sd23.bc.ca or 250-870-5107.



Is your child too sick to go to school?

Keep children at home if they have.....

- a fever, and keep them home for 24 hours after the fever is gone.
- vomiting or diarrhea, and keep them home for 24 hours after the last episode.
- a severe sore throat.
- a rash with no known cause.
- a severe cough especially with other symptoms like runny nose and headache.
- redness, swelling or discharge of the eyes, ears or skin unless treated.
- been acting unwell and have little energy to join in school activities.

Please see the below Interior Health links for helpful information to help guide you when your child is ill:

<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/sites/default/files/documents/healthfiles/hfile87.pdf>

<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/>

<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/more/resources/healthlink-bc-files>



2022-2023 STAFFING

<u>PRINCIPAL</u>	Mrs. Piasentin
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT</u>	Ms. Hansen
<u>LIBRARY/OFFICE ASSISTANT</u>	Mrs. MacLean
<u>KINDERGARTEN</u>	Ms. Robertson
<u>KINDERGARTEN-GRADE 1</u>	Ms. Szewczyk
<u>KINDERGARTEN-GRADE 1</u>	Mr. McLaughlin
<u>GRADE 1</u>	Ms. Reisdorf
<u>GRADE 1-2</u>	Mrs. Kirschner
<u>GRADE 2</u>	Mrs. Jennejohn
<u>GRADE 2-3</u>	Mrs. Estey
<u>GRADE 3-4</u>	Ms. Vecchio
<u>GRADE 4</u>	Ms. Wilson
<u>GRADE 5-6</u>	Mr. Larkin
<u>GRADE 5-6</u>	Mrs. Morgan
<u>TEACHER LIBRARIAN</u>	Mrs. Obedkoff
<u>ARTS EDUCATION</u>	Mrs. Jordan
<u>COUNSELLOR</u>	Mrs. Dawson
<u>INDIGENOUS ADVOCATE</u>	Ms. Phillips
<u>LEARNING ASSISTANCE</u>	Mrs. Bitcon
<u>SPEECH & LANGUAGE</u>	Ms. Rodericks
<u>RESOURCE TEACHER</u>	Mrs. Dansereau
<u>CEAS</u>	Mrs. Bligh Ms. Brazeau Mrs. Porritt Mrs. Petrie Mrs. Wickenheiser Ms. DaCosta

Hello South Kelowna Eagle Families!



Welcome back to a new school year! South Kelowna Elementary will be participating in this year's Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope on the afternoon of **Monday, September 19, 2022**. SKE students run/walk the perimeter of the school inside the fence. This

year's event is going to be more exciting than ever! Schools in Kelowna and the Central Okanagan School District have been selected for an exciting fundraising match to help boost this year's Terry Fox School Run! EVERY dollar raised by this group of schools will be **matched** dollar for dollar up to \$100,000 by the Stober Foundation. That means a collective goal of \$100,000 will actually be **\$200,000** for cancer research! We anticipate 60 schools and 23,000 students uniting to raise funds for this exciting opportunity through their Terry Fox School Run.

To fundraise for Cancer Research please help show your support by donating to our school's secure online fundraising page

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/SouthKelownaElementary>

(Please note:we are unable to accept any cash donations. Thank you for your understanding)

SKE Eagles hope to beat our amazing fundraising contribution from last year of \$770.00!

Be part of a movement inspired by Terry
to raise funds for cancer research
GO EAGLES GO!

