



THE EAGLE GAZETTE - MAY 2023

South Kelowna Elementary
Phone: 250-870-5107 www.ske.sd23.bc.ca



Dear South Kelowna Families-

I am writing to let you know that it is with mixed emotions I announce that I will be leaving South Kelowna Elementary effective August 1st. My family and I have made the decision to take on a new adventure on South Vancouver Island and I will be joining an administration team with the Saanich School District.

It has been both a privilege and an honour to work in our beautiful community school, building relationships with students, staff, and families, and serving as the school leader for the past eight years. You have made me so proud of the work that we have accomplished together in serving our students.

I want to thank each of you for your wonderful support during my tenure here in our school and wish all our SKE community the very best.

I will miss you!

Yours in Education,
Nadia Piasentin
Principal

Please see the official announcement from the SD23 District office

Dear Parents,

My name is Al Lalonde, and I am the Assistant Superintendent for the Central Family of Schools. I would like to inform the South Kelowna Elementary School community that the Board of Education recently accepted the resignation of Ms. Nadia Piasentin. I would like to thank Ms. Piasentin for all her leadership and hard work during her years at South Kelowna Elementary. In preparation for the upcoming change of the principal of South Kelowna Elementary, district staff are seeking your input into the selection process. You are invited to complete the following survey (Survey will be open until May 8, 2022).

<https://ca.research.net/r/SKE-CharacteristicsNewPrincipal-Parent>

Thanks in advance for your input and for supporting South Kelowna Elementary School.

Sincerely,
Al Lalonde
Assistant Superintendent
Central Okanagan Public Schools
1040 Hollywood Road South, Kelowna, BC V1X 4N2
Office: (250) 860-8888
E-Mail: alan.lalonde@sd23.bc.ca

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

May 11	Grade 6 KLO Information Night
May 15	Grade 6 KLO Information Night
May 15	Partners for Inclusive Education Meeting @6 pm
May 17	PAC Meeting @ 7 pm
May 18	Parent Appreciation Day
May 19	Grade 6 Immunization
May 22	Victoria Day - NO SCHOOL
May 24	Class Photo Day
May 29	Apple Bowl Day (Grade 4-6)
May 31	Deadline for Transportation Registration

Sharing Kindness Everyday 



Moving Plans?

If your family will be moving away from our school over the summer, please advise the school office as soon as possible. Your email, call or letter will help us plan our classes more accurately for September. It will also allow us to reassure another family in our catchment area that we will have room for their child at SKE. Thank you!

SKE COMMUNITY CONNECTION "Rooted in Togetherness"

ʔúllus (Okanagan Sylix word meaning - be gathered) (pronounced: ew-loose)

We want to thank our school families for your partnership in our students' learning journey and the sense of community you help to foster at South Kelowna Elementary. Our children have a nurturing support system that helps them learn and grow. Thank you for working together with us to help our students bloom with their learning!

We would like to recognize you with a flowering plant that represents our gratitude and the valuable community partnership we share. The youngest sibling in your family will bring home a plant on May 18th.

thank you



NUT FREE ZONE



A reminder that SKE is a **Nut Free Zone**. We have children with extreme nut allergies in our school.

Thank you for helping us ensure the safety of all of our children.



TICK SEASON is upon us and there have been ticks spotted on our playgrounds.

Please check your children for ticks when they arrive home from school.

Visit the Interior Health website for more information on Ticks:

<https://www.interiorhealth.ca/health-and-wellness/environmental-health-and-hazards/diseases-from-animals-and-insects>

TRANSPORTATION 2023-2024

A reminder that the deadline to apply for transportation for next school year is

May 31, 2023

You may click on the following link to register:

[http://www.sd23.bc.ca/ProgramsServices/transportation/Pages/default.aspx#/="](http://www.sd23.bc.ca/ProgramsServices/transportation/Pages/default.aspx#/=)



STUDENT PLACEMENT for SEPTEMBER
REQUESTS ONLY FROM MAY 1-12, 2023

Staff will be meeting before the end of this school year to discuss the placement of students in classes for next year. There are often many changes before classes are finalized in September. Placement of all students is done after careful consideration and a great deal of time and thought. Please be assured that teachers care about each individual child and there are many factors to consider for the best placement for each child. To achieve a good balance in each class, we consider many factors, including the following:

- ☐ Age
- ☐ Gender
- ☐ Academic achievement
- ☐ Class size and composition
- ☐ Peer relations
- ☐ Previous placement history
- ☐ Special education needs
- ☐ Learning styles

With respect to combined/split classes, please remember that combined classes are a fact of school life, and are more the norm than the exception. We are very confident that the students in these classes receive a full and rich academic program at their grade level.

