



The Eagle Gazette - March 2023

South Kelowna Elementary

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FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- March 1 ELFF evening - **5:00-6:30 pm**
- March 3 Popcorn Fundraiser @ Lunch
- March 15 Written Learning Updates Go Home
- March 15 PAC Meeting - **7 pm**
- March 17 St. Patrick's Day
- March 17 Last Day Before Break
- March 20 - March 31 - Spring Break**



As the fields begin to melt, clothing will get quite wet. Please send extra socks, pants and shoes.

EXTENDED STUDENT ABSENCES

If you are planning a trip around **Spring Break**, please enter absences into **SCHOOL MESSENGER** so you will not receive notifications (emails and/or phone calls) while you are away



Please return your child's **Progress Report ENVELOPE** to your teacher, as they are re-used throughout the year.
Thank-You!

EMPLOYEE OF THE WEEK

Every week, District #23 showcases an employee who helps create "Caring Communities" in their school communities. Our very own Michael Gonzales - afternoon custodian is featured here:

<https://bit.ly/CaringPeople>

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is already March and Spring is in the air! As our 2nd term comes to a close we are so very proud of the efforts of all our students, teachers, parents, and members of our community dedicated to the successful learning happening in our school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the dedicated and skilled staff for all of their efforts this term. Please watch for our **second term Written Learning Updates** being issued on **March 15th**.

February has been a busy month highlighted by Parent-Teacher conferences, Human Rights Month, Black History Month, Inclusive Education Month, Harmony Day, Pink Shirt Anti-Bullying Day, 100th Day of School and a Professional Development Day. We were delighted to have so many parents connect with teachers during our scheduled Conferences in February. These important conversations provide valuable insight to help assist your child in their learning journey. Thanks for everyone's continued commitment in making SKE a great place to learn.

We look forward to working with your families for the final term of the year. We wish our students and families lots of rest and relaxation over the spring break.

Sincerely,
Nadia Piasentin



OUR NEWEST
SKE
MASCOT

Sharing Kindness Everyday



PAC MEETING

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

March 15 @ 7:00 pm

CARING FOR OUR SCHOOL



Our campaign to keep our school grounds
litter-free continues through the winter. We
appreciate students' efforts to put litter and
recycling in the bins provided.

THANK YOU!

A special **THANK YOU** to all our Noon Hour Supervisors. You all do such an amazing job keeping our students on task during lunch playtime. The important relationships that you have built have really made a difference and are greatly appreciated!

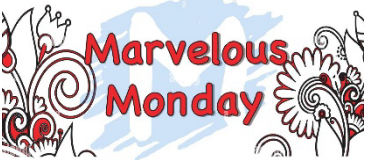
A huge **THANK YOU** to all of the parents who volunteer their time to make hot lunch happen at our school! Tuesdays and Thursdays are always the students' favourite day because of Hot Lunch! Without the consistent help from our Hot Lunch Parent volunteers, we would not be able to offer this wonderful program.

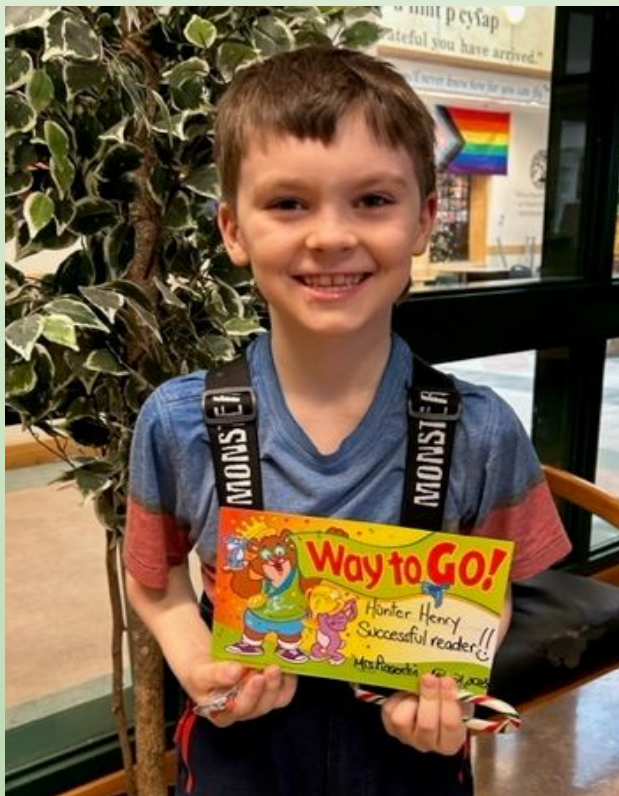


HAPPY RETIREMENT TO OUR
SPECIAL BUS DRIVER,
ALEX VIERIRA!





