



THE EAGLE GAZETTE - NOV 2022

South Kelowna Elementary
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For Your Calendar

November 1	Grade 6 Boys Volleyball Game@SKE
November 6	Daylight Savings Time
November 7	Order Deadline for Spirit Wear
November 8	Grade 6 Boys Volleyball Jamboree
November 9	Grade 6 Girls Volleyball Jamboree
November 10	Remembrance Day Assembly
November 10	Greenery Fundraiser Order Deadline
November 11	Remembrance Day - NO SCHOOL
November 16	PAC Meeting @ 5:00
November 18	Photo Retakes
November 18	Grade 6 Immunizations
November 20	Purdys Order Deadline
November 24	Zac Gauthier Cultural Performance
November 24	Winter Greenery Pickup in Gym

Please be reminded that unless the weather is extreme, students are expected to wait outside until the morning bell rings and they are expected to go outside for some fresh air at break time.

Thank you for ensuring your children are dressed for the weather! Please consider having your child keep an extra change of clothes, socks, etc. in their backpacks/lockers.



Sharing Kindness Everyday

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Our Remembrance Day Assembly will be held on Thursday, October 10th at 10:40 am in the gym.

Students who are members of any service organization (Brownies, Beavers, Sparks, Cubs, Guides, Cadets etc.) are encouraged to wear their uniform on November 10th.

Students will receive a poppy to wear to the assembly. **We encourage students to make a small donation online at The Poppy Campaign.** Through your generosity, the Royal Canadian Legion helps all of Canada's Veterans and their families. Thank you.

All parents, friends, and families are invited to attend our Remembrance Day Assembly.

Parents/Visitors/Volunteers

Please remember to sign in and out when you are visiting the school.

In the event of an emergency, we depend on the sign-in log to identify the number of volunteers situated in our school. Should an evacuation or lock-down be necessary during volunteer times, volunteers are required to comply with emergency directions posted in every classroom.

TO REPORT AN ABSENCE/LATE:

1. School Messenger APP on cell phone

2. Website

<https://go.schoolmessenger.ca/#/home>

3. Phone message. Call 250-870-5107,
#1, follow prompts.

**Phone calls and emails to the office or to teachers
will not be accepted.**

If your child has an unexcused absence, you will receive a notification (phone call/email) from School Messenger to ensure your child's safety.

LOST & FOUND

Please encourage your children to look at the Lost and Found on a regular basis. Families can prevent losses by labeling your children's clothing. All unclaimed items are packed up after being displayed and are given away to charity.

****Student Information****

It is imperative that we have up-to-date student information on file. If you have a new phone number, address or any other demographic change, please let the office know so we can keep our records current.

Winter Concert Announcement

Save the Date:

Wednesday, December 7th and

Thursday, December 8th

1:00-2:00 pm

South Kelowna Elementary
proudly presents:

Bring on the Snow

The temperatures are falling, and the chance of a storm is one hundred percent! You know what that means, SNOW DAY!!

Join us for a humorous snowlarious variety show, chock-full of one liners, wintertime puns maybe even a few Canadian winter knock-knock jokes! A pair of wisecracking reindeer, a directionally challenged family of geese are just a few of the characters guaranteed to bring a smile to your face and joy to your heart!



STAY CONNECTED



If you haven't done so already...
Opt in by texting 'yes' to 978338. This will allow you to receive timely text message alerts and reminders about important dates and events!

STUDENT FEES/FIELD STUDIES

School supply and cultural fees have now been added to student accounts by School District #23.

At times, there may be extra Field Study fees for additional class field trips. We ask that fees be paid prior to the trip.

Please pay all field study fees online using School Cash Online:

<https://centralokanagan.schoolcashonline.com>

If you are having difficulties, please contact the parent support line at 1-866-961-1803 or email parenthelp@shcoolcashonline.com.

SCHOOL FOCUS AND LEARNING 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

S.K.E. COLD WEATHER GUIDELINES

Students must be dressed properly for the weather. Students wait outside until the morning bell rings and they are expected to go outside for some fresh air at lunch and recess. ***Students must be dressed appropriately for the weather so that they remain safe and comfortable during these outside playtimes.***

We do not have a school or district policy for cold weather procedures. However, the following guidelines are in place at South Kelowna Elementary School.