Thank you for supporting our school in the fight against cancer and keeping Terry's dream alive! #terryfoxschoolrun @terryfoxfoundation

Kind regards,

Ms. S. Vecchio



School Bus Rider Rules

1. Students should be at the bus stop 10 minutes before scheduled pickup time.
2. Passengers must remain seated while the bus is in motion.
3. Students shall sit facing forward with their feet in front of them.
4. Do not put arms, hands or head out the window.
5. The aisle of the bus must be kept clear at all times.
6. No food or beverages may be consumed on the school bus. (other than a student's personal water bottle)
7. Do not throw garbage/objects on the floor or out the window.
8. Loud or noisy behavior is prohibited, as this is distracting to the Bus Driver.
9. Guest riders are not permitted to ride on the school bus.
10. Parent permission is required before a passenger may be dropped off at an alternate stop on the bus route. (parents to provide a written note for the driver)
11. Possession/use of drugs, tobacco, vape pens or alcohol is prohibited on the school bus.
12. Musical Instruments may be permitted on the school bus provided the student can hold the instrument in their lap or store it under the seat. (check with your bus driver before bringing band instruments onto the school bus)

Articles NOT Permitted on the School Bus

Skis & poles, Snowboards, Skateboards, Hockey Sticks, Golf Clubs, Animals or Pets, Firearms, Explosives, Combustible or anything of a dangerous nature that might endanger the lives or safety of others.

The School Bus Driver is responsible for passenger safety, please respect and follow the bus rider rules at all times.

Afterschool Pajama Party

Age: 6Y-12Y

Have a blast watching a movie on the big screen and playing games with your friends. Popcorn is provided.

25320	Th	Sep 22	5:30 PM-7:30 PM	\$16.50
25325	Th	Oct 6	5:30 PM-7:30 PM	\$16.50
25324	Th	Oct 20	5:30 PM-7:30 PM	\$16.50
25326	Th	Nov 3	5:30 PM-7:30 PM	\$16.50
25328	Th	Nov 10	5:30 PM-7:30 PM	\$16.50
25327	Th	Nov 24	5:30 PM-7:30 PM	\$16.50

All Star Sports & Games

Age: 5Y-12Y

Our programs are based on the belief that school age children require a balance of all elements of interactions.

We will offer a variety of games and sports to build cooperation and social interaction with friends!

24995	Tu	Sep 13-Dec 13	2:30 PM-4:30 PM	\$231
24996	Th	Sep 15-Dec 14	2:30 PM-4:30 PM	\$231

Creative Corner & Active Play

Age: 5Y-12Y

A variety of activities will be offered including painting, colouring, constructing or floor hockey, basketball and scooter fun. Our goal each day is to prioritize outdoor recreation, treasure hunts and playground time.

25405	M	Sep 12-Dec 12	2:30 PM-4:30 PM	\$214.50
25406	W	Sep 14-Dec 14	2:30 PM-4:30 PM	\$231

Funtastic Friday

Age: 5Y-12Y

We will celebrate the end of another great week with an afternoon filled with themed activities such as: dance, picnics, outdoor and indoor games and movie days.

25407	F	Sep 16-Dec 16	2:30 PM-4:30 PM	\$198
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Halloween Treat Bag Making

Age: 7Y-12Y

Have a blast with friends creating your own bag to collect treats on Halloween. Plus, we will be making delicious treats to test them out! Bring your friends or make new ones at this exciting after-school workshop.

25391	W	Oct 26	5:30 PM-7:30 PM	\$16.50
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Party with Plants

Age: 7Y-12Y

Learn the basics of taking care of some of the more popular houseplants, including potting, watering, maintenance and more. This workshop gives you the knowledge you need to start your own home jungle! All supplies included.

25390	W	Sep 28	5:30 PM-7:30 PM	\$19
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Power Hour Playtime Fun

Age: 5Y-12Y

This program is an hour full of fun! There will be a little something for everyone with games, sports, activities and more.

24997	M	Sep 12-Dec 12	4:30 PM-5:30 PM	\$123.50
24998	Tu	Sep 13-Dec 13	4:30 PM-5:30 PM	\$133
24999	W	Sep 14-Dec 14	4:30 PM-5:30 PM	\$133
25000	Th	Sep 15-Dec 15	4:30 PM-5:30 PM	\$133
25001	F	Sep 16-Dec 16	4:30 PM-5:30 PM	\$114



Registration opens
August 16

REGISTER ONLINE
at kelowna.ca/recreation

REGISTER BY PHONE
250-469-8800

REGISTER IN-PERSON
1800 Parkinson Way