THE EAGLE GAZETTE

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EAGLES
South Kelowna Elementary

YEAR END EDITION

2025-2026

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Principal's Message

At this time, on behalf of our staff team, I want to offer my congratulations to each of our learners. We are so incredibly proud of our students, who have made such progress this year. It is also with pride that we send our grade 6s off to middle school. While a small group, they were mighty and will offer many skills and talents to their new school.

Yesterday we gathered as a school community to celebrate this year of learning, of relationships, of problem-solving, of facing challenges, of laughter, of flexible thinking, and so much more.

Thank you to our parents & caregivers for your partnership, collaboration and support this year. We look forward to seeing you again in September!

Sincerely, *Ms. Lemon*



SUMMER office hours

- **June 26: 8:30 am – 10:00 am**
  1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
- **August 31: 8:30 am – 2:30 pm**

Missing Something from School?

If your child left behind indoor shoes, a Learning Update, or other personal belongings, these items can be picked up from their previous year's classroom on the first day of school on **Tuesday, September 8th**.

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SKE PLAY DAY!

THANK YOU to all of our parents who volunteered their time to help make Play Day a huge success for our students!

YEAR IN REVIEW

Enjoy this video showcasing all of our classes and activities from throughout the school year.

please watch
A Year to Remember!

SKE Play Day!





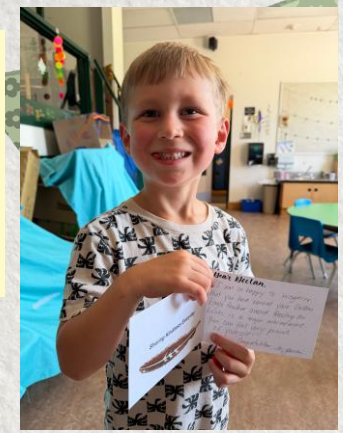






Huge thanks to our SKE Play Day committee, the SKE PAC and our volunteers for coming together to make today FANTASTIC! We had an incredible day of making memories and celebrating our year of learning.

June at SKE: Harvesting potatoes, earning Golden Eagle awards, Family Fun Night ice cream, unpacking school supplies, cleaning up our grounds, GoByBike week, Play Day & good friends!



















Farewell to our Grade 6 students

Congratulations to our Grade 6 students as they move on to middle school! We were able to celebrate their accomplishments, leadership, and contributions to our school community during our Recognition Ceremony on June 24th. We wish you success, happiness, and exciting new adventures in the years ahead!



District Track & Field



Our students had a terrific track and field season this year, and many headed off to the District track meet at the start of June.

If you'd like to see how our students placed, you can **check out the information** put together by Mrs. Wilson.

Keep on running, throwing and jumping, SKE!

THANK YOU!

We would like to acknowledge the staff members who contributed to a variety of school community groups and events this year. We appreciate all of your efforts!



GoByBike Week	Mrs. Jennejohn, Ms. Juda and Mrs. Morgan
Terry Fox Run	Ms. Robertson
Track & Field	Ms. Wilson
Eagle Guides	Mrs. Lemon
Leadership	Mrs. Estey, Mrs. Morgan and Ms. Wilson
First Aid	Ms. Angus, Mrs. Shanks and Ms. Robert
Battle of the Books	Mrs. Obedkoff
Dance Club	Ms. Juda
Play Day	Ms. Robertson, Mrs. Romano, Mrs. Estey, Mrs. Jennejohn
Winter Concert	Ms. Juda and Mrs. Bitcon
Crochet Club	Mrs. Bernard
Parent Appreciation	Mrs. Bitcon and Mrs. Jennejohn

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Congratulations on your Retirement Mrs. Estey!

After 38 years of inspiring, encouraging, and making a difference in the lives of countless students, it is time to celebrate an incredible teaching career.

Your dedication to education, commitment to your students, and passion for learning have left a lasting impact on our school community. Through the years, you have shared your knowledge, kindness, patience, and wisdom, helping generations of children grow in confidence and achieve their potential.

Thank you for the care and energy you have brought to teaching each day. Your contributions will be remembered long after the final school bell rings.

We wish you a retirement filled with happiness, adventure, relaxation, and all the opportunities to enjoy the things you love most. Congratulations on an amazing 38-year career and best wishes for this exciting new chapter!

A great teacher takes a hand, opens a mind, and touches a heart.