BELOW FREEZING (-1 Celsius to -15)

Students will go outside. Parents should ensure that their child brings the following items needed to stay warm and comfortable when outside:

- Warm Coat
- Gloves/Mittens
- Head/Ear covering
- Boots
- Waterproof snow pants



-15 to -20 Celsius

Students will go outside providing the wind is calm and the students will be able to stay dry. The Environment Canada website (<http://www.weatheroffice.gc.ca>) will be used to check weather conditions. The same clothing items as noted above should be worn. If the wind starts to pick up, we will ring the bell early and allow students to come inside to their classroom for the remainder of the outside play time.

TEMPERATURE REACHES -20 Celsius

If the temperature reaches minus 20 Celsius, and the grounds are dry and the wind is calm, students will go outside for 15 minutes. After 15 minutes, the bell will ring to allow students to come inside to their classroom for the remainder of the outside play time.

TEMPERATURE REACHES -20 Celsius (with windy conditions)

If the temperature reaches -20 Celsius, and it is windy, students will stay inside their classrooms during lunch and recess.



CONGRATULATIONS JOVIN GILL!!

Jovin got to share a exciting day with his family as our own **SKE FIRE CHIEF** for the day!!! Jovin received a Fire Chief t-shirt, goody bag, a fireman hat and a picture taken with the fire chief! He also got to learn first hand about very important fire safety and how to use fireman tools. Great job Jovin!



Grade 6 Leadership



Our enthusiastic group of 2022/2023 **SKE Grade 6 Leadership students** are gearing up for another year filled with coming together to make a difference for both our local and global communities. Making a difference for others using their unique talents, skills and passions is what the next year, and beyond, is all about. We took the opportunity to celebrate together with an evening filled with team building activities, brainstorming, planning, and sharing ideas on **Thursday, October 20 from 2:30-8:00pm.**

Thank you to Mrs. Estey and Ms. Wilson for organizing this event and to Mrs. Morgan and Mr. Larkin for their support.

GRADE 6 VOLLEYBALL

MUCH APPRECIATION AND A HUGE THANK YOU to **Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Larkin, Ms. McIntyre & Ms. Enos** - our fantastic Volleyball coaches! Thank you for giving up your lunch and after school time to make this a fun experience for our amazing SKE Eagles!





\$1,011.10 Raised in PAC Apple Fundraiser!!

A huge **THANK YOU** to **ALL** of our amazing parent volunteers for your volunteer time, setting up stations, counting apples into bags and delivering throughout the school. An extra **special THANK YOU to the GILL FAMILY** for the donation and delivery of these apples!! What an **AWESOME** idea supported by so many of you. Thanks for making the apple sales a **HUGE** success! We are so fortunate to have you, and our whole parent community always looking for ways to advocate for all our learners here at SKE.

PAC INFO

**The next PAC Meeting is in
the school library on:**

November 16th @ 5:00 pm

**This is a great way to learn about
up-and-coming school events
and participate in sharing ideas.
We look forward to seeing you!**

**October PAC Meeting minutes
posted on SKE Website under
"PAC"**

SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR!

We are excited to share with you the launch of SKE Spirit Wear - Fall 2022 edition!

This time around, we have amazing new styles in toques, as well as hoodies - in both youth and adult sizes. We've also added super stylish water bottles and even youth gaiters!

Check out photos of all the items here, [Spirit Wear Fall 2022 .pdf](#) and then head to the Munch a Lunch website to place your order:

<https://munchalunch.com/fundraising>

Order deadline: November 7th

Delivery: Before Christmas break

If you have any questions about the Spirit Wear Fundraiser, please email:
crystalalseth@gmail.com

Thank you so much in advance for your support of SKE Spirit Wear! All funds raised go directly to your PAC, for coordination of activities and assistance programs for the families of South Kelowna Elementary!

Sincerely,

Your SKE PAC
ske.pac@sd23.bc.ca



Thank you to our amazing hot lunch coordinators **Dayna Hatter and Robin Straume** and all of our parent volunteers for taking their time to make this successful for our students.

Thank you to **Kamal Gill** for generously organizing the Fruit and Veggie Program.

Hello SKE parents,

We're excited to announce that the SKE PAC Purdy's Holiday Fundraiser is back!

If you haven't already, you will soon see the Purdy's catalogue and info sheet come home in your child's backpack. Full details and instructions are attached to the catalogue, and below is a re-cap of how to order:

ORDER ONLINE:

1. Join your classroom's group by clicking or typing in the relevant link from the list below.
2. Enter your email in the box indicated, if you have registered before you will be automatically joined to the campaign, if not you will be prompted to register and then be joined.
3. Click "Shop Online" to start shopping!
4. You can also invite friends and family to help! Simply ask them to follow the same steps above.