Monday March 13, 2023	Tuesday March 14, 2023	Wednesday March 15, 2023	Thursday March 16, 2023	Friday March 17, 2023
				
 Wear some cozy, crazy, zany odd socks today that make you feel marvelous... Take a few moments to think about what you are grateful for and tell someone! 	 Wear your favourite team jersey, T-shirt or swag from your favourite team.  Think about some things that you have done that you are proud of, share with someone and keep being the best version of YOU!	  COZY clothes, pajama, Stuffy and Blankie day Bring/wear what makes you feel warm, snuggly and cozy 😊 Give some genuine compliments to others today and whenever you can - you always can!	 SKE Spirit Wear Day Wear school colours of any kind or school clothing.   Say please and thank you to as many people as you can and remember to do that regularly.	  Dress in green to show your St. Patrick's Day spirit and celebrate the luck of the Irish! Do an act of kindness at school and at home as often as you possibly can 😊



Popcorn Sale Fundraiser



On Friday, March 3rd, the Grade 6 leadership team will be hosting a **Kernels Popcorn** sale. Popcorn bags are \$ 2.25 each and come in the flavors of Salt & Vinegar, Butter Salt, White Cheddar and Dill Pickle. There will be a 2-bag limit for each student. Please have your child bring their money (cash only) to the school on Friday where popcorn will be sold at lunchtime. It is recommended that our younger students bring their cash in a labelled baggie.

The funds raised will go towards supporting Grade 6 year-end initiatives. Thank you for your support.

HARMONY DAY

Harmony Day was celebrated on Wednesday, February 15th, 2023. This year the theme within the Central Okanagan Public Schools is **CARING COMMUNITIES**. As a school, we celebrated by challenging students to think of ways to help a teacher, parent or others in their community.



ANTI-BULLYING/PINK SHIRT DAY

On February 22nd, we celebrated Anti-Bullying Day/Pink Shirt Day. This is a day where many classrooms and school communities choose to focus on supporting our learners to be kind, stand-up against intentional unkind acts, and build community.

Together as a school community, we created a “Uniquely You” drawing where students designed a version of themselves. Their delightful drawings were displayed along the hallway.

Together, we can make our school a safe and welcome place for everyone.



Random Acts of Kindness Week



No act of
KINDNESS
no matter
how small
is ever
wasted.
-Aesop



Mrs. Kirschner's class participated in Valentine Day Stem Challenges that included creating candy heart towers, paper chain challenges, marshmallow towers, hearts inside a heart and building catapults.







Exploring Science in Mrs. Morgan's Class



Grade 6 Girls Basketball Team!





MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Student Learning Survey for Grade 4 Families

Dear Parents and Guardians/Caregivers of students in **Grade 4**:

Help us plan for the future – tell us about your education experience. Students in Grades 4, 7, 10 and 12, their parents and all staff in B.C. public schools are invited to participate in an annual online satisfaction survey about their school experience.

During the months of January to April, School District #23 is participating in the 2023 Ministry of Education Electronic Anonymous Student Learning Survey Project in cooperation with all other school districts throughout the Province.

Parents/Guardians/Caregivers can complete the online Anonymous Student Learning Surveys **any time before 11:59 pm April 29th, 2023**, providing immediate results to the school and the district.

For 2023: Students in **Grades 4**, 7, 10 and 12 complete the survey; Parents/Guardians/Caregivers of Grade 4, 7, 10 and 12 Students complete the survey; and all Staff associated with a School complete the survey. Schools may survey other grade levels after finishing the grades above.