View the video of congratulations for Mrs. Estey, created by her daughter, Miss Estey, right here.

STAFF NEWS



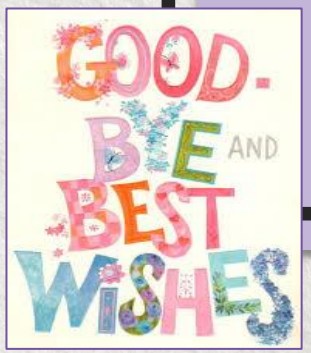
See you in September, Mrs. Shannon

WELCOME OUR TEAM

Ms. Tse-Klassen
Ms. Rooks

STAFF FAREWELLS

Mrs. Estey
Ms. Juda
Ms. Slattery
Ms. Thom
Ms. Estey
Ms. Brassard
Ms. DeShane



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THANK YOU PAC!



President	Kay Bowering
Vice President	Kevin Bowering
Treasurer	Blair Crosby
Secretary	J. Elward
COPAC Representative	Jessica Blissett
Communication Coordinator	
Food Program Coordinators	Amanda Stevens
Health and Safety Representative	Jenny Lamberton
Fundraising Coordinators	Jordana Margin & Jenny Kurnik
Green Queen	Ruth King
Fruit & Veggie Program Coordinator	Kamal Gill
KLO Middle School Rep	
Members at Large	

MANY THANKS FOR:

Welcome Back BBQ, Santa Photos, Family Bingo Night, Valentine's Dance, Family Fun Night, Field Study Funding, Hot Lunch and many more amazing contributions!

Upcoming September Dates

September 8	School Begins for Grade 1-6 **Early Dismissal @ 11:00 am**
September 9	Kindergarten First Day of School (Gradual Entry)
September 22 7 pm	SKE PAC General Meeting @
[illegible]	Photo Day
[illegible]0	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - **NO SCHOOL**



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School Supplies



Reminder that there is no need to buy classroom school supplies for students this fall (e.g., pencils, crayons, paper, notebooks), as all of these will be provided by SKE.

Please make sure your child brings a durable backpack, a lunch kit, and a water bottle.

Kindly label all personal items with your child's name to help ensure lost belongings can be returned easily.

Thank you!

Our 2026-2027 School Organization

The ***tentative** staff and class configurations for **2026-2027** are below:

As in every year, teaching assignments and class organizations are subject to change in the fall. **If you are moving over the summer and/or your children will not be attending SKE in the fall, please let the office know ASAP.**

There are many factors that go into building balanced classes and we ask that parents trust the decisions that we make. Careful consideration and collaboration are always present during this process, in regards to meeting students' learning needs.

PRINCIPAL: Ms. Jasmine Lemon
Adminstrative Assistant: Ms. Kristy Angus
Library/Office Assistant: Mrs. Angela MacLean

Kindergarten: Ms. Robertson, Ms. Romano
Primary: Mrs. Oakes, Mrs. Jennejohn, Mrs. Shanks
Intermediate: Mrs. Shannon, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Tse-Klassen, Ms. Rooks, Ms. Wilson, Mrs. Morgan
Teacher Librarian: Mrs. Obedkoff
Arts Education: To Be Determined
Learning Assistance: Mrs. Bitcon
Inclusion Teacher: Mrs. Lindsay
Speech & Language: Mrs. Farrelly
Indigenous Advocate: Ms. Phillips
Counsellor: Ms. Crone
CEAs: Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Brazeau, Mrs. Porritt, Ms. Crane, Mrs. Dacosta, Ms. Weselake

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Community News, Events & Opportunities

KELOWNA Auskick Session

FREE for all participants

SATURDAY,
JUNE 6
1:00PM-2:00PM

RUTLAND
RECREATION PARK,
KELOWNA
(435 HARTMAN ROAD
BC V1X 2M9)



AGES 6 TO 12

Free Auskick session with AFL BC Development Director and two-time premiership player Connor Hawkins

CONNOR@AFLBC.COM — @BCFOOTY

OKANAGAN ROOSTERS · AFL BRITISH COLUMBIA

KELOWNA DOLPHINS

June 24
7-8 p.m.
@ H2O

Kelowna Dolphins

Try It Night

Scan QR Code or Email to Register

Come try synchronized swimming with a fun group of kids! All ages, all abilities.
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 7-8PM @ H2O
Registration Info: info@kelownadolphins.com





UBC Geering Up
Kelowna, Okanagan



Summer Camp Registration Now Open!