If you have a placement request regarding your own child(ren) for September 2023, a **Student Placement Parent Request Form 2023-2024** form can be submitted to the office **between May 1 -12, 2023 only**. The form can be found on our website. You must submit the proper form. ***Written notes, letters, and emails will not be accepted.*** Requests must be for specific learning needs and not for individual teachers.

Please email completed forms to nadia.piasentin@sd23.bc.ca

Deadline for submissions is May 12, 2023. After this date, classes will be formed and changes will be very difficult to make.

NOTE: These are for "Exceptional Requests" only, if your child has a specific need that you do not think we are aware of. We will not be accepting specific teacher requests as some teachers will be changing grades, taking leaves and/or moving schools.

IMPORTANT SAFETY REMINDERS

Unlike many schools, we have options for dropping off students in the morning. However, with vehicles coming and going from so many directions, this can increase safety concerns. By taking a few extra minutes in the morning and noting the following safety rules, we can ensure safer access for students.

BUS LOOP: If dropping off in the bus loop, please be sure your child(ren) exit the right-hand side of the vehicle directly onto the sidewalk. This avoids children going around vehicles and being in the line of passing cars.

SPIERS ROAD: If dropping off on the school side (West), please be sure child(ren) exit the right-hand side of the vehicle directly onto the sidewalk. If dropping off on the far side of the road (East), please park your car and escort your child(ren) across the road.

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

A few things that continue to be a concern:

- Parents stopping in the middle of the parking lot instead of using the bus loop or surrounding parking areas.
- Cars passing each other in the parking lot.
- Parents ignoring the no parking signs along the road, restricting vision for cars exiting the parking lot.
- Cars blocking the handicapped parking and sidewalk accesses.
- Parents using the restricted bus turn-around as a parking area, passing, blocking and congesting the exit.
- Parents blocking and parking in neighboring driveways.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THESE IMPORTANT SAFETY CONCERNS

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN at SKE

SKE would like to welcome our newest Kindergarten students to South Kelowna Elementary. We recognize that starting school can be exciting and produce some big emotions and worries for both students and parents so we would like to extend the opportunities to come into our school prior to September.

We invite parents and students on May 26, 2023 for a short visit either in the morning (10:10 am to 11:10 am) or in the afternoon (12:15 pm to 1:15 pm). Mrs. Piasentin, our school's Principal, will take parents for a short presentation about our school and getting ready for Kindergarten. Ms. Robertson will have the soon-to-be Kindergarteners in her room to try out some of the things we do in our Kindergarten day. *Please sign up at the link below.*

We are also inviting you to sign up for one additional time to explore one of the other Kindergarten classrooms (Mr. McLaughlin and Mrs. Szewczyk). We will limit the group sizes to 20 for these visits and ask that you sign up for one. This will take place on June 6 and June 8 from 1:40-2:20 pm. *You can also sign up for this at the link below.*

SIGN UP HERE:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4ea4ae2fa5fdc52-welcome#/>



We recognize these times and dates may not work for everyone. If this is the case, please email Nicole Robertson at nicole.robertson@sd23.bc.ca to make other arrangements and ask any questions that you may have.

DRESS CODE

South Kelowna Elementary and students take pride in their school and the community they work and live in. Consistent with this perspective, and our Code of Conduct, the dress code is based on the following principles:

- ❖ Respect for learning, human rights and dignity of others
- ❖ Safety of persons and property
- ❖ Promotion of a drug and alcohol-free environment
- ❖ We encourage parents to play an active role in helping to promote appropriate dressing practices for their children.



To maintain a safe learning environment, students are expected to:

- ❖ Wear footwear while in and around the school (note: roller blades, roller skates and shoes with built-in roller(s) are not appropriate within the school building)
- ❖ Have a change of clothing for activities, like Phys. Ed or dance, where they may perspire
- ❖ Wear special safe clothing items in workshops or lab areas.

Consistent with many worksites, there is an expectation that individuals dress in a comfortable and appropriate manner. Some examples of inappropriate items of dress include:

- ❖ Clothing items with words or graphics that are racist, sexist, profane, or demeaning to another person; advocate violence; and/or promote or depict use of alcohol or illegal drugs

**Confronting the White Elephant
Exploring Anti-Racism**

Anti-Racism Community Forum
Anthony McLean
Canadian Filmmaker & Antiracism Advocate

May 12, 2023 | 8:15am - 5:00pm

To register, please visit:

www.soics.ca/anti-racism/white-elephant

*"The world will not be destroyed by those who do evil, but by those who watch them without doing anything."
– Albert Einstein*

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COMMUNITY SERVICES

South Okanagan Immigrant and Community Services (SOICS) are pleased to invite you to our upcoming **Anti-Racism Community Forum: Confronting the White Elephant, Exploring Anti-Racism**. Due to space limitations registration is required for this free event.

