



THE EAGLE GAZETTE - JAN 2023

South Kelowna Elementary
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FOR YOUR CALENDAR

January 3	School in Session
January 16	6:00 Partners for Inclusive Education
January 17	7:00 PAC Meeting
Coming Soon	Online Enrollment

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for **Thursday, February 2nd and Friday, February 3rd**. Students will be **dismissed** on these dates at **12:30 p.m.** Busses will be running. Because there will be no formal recess or lunch period on these days, it will be important to provide your child with a substantial snack.

Please watch for information from your child's teacher for further details.

WELCOME BACK SKE!

We hope you had a restful and relaxing holiday season. It is incredible that we have already finished our first term. We are very proud of the efforts and learning our students exhibited these last few months and look forward to ongoing learning in the coming months.

Please remind your children to walk carefully and be aware of ice at all times. Our custodial team does an great job shoveling, making clear pathways to doors and using ice melt but there can be times when areas are not cleared before children start arriving. Also, please ensure that children are coming to school dressed for cool weather (toques, snow pants, jackets, boots).

Congratulations SKE Eagles on a fantastic Winter Musical concert! You dazzled the crowd with your talents and enthusiasm!! Thank you to all students, parents and staff for all the work you did to make the performance a huge success! A special thanks to Mrs. Jordan and Mrs. Bitcon for directing and leading the musical. Together, you created magic for all to enjoy!

Sincerely,
Nadia Piasentin, Principal



WINTER WEATHER



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.

Please ensure your children are dressed for the weather! Supervision is provided after 8:10 am in the morning and until 2:45 pm in the afternoon.

STUDENT MESSAGES

Please notify the office of important student messages (e.g. your child needs to go on bus or an appointment scheduled during the day). **It is best to have this communicated to the office via phone or email:** robyn.hansen@sd23.bc.ca **since teachers cannot check their emails during instructional time.**

All other messages can be communicated in student planners regarding after school arrangements different from the norm. **Playdates should be made from home.**

Thank you for consideration on this matter.

Sharing Kindness Everyday ❤️

FRUIT & VEGGIE PROGRAM

This is our twelfth year participating in the BC Fruit and Vegetable Program. Fresh BC fruits and vegetables are delivered to each classroom once per week, every other week. Classes will receive enough produce for two servings during the snack week. The program provides enough fruit and vegetables for all students and staff.

The program is an in-class activity. The product is not meant to be served at recess or lunch or replace any other snacks students might have. Our Coordinator, **Mrs. Kamal Gill** and her parent helpers have been organizing the deliveries.

For more information about this program go to www.aipc.ca/bc.

PAC INFO

***Next P.A.C. Meeting:
Tuesday, January 17th.***

Hope to see you there!



NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Please make "being on time" one of your New Year's Resolutions! Students should be arriving at least 10 minutes before the 8:25 am warning bell so that they are able to line up outside of their classes.



SAFETY DRILLS

We hold six fire drills per year: three each in the fall and spring. We also hold an earthquake drill and lockdown drill in the fall.

The earthquake drill provides students with a procedure to follow should they experience an earthquake anywhere anytime.

The purpose of the lockdown drill is to practice a safety procedure to be used in the event that students and staff are required to remain in a safe location until an all-clear signal is given.



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

NO SNOWBALLS



We thank students for making our community safer and more pleasant by refraining from throwing, kicking or spraying others with snow and ice on school property, at bus stops, and between school and home.

GRADE 6 ENTREPRENEUR FAIR

S.K.E. hosted our third annual Entrepreneur Fair on December 9th. The grade 6 students worked very hard on their items and did an incredible job! Thank you to all the parents who supported our students. A special thank you to Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Obedkoff, Ms. Brazeau and Mrs. Porritt for helping to bring this exciting event to SKE! We are very proud to announce that the students generously donated \$350.00 from their profits to a refugee family. They were beyond grateful that our students thought of them.





SPIRIT
WEEK





A little 2023 celebration in Mrs. Estey's class