Take your STEM learning beyond the classroom!

Join our action-packed, hands-on summer day camps to explore the wonderful worlds of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math! Build, explore, and design through our camps' interactive sessions.

All of our summer camps are taught by passionate, subject area expert university students and meticulously designed to tap into core foundational knowledge and speak to young curious minds.

Dive into Coding, innovate in unique environments like our All Girls* camps, and more! Each week is a dynamic mix of hands-on activities, demonstrations, tours, mentors, and design challenges.

Limited bursaries available. Please scan the QR code to learn more.

A Glimpse of Geering Up Camps

- Weekly programming from June 29th to September 3rd, 2026
- 9AM - 3PM (Before/After Care options available)
- UBC Okanagan, Kelowna Campus
- Grade Levels: 1-12 *(Program themes vary)*

Register Today!

For more info, visit: bit.ly/kelownacamps

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA School of Engineering Okanagan Campus

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JOIN OUR NEW PROGRAM



ACTIVE KIDS CLUB

2:45–5:30 PM (FOLLOWING SD23 CALENDAR)
Pick up between 5:00 - 5:30PM
JANUARY 5TH - JUNE 25TH , 2026
Excluding Spring Break and Pro-D Day
Grade 1 to Grade 6

Kelowna City FC's Football Factory
(#4 - 920 Leathead Road)

OPTIONS & FEES PAYABLE IN INSTALLMENTS
Tue/Thu (2 days/week): $299 + GST
Mon/Wed/Fri (3 days/week): $399 + GST
Mon–Fri (5 days/week): $599 + GST

THE FOOTBALL FACTORY

SECURE YOUR SPOT
Spaces are limited and fill on a first-come, first-served basis.
Registration and More Info: www.kelownacityfc.com
Got questions? Or need support, please email: admin@kelownacityfc.com

*Bus pick up from North Glenmore & Ecole Glenmore Elementary School. Families who are at other schools are responsible for drop-off and pick-up at the Football Factory. Refer a friend for Jan - June 2026, and receive 1 month for FREE! YEAR-ROUND **KCITY members ask for a discount!***

PEDALHEADS
Bike, swim & soccer programs for kids

HOORAY!

Registration for summer camp opens **Tuesday, April 7th.**

1. Tell your community
2. Share your code

The more codes redeemed, **the more money raised** for your organization!

Register online at pedalheads.com or give us a call at 1-888-886-6464



REGISTER











We are looking for families to host international high school students from around the world.

Next round of placements begins **September 2026**. Homestay compensation will be $1200/month/student starting in 2026-2027.

Apply now to join our team as a host family for international students experiencing Canada.

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE & APPLY

Free Youth Nights - June 13 and July 25

Don't miss out on Free Youth Nights at PRC this summer! For students Grade 6-9, PRC Youth Nights provide a fun, safe, welcoming space to connect with friends on a Saturday night from 6-9 p.m. and enjoy free recreation activities, pizza and treats at no cost.







It's a summer of fun at Parkinson Recreation Centre, especially for students about to head out on summer break! Learn more about the $25 PRC Summer Youth Passes, and the upcoming Free Youth Nights at PRC below:

Summer Youth Pass ($25) and Rec and Ride Combo Pass ($60)
For only $25, kids and youth up to 18 years can access a variety of recreation activities throughout the summer. Summer Youth Pass holders can enjoy drop-in swimming, gym activities, sno cone and popcorn days at PRC, multi-sport activities at Gyro Beach and more!

Teens aged 13-18 can opt in for the Rec and Ride Combo Pass for just $60 and get access to BC Transit plus their PRC Summer Youth Pass! The Summer Youth Pass and Rec and Ride Combo Pass are valid through July and August and make it easy to stay active, social, and having fun all summer long. Learn more at **kelowna.ca/youthpass**.

YMCA SUMMER DAY

CAMP



Recreational YMCA Camps | Summer 2026

Ages
5–12

Time
8:30 AM–4:30 PM

Members
$255 (5-day week)
$204 (4-day week)

Non-Members
$285 (5-day week)
$228 (4-day week)

All children must be picked up by camp end time or earlier.