**Title: Anti-Racism Community Forum:
Confronting the White Elephant, Exploring
Anti-Racism**

Date: May 12th, Friday, 8am-5pm

**Location: Penticton Lakeside Resort,
21 Lakeshore Dr W, Penticton**

This is a full day event with a number of amazing speakers and workshops focused on anti-racism learning towards moving from "I'm not racist" to Anti-racist.

Please register here:

<https://www.soics.ca/anti-racism/white-elephant/>

Congratulations South Kelowna Elementary!!



SKE won the BC Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation March Contest for the month of March's best photo submission. We received a \$25 Amazon gift eCard!

Thank you to Kamal Gill for submitting the photo and for all your time and effort to bringing our students healthy snacks all year long.

PAC MEETING

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

May 17th @ 7:00 pm

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



GRADE 6 CELEBRATION & YEAR END ASSEMBLY

The Grade 6 students will be recognized at the school-wide celebration assembly on **Tuesday, June 27th from 1-2 pm** in the Gymnasium. Parents and family members are welcome, and encouraged, to come! No need to RSVP. Following the assembly there will be cupcakes for the Grade 6 students and their parents.

Good Luck to our Grade 6 students as they move onto Middle School !

GRADE 6 TRANSITION to KLO

We have started the transition process for our Grade 6 leaders to their grade 7 year at KLO Middle School for next year. Early February, KLO Staff spoke with our students and sent out an invitation to all SKE grade 6 parents to attend a parent night on May 11th or May 15th.

This is the time of year where KLO middle school staff including, Mrs. Wiemken, the vice-principal, counsellor and some teaching staff will be meeting with SKE staff on May 24th to discuss the transition. Both schools are working together to ensure a smooth transition for our students!



Librarian - Mrs. Obedkoff
Library Assistant - Mrs. MacLean

Congratulations to our students who performed well at the Battle of the Books Zone Final on April 27th at Davidson Road Elementary. Students read many different genres of books while learning the key ideas and concepts in order to answer questions specific to each book. It takes commitment, dedication, teamwork and a love of reading! We are so proud of our SKE readers!

Grade 3/4 placed 4th: Lily Fehr, James Funk, Eve Barkman and Maeve Keegan

Grade 5 placed 5th: Flossie Tuohey, Ellie Matlock and Waverly Taylor

Grade 6 placed 4th: Claire Sergeyenko, Charlotte Henderson, Lucy Weber and Bevan Taylor





South Kelowna Elementary School

2023 – 2024 Calendar

Days in session	191 (3 summer Pro Days August 28, 29, 30)
Number of days of instruction	184
Number of non-instructional days	7
Schools open	Tuesday, September 5, 2023
In Lieu of National Day of Truth and Reconciliation	Monday, October 2, 2023
Administrative Implementation Day	Friday, October 6, 2023
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 9, 2023
Teacher Professional Day	Friday, October 20, 2023
In Lieu of Remembrance Day	Monday, November 13, 2023
Winter Vacation period	Monday, December 25, 2023 – Monday January 5, 2024
Statutory Holiday	Monday, January 1, 2024
Schools Reopen after Winter vacation	Monday, January 8, 2024
Teacher Professional Day	Friday, February 16, 2024
Family Day	Monday, February 19, 2024
Spring vacation period	Monday, March 18 – Monday, April 1, 2024
Good Friday	Friday, March 29, 2024
Easter Monday	Monday, April 1, 2024
Schools reopen after Spring vacation	Tuesday, April 2, 2024
Victoria Day	Monday, May 20, 2024
Administrative Day (students do not attend)	Friday, June 28, 2024

Staff PRO-D Days

No School for Students

Friday, October 6, 2023

Friday, October 20, 2023

Friday, February 16, 2024

Progress Summary Distribution

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

Thursday, June 27, 2024

BELL SCHEDULE

8:25 AM	WARNING BELL
8:30-9:25 AM	Period 1
9:25-10:20 AM	Period 2
10:20-11:15 AM	Period 3
11:15am-12:13pm	LUNCH
12:13-12:25	Period 4
12:25-1:20	Period 5
1:20-1:35	RECESS
1:35-2:30	Period 6

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Dismissal at 12:30 pm

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

Thursday, October 5, 2023

Thursday, February 1, 2024

Friday, February 2, 2024



Mrs. Estey and Ms. Vecchio's
Chefs in the Classroom





Mrs. Morgan and
Ms. Vecchio's
Equi-Life Field Trip



The Musician and the Muse Performance





South Kelowna Elementary School

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Student Placement Parent Request Form 2023-2024

Placement of all students is done after careful consideration and a great deal of time and thought. Please be assured that teachers care about each individual child and there are many factors to consider for the best placement for each child.