To complete the survey:

1. Go to any computer with an up-to-date internet browser access at home, work, or school.
2. Go to www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm
3. Under the section *Direct Access – no logon number required* select:
 - District: the name of your child's district
 - School: the name of your child's school
 - Language: the language of your choice
4. Complete the survey by clicking on the appropriate circle to answer each question. Move to the next set of questions by clicking on the right arrow in the bottom right corner of the screen. Click on the left arrow to navigate backwards.
5. When you're finished the survey, you will get a message "Thank you for sharing your views".
6. Once complete, your school will have the results immediately.

Thank you for participating in this innovative project.

The survey covers a range of topics, providing a comprehensive picture of the educational experience in B.C. public schools. Questions were developed with input from partner groups, teachers and experts in educational measurement and special education.

Check out the standard survey questions and more information:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/student-learning-survey>

Ogopogo Triathlon Club

Join us for the 2023 Season!



WHO WE ARE

Come join Kelowna's youth triathlon club with members ranging from 8 years old to 17 years old. We are very fortunate to have Dave Kirk, veteran triathlete, as our Head Coach and he will be directly coaching all age groups this year.

WHAT WE DO

We teach kids biking, running, and swimming skills while focusing on having fun. We focus on FUNdamentals in the younger groups and start training to compete in the oldest group.

WHEN WE MEET

Ages 8-11: Tuesdays from May 2nd until Aug 22nd

May 2nd - June 27th - 5:30 - 6:30pm at South Kelowna Elementary, 4176 Spiers Road

July 4th - August 22nd - 7-8 am at Sarsons Beach Park on Hobson

Ages 12-17: Sundays from May 7th until Aug 27th

May 7th - June 25th - 11:00am - 12:30pm at South Kelowna Elementary, 4176 Spiers Road

July 2nd - August 27th - 11:00am - 12:30pm at Sarsons Beach Park on Hobson

REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 1st, 2023!

Watch our Facebook Page (Ogopogo Tri Club) for a link to register

Fees (for the Season): Ages 8-11 \$180 and Ages 12-17 \$240



JUMP INTO



Spring

AT OGC

SPRING CLASSES

Spring Session runs from

April 3–June 25

Check out our class offerings at

okanagangymnastics.com

and sign up online!

SPRING BREAK CAMPS

Week 1: March 20–24

Week 2: March 27–31

\$300 per week

A fun-filled week of gymnastics, crafts, activities,
pizza lunch and a movie on Friday!

Questions?  [250.765.0888](tel:250.765.0888)  info@okanagangymnastics.com

CANADA SAFETY COUNCIL HOME ALONE & BABYSITTING COURSES



ONLINE & IN-PERSON SESSIONS

Home Alone: Ages 9+ yrs | \$53
Babysitter Training: 10.5+ yrs | \$70

Register at:

www.babysittingkelowna.com

kidz4safety@gmail.com

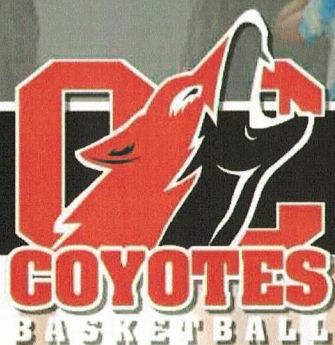
or

call/text 250-317-2868

MICRO BALLERS

SPRING LEAGUE
APRIL 2ND - JUNE 18TH

Birthdates (age): 2016, 2017, 2018



REGISTER AT WWW.GOCOYOTES.CA/microballers

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CROWS MINI RUGBY

SUNDAY MORNINGS 9AM -11AM

APRIL 16 - JUNE 11 2023

AGES 3 - 13

**COME JOIN THE KELOWNA CROWS
AND BE PART OF THE GREATEST
SPORT ON EARTH! GET ACTIVE,
LEARN NEW SKILLS, MAKE NEW
FRIENDS AND BE PART OF THE
AMAZING KELOWNA RUGBY
COMMUNITY**

[HTTPS://RUGBYCANADA.SPORTLOMO.COM/](https://rugbycanada.sportlomo.com/)

**REGISTRATION STARTS AT \$90 FOR CLUB
MEMBERSHIP, 8 WEEK PROGRAM, TRAINING
IN THE FALL AND T-SHIRT!**