Estey: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1589044-99065>

Jennejohn: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1589043-99065>

Kirschner: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1589042-99065>

Larkin: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1589047-99065>

McLaughlin: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1589039-99065>

Morgan: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1589048-99065>

Reisdorf: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1589041-99065>

Robertson: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1589038-99065>

Szewczyk: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1589040-99065>

Vecchio: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1589045-99065>

Wilson: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1589046-99065>

Order deadline: Nov 20

Chocolates Pick up date: Early Dec – exact date TBD

Don't forget - Both the highest earning sales team, AND whichever class has the most students participate in the fundraiser, will each be treated to a class PIZZA PARTY!!

Thank you in advance for your participation in this much-loved PAC program; it helps fund the coordination of activities and support programs for the families of South Kelowna!

Sincerely,
Your SKE PAC



Hello SKE Parents!

Back by popular demand, welcome to the 2022 Winter Greenery Fundraiser!

Click [Winter Greenery Fundraiser_SKE PAC.pdf](#) for a preview of this year's fresh and festive items, or go straight to the website below:

1. Order online at <https://skelownaelmpac.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>
2. Pay online when ordering OR e-transfer to ruthaliceking@gmail.com with your name in the memo/notes (auto deposit enabled).
3. Share our link with your friends and family, neighbours and coworkers! Anyone can order! Shareable page attached - printed copies coming shortly.

Order deadline: Thurs, November 10

Pick up date: Thurs, November 24 from 2:30-5:00 pm at the SKE gym*

*If this does not suit your schedule, please contact Ruth King for an alternate pick-up arrangement.

Please email ruthaliceking@gmail.com with any questions regarding the Winter Greenery campaign.

Thank you in advance for your participation in our PAC fundraising programs; each one helps fund the coordination of activities and support programs for the families of South Kelowna!

[Winter Greenery Fundraiser_SKE PAC.pdf](#)

Sincerely,
Your SKE PAC



Order from now until **Nov. 10th**
Pick up at the gym from **3-5pm Nov. 24th**
Order online at <https://skelownaelmpac.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>
Pay by cc or e-transfer to [Ruthaliceking@gmail.com](mailto:ruthaliceking@gmail.com)

Winter Fundraiser

Thank you for your support!!!



All items may not be exactly as shown. We have a variety of plant/greenery mixes, containers and holiday features.

IMPLEMENTATION DAY - OCTOBER 7

These phrases resonated with our staff when creating our poems.

"Ours is not necessarily a poem, ours is a story woven together of all of our identities. We are blending together our knowledge to create an inclusive, diverse, caring community."

- SKE staff

"Like buffalo we form a circle around our children to keep them safe."

- SKE staff



THANK YOU to Pamela Barnes, who visited the grade 4-6 students this month, introducing the Sylix people and sharing her knowledge on why we wear orange. Thank you Mrs. Morgan for organizing this important assembly.



Dallas Arcand Cultural Performance



STORY CHARACTER PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

Thank you to all of our students that participated in the character pumpkin decorating! We had a fantastic turn out with **54** students participating. The pumpkins were all very unique and creative, Great job !



Mrs. Estey and Mrs. Szewczyk Learners

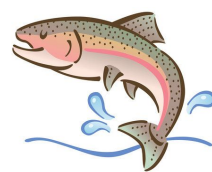


OUTDOOR FUN!





K-1 Mission Creek ECCO Field Trip



Roots Of Empathy Baby Ivy



Grade 6 Leadership





Partners for Inclusive Education is a safe place where families, staff and community partners can connect and improve support for learners with diversabilities.

Partners for Inclusive Education strives for open communication about inclusive education. This effort requires education, teamwork, and empathy to maximize "wrap around support" and celebrate the differences that make our children individuals.

The purpose of Partners for Inclusive Education can be found on the School District website under Parent Resources:
(http://www.sd23.bc.ca/Publications/PIE_info.pdf).

Event Date

The next Partners for Inclusive Education meeting is scheduled for:

Date: Monday, October 17, 2022

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Zoom (<https://sd23.zoom.us/j/8369391842>)

Upcoming Meetings:

October 17, 2022 Topic: Individual Education Plans

January 16, 2023 Topic: Transitions

May 15, 2023 Topic: TBC

All meetings are from 6:00-7:30pm. Locations to be confirmed (either via zoom or at HRES).

More information can be found on the Partners for Inclusive Education Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/714178396132318>