****THIS IS NOT A REQUEST FOR A SPECIFIC TEACHER****

This form is designed to provide input for class placements and in no way guarantees a certain teacher. The overall healthy balance of individuals in a classroom is our top priority. Thank you parents.

PARENT REQUEST FORM:

Student: _____

Date: _____

Grade in September: _____

Your Signature: _____

The placement consideration (not for a specific teacher) you are requesting for next year for your child:

Please check off one or more of the following concerns:

- | | |
|--|--|
| ☐ academic ability | ☐ teaching styles/learning styles |
| ☐ behavioural considerations | ☐ class size guidelines |
| ☐ special needs | ☐ social compatibility |
| ☐ equitable gender balance | ☐ class group dynamics |
| ☐ previous placement in split class | |



Yes, the current teacher has been contacted regarding my request.

Due by Friday, May 19, 2023

The School Act gives the principal and school full responsibility for student placement in a class. Please be aware that although we strive to accommodate parents' wishes for placement as best as possible, there may be occasions where your request may not be honored for a variety of reasons. The final authority rests with the school.

Appointments via phone or email may be made to speak with Mrs. Piasentin about any concerns you may have.

Thank you in advance for understanding of our placement protocol.

Nadia Piasentin
Principal, South Kelowna Elementary

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Cello Concerto

JOCELYN MORLOCK*

Lucid Dreams

IMANT RAMINSH*

Gloria

and the **OSO CHORUS** and **KSS CONCERT CHOIR**

KELOWNA

Friday May 12 | 7:30 pm

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Saturday May 13 | 7:30 pm

250.469.8940

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Sunday May 14 | 7:00 pm

250.549.7469



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- * before & after care available
- * July & August weeks
- * all kids aged 5 to 13



Kelowna:

1 location

For the latest location details, including drop off, visit the [LOCATIONS page](#) on our website at royalsoccerclub.com.

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Rates & Discounts

Morning sessions

 **Hours: 9am - 12pm**

Drop off: 8:30 - 9am

Pick up: 12:00 - 12:30pm

Extended hours available: (\$\$)

Before care: 8-8:30am (\$20/camper/week)

After care: 12:30-1pm (\$20/camper/week)

Before and after care (\$30/camper/week)

 **Regular rate: \$139 /week**

*Week 6 (4 day week) is a reduced rate of \$109/week

Discounts

early bird	register by March 31, 2022	\$15 /week
6+ weeks	register 1 child for 6 or more weeks	\$15 /week

*only 1 discount can be applied per camper

Full Day sessions

 **Hours: 9am - 4pm**

Drop off: 8:30 - 9am

Pick up: 4:00 - 4:30pm

Extended hours available: (\$\$)

Before care: 8-8:30am (\$20/camper/week)

After care: 4:30-5pm (\$20/camper/week)

Before and after care (\$30/camper/week)

 **Regular rate: \$219 /week**

*Week 6 (4 day week) is a reduced rate of \$179/week

Discounts

early bird	register by March 31, 2022	\$30 /week
6+ weeks	register 1 child for 6 or more weeks	\$30 /week

*only 1 discount can be applied per camper

Key Policies

BALL/SHIRT: Campers will only receive 1 camp soccer ball & 1 tshirt. If a camper attends 5 or more weeks of camp, they will receive a 2nd ball and tshirt during their 5th week of camp.

INCLEMENT WEATHER: While camp will continue at a designated shelter or indoor facility until inclement weather clears, soccer and some active games will likely not be played indoors. There are no refunds due to bad weather.

LATE PICKUP: If you pick up after 5:00pm (for full day sessions), you will be charged \$15/15 minutes. We reserve the right to ask you to withdraw from camp for multiple late pick ups past 5:00pm.

TRANSPORTATION not provided: We do not offer pick up or drop off service, however, if camp must travel offsite for any reason, we'll arrange bussing and your onsite Supervisor will notify you.

To read all of our camp policies, visit our website or [click here](#).

Locations

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About Us

Royal Soccer Club is a registered non-profit organization operating for over 30 years. We've hosted thousands of children aged 5 to 13 in our popular grassroots summer soccer day camps all across Canada during the summer months of July and August. We offer weekly full day and morning sessions with an option for extended care. Our program is about much more than just a soccer camp experience... we also promote individual skills, team building and other life skills...and of course, lots of FUN!