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9
June 29–July 3*	July 6–10	July 13–17	July 20–24	July 27–31	August 4–7*	August 10–14	August 17–21	August 24–28
(4 days)	(5 days)	(5 days)	(5 days)	(5 days)	(4 days)	(5 days)	(5 days)	(5 days)
Kelowna Family Y | 375 Hartman Rd KELOWNA								
Artful Adventures	Champions League	Brainiac Attack	Encore Adventures	Y Basketball	Music Mania	Wilder Wonders	Y Basketball	Discovery Lab
H$_2$O Adventure + Fitness Centre | 4075 Gordon Dr KELOWNA								
Encore Adventures	Wilder Wonders	Champions League	Artful Adventures	Brainiac Attack	Y Basketball	Discovery Lab	Music Mania	Champions League

*Camps will not run on July 1 (Canada Day) and August 3 (BC Day).

Artful Adventures
Young artists will explore painting, sculpting, and mixed media projects while building confidence and friendships through imaginative expression. Swim time included.

Y Basketball
Young athletes will shoot for the stars, building friendships and learning teamwork through engaging drills and activities in a supportive environment. Swim time included.

Brainiac Attack
Unlock your inner genius! Kids will dive into puzzles, STEM experiments, and creative problem-solving adventures that spark curiosity and critical thinking. Swim time included.

Champions League
Get in the game! Campers will build skills through exciting sports challenges, teamwork activities, and friendly competitions while staying active and confident. Swim time included.

Discovery Lab
Experiment, explore, and discover! Kids will unleash their curiosity with exciting science projects, fizzy experiments, and hands-on learning that makes STEM fun. Swim time included.

Encore Adventures
Take center stage! Campers will shine through drama games, skits, and creative performances while building confidence and friendships in a fun, theatrical setting. Swim time included.

Music Mania
Find your rhythm! Campers will explore beats, melodies, and instruments through fun music games, creative jam sessions, and a mini talent showcase. Swim time included.

Wilder Wonders
Adventure awaits! Young explorers will connect with nature through scavenger hunts, outdoor challenges, and hands-on survival skills while building teamwork and confidence. Swim time included.

Register Online

Registration opens March 23 at 10 AM
ymcasibc.ca/camps

If you have any questions, please contact the YMCA of Southern Interior BC child care administration team at 250-491-8678 or childcare@ymcasibc.ca

Financial Support

If financial barriers prevent you from affording the full cost of camps, you may apply for support.

YMCA Financial Assistance is available for recreational camps and licensed camps.

The **Affordable Child Care Benefit** is only available for licensed camps.

YMCA programs would not be possible without the support of generous donors.

Shine On

Licensed YMCA Child Care Camps | Summer 2026

Ages
K–G6

Time
7:30 AM–5:30 PM

Kindergarten
$190 (5-day week)
$152 (4-day week)

Grades 1–6
$241.25 (5-day week)
$193 (4-day week)

$10/day sites
$50 (5-day week)
$40 (4-day week)

All children must be picked up by camp end time or earlier.

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8
June 29–July 3*	July 6–10	July 13–17	July 20–24	July 27–31	August 4–7*	August 10–14	August 17–21
(4 days)	(5 days)	(5 days)	(5 days)	(5 days)	(4 days)	(5 days)	(5 days)
Black Mountain YMCA Child Care | 1650 Gallagher Rd KELOWNA							
Art Week	STEM Week	Race to Space	Insect Adventures	Pop, Fizz, Crackle	Let Your Talent Shine On!	Hero Mode	Y Makes a Difference
Dilworth Mountain—Upper Level | 950 Dilworth Dr KELOWNA							
Y Makes a Difference	Enchanted Adventures	Carnival Craze	Art Week	STEM week	Race to Space	Wild Wonders of Nature	Around the World
Dilworth Mountain—Lower Level | 950 Dilworth Dr KELOWNA							
Enchanted Adventures	Carnival Craze	Art Week	STEM week	Race to Space	Wild Wonders of Nature	Around the World	Insect Adventures
George Elliot Secondary YMCA Child Care | 10241 Bottom Wood Lake Rd LAKE COUNTRY							
STEM week	Wild Wonders of Nature	Around the World	Pop, Fizz, Crackle	Insect Adventures	Hero Mode	Y Makes a Difference	Enchanted Adventures
Okanagan Mission YMCA Child Care | 4548 Gordon Dr KELOWNA							
Carnival Craze	Art Week	STEM Week	Race to Space	Wild Wonders of Nature	Around the World	Insect Adventures	Pop, Fizz, Crackle
Power Street YMCA Child Care | 325 Power St PENTICTON							
Let Your Talent Shine On!	Hero Mode	Y Makes a Difference	Race to Space	Wild Wonders of Nature	Around the World	Insect Adventures	Pop, Fizz, Crackle
Queen's Park YMCA Child Care | 630 Birch Ave PENTICTON							
Y Makes a Difference	Race to Space	Wild Wonders of Nature	Around the World	Insect Adventures	Pop, Fizz, Crackle	Let Your Talent Shine On!	Hero Mode
Uplands YMCA Child Care | 161 Middle Bench Rd PENTICTON							
Hero Mode	Y Makes a Difference	Race to Space	Wild Wonders of Nature	Around the World	Insect Adventures	Pop, Fizz, Crackle	Let Your Talent Shine On!
YMCA Child Care at Quigley Elementary | 705 Kitch Rd KELOWNA							
Race to Space	Around the World	Insect Adventures	No camp this week	Let Your Talent Shine On!	Enchanted Adventures	Carnival Craze	Art Week