Who can Join

All children aged 5 to 13 years old (at time of camp) of any skill level, from beginner to competitive, are encouraged to register for any or all of our 9 weekly sessions in July and August.

- * campers requiring 1 on 1 or extra attention must be accompanied by a support worker or additional supervision provided by the parent/guardian.
- ** for some older competitive rep players camp may not meet your expectations.

Camp Features

- * every child receives a camp soccer ball and tshirt
- * excellent group ratios with RSC Camp Staff
- * supervised drop off & pick up with optional extended care (\$\$)
- * engaging & inclusive instruction and activities
- * digital camp photos & camp gear available for purchase



Our Staff

We're proud of the staff we hire for camp. Our Camp Counsellors and Supervisors have experience with children and a background in soccer but most importantly, they have a passion & commitment to making a positive difference in the lives of every 'Royal' camper. All RSC staff must endure interviews, training sessions and provide a police background check. Our caring and responsible staff foster a child-centered approach at our camps.



How to Register

Accepted credit card payments: Visa, Mastercard, Amex
Please note that all credit card payments are subject to a 2.5% processing fee.

online 3 easy steps

- ① Select your province from our [registration page](#) at royalsoccerclub.com
- ② Sign in or setup an account and complete the online camp registration.
- ③ A confirmation email will be sent to you upon completion of registration.

 **mail** If you wish to register by mail or fax, please email info@royalsoccer.com to request a registration form.

All camp registration fees are subject to a **full refund 'no questions asked' until May 1, 2023**.
To read the full cancellation policy, please visit our website or [click here](#).

Camp Sessions

We have morning and full day sessions available. Campers will build confidence and exercise creativity as we foster an inclusive, engaging and active summer camp experience. Because many of our campers attend multiple weeks of camp we introduce different weekly themes in combination with a variety of activities, games and exercises. We're always striving to provide the best possible camp experience for your child.

Morning Sessions 9am - 12 noon

Morning sessions are geared towards campers who want a half day program and prefer a soccer focus. Daily programming consists of learning and playing soccer which includes individual skill development, small sided games, mini-Royal Cups & much more. Campers are grouped by age and size (and ability where possible) in group sizes of approximately 10 to 1 camper to staff (group ratios vary based on age & number of registrations).

Drop off: 8:30 - 9:00 am **Pick up:** 12 - 12:30 pm (no charge)

Extended care available (\$\$): **Drop off:** 8 - 8:30 am (\$20/camper/week)
Pick up: 12:30 - 1 pm (\$20/camper/week)
Drop off & pick up (\$30/camper/week)

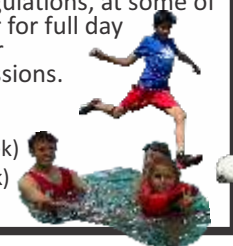


Full Day Sessions 9am - 4pm

Full day sessions are the most popular sessions as they combine our morning sessions (as outlined above) with our fun afternoon sessions (these are limited capacity). The afternoon sessions include more traditional camp games and a possible fun swim (where available). Afternoon swims are fully supervised by facility professional lifeguards along with our camp staff (swim is subject to availability as some locations may not swim everyday). To meet proper supervision ratios and pool regulations, at some of our locations campers aged 5 to 7 may not be eligible to register for full day sessions. Any swim concerns, feel free to call us or speak to your onsite Supervisor. Soccer may not be played in the afternoon sessions.

Drop off: 8:30 - 9:00 am **Pick up:** 4 - 4:30 pm (no charge)

Extended care available (\$\$): **Drop off:** 8 - 8:30 am (\$20/camper/week)
Pick up: 4:30 - 5 pm (\$20/camper/week)
Drop off & pick up (\$30/camper/week)



Camp Dates

Week 1	July 3 - 7
Week 2	July 10 - 14
Week 3	July 17 - 21
Week 4	July 24 - 28
Week 5	July 31 - Aug 4
Week 6*	Aug 8 - 11
Week 7	Aug 14 - 18
Week 8	Aug 21 - 25
Week 9	Aug 28 - Sept. 1

* camp does not run Mon. Aug. 7, 2023



Royal Soccer Club reserves the right to update our programming, policies or terms and conditions where necessary. For more information on our sessions, [click here](#) or visit our website [FAQs](#).



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

Event Date

The next Partners for Inclusive Education meeting is scheduled for:

Date: May 15, 2023

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Zoom: <https://sd23.zoom.us/j/8569391842>