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Around the World
Young explores will journey across continents, visiting a different country each day through hands-on activities, games, crafts, music and stories celebrating global cultures.

Art Week
Young artists will explore their creativity through painting, drawing, crafting and more. They'll be introduced to new materials and take their masterpieces home.

Carnival Craze
Face painting, parades, treasure hunts, theme snacks, games, music and carnival challenges create a week of festive fun. The celebration wraps up with a mini carnival party.

Enchanted Adventures
In this magical adventure of crafts, costumes, games and treasure hunts, campers build castles, brew pretend potions and bring fairy tales to life as their imaginations soar.

Hero Mode
Young creatives will design their own superheroes—crafting costumes, gadgets, and comic adventures—and discover their own strengths along the way.

Insect Adventures
Young entomologists will enjoy a bug-filled adventure as they create habitats, hunt for insects, craft creepy-crawly art, and learn cool facts about butterflies, beetles, and bees.

Let Your Talent Shine On!
Young performers will build confidence as they express themselves through theatre games, crafts, and a talent show. Every child will be given a chance to shine.

Pop, Fizz, Crackle
Young scientists will enjoy sensory hands-on activities that spark curiosity and creativity like fizzy volcanoes, popping paint, crackling crafts, and gooey experiments.

Race to Space
Young astronauts will explore space—learning about planets, stars, and rockets—as they conduct science experiments, play games, build spacecraft, and decode alien messages.

STEM Week
Future innovators will explore big ideas, solve problems, and dream big through hands-on discovery—whether imagining life as astronauts, app developers, or architects.

Wild Wonders of Nature
Through scavenger hunts, eco-crafts, wildlife games, and garden experiments, campers will connect with nature and discover how the world works.

Y Makes a Difference
Through games, crafts, and service projects, campers will build character, demonstrating values like kindness, responsibility, and respect while feeling the joy of giving back.



The BC Lions are excited to be hosting two (2) home games this season at the Apple Bowl in Kelowna, BC On June 27th and July 5th!

During this time, the BC Lions will be hosting multiple football camps for kids of all ages and skill levels at no cost! Here is what we have to offer this Summer!
https://www.bclions.com/touchdown-kelowna/

Kids Combine:

Date: Sunday, June 28
Time: 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Location: Kelowna Secondary School
Registration: 1:00 PM
Admission: Free with Registration

An upbeat, high-energy event designed to give young athletes (**age 13-18**) a taste of the CFL scouting experience while focusing on athletic development and fun. Kids will rotate through classic football measurements including the 40-Yard Dash, Broad Jump, Vertical Leap, 3-Cone Drill, and 20-Yard Shuttle.

Play with the Pros:

Date: Monday, June 29
Time: 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Location: Kelowna Secondary School
Registration: 3:00 PM
Admission: Free with Registration

Every year, our Play with the Pros clinics host hundreds of kids **ages 6 to 13** and match them with some of their favourite BC Lions players. Through fun, hands-on activities, kids get an opportunity to participate in a non-contact skills clinic hosted by pro players.

Women's Flag Football:

Date: Tuesday, June 30

Time: 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Location: Kelowna Secondary School

Registration: 3:00 PM

Admission: Free with Registration

It’s time to take your football skills to the next level. Girls and women ages **12 and up** are invited to take part in an evening of drills and scrimmaging led by seasoned professional football players.



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THANK YOU FOR READING!

See you back on
September 8th!

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