



THE EAGLE GAZETTE - OCT 2022

South Kelowna Elementary

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FOR YOUR CALENDAR

October 3	Dallas Arcand Performance
October 5 & 6	Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:30 Dismissal
October 7	Implementation Day - NO SCHOOL
October 9-15	Fire Prevention Week
October 10	Thanksgiving Day - NO SCHOOL
October 13	Photo Day
October 17	6:00 pm Partners for Inclusive Education Meeting
October 19	5:00 PAC Meeting
October 21	PRO-D DAY - NO SCHOOL
October 24-28	Grade 6 SCREAM Program
October 31	Halloween (2:00 parade on field)



Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher conferences will take place on Wednesday, October 5 and Thursday, October 6th. **We will have an early dismissal at 12:30 on both days.**

Busses will be running.

Please watch for information coming home asking for your preferred time for a conference. It will be a good opportunity to meet your child's teacher, ask questions about your child's academic and social emotional learning and for you to share any information you feel is necessary about your child.

REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

LATES: Please see Ms. Hansen in the office to have your absence converted to a Late or parents will be phoned by the automated system for an unexcused absence.

LEAVING EARLY: Students must see Ms. Hansen in the office to leave the school any time before the end-of-day dismissal. Students will not be able to leave unless the office has prior parental permission.

If you haven't already downloaded the School Messenger App for your cell phone, you should give it a try! It's the most efficient way to let the school know about your child's absence, late or early appointment. It is used by all School District #23 schools for students from K-12!

STUDENT MESSAGES

Messages should **only** be for emergency situations (e.g. car problems on your way, or an appointment scheduled during the day). Otherwise please use the student planners for Gr. 1-6 to communicate any messages regarding after school arrangements different from the norm (kindergarten students send a note to teacher).

Playdates should be made from home.

Please be considerate of the many phone calls we receive through our office on a daily basis and try to keep your calls to very important messages only. Thank you.





VOLUNTEERING

A reminder if you are volunteering to **please ensure you have completed a Criminal Record Check (CRC) form at the school office prior to volunteering (no charge)**. These forms must be completed **every four years**.

Please contact Robyn in the office if you are unsure if you have an approved CRC on file.



"NUTS" AWARE!

There are a number of children in our school with extreme allergies to peanuts and tree nuts. **Tree nuts include peanuts, cashews, almonds, pecans, pistachios and walnuts.** Our goal is to make the school a safe environment for all students. **We ask that all families avoid sending foods that contain nuts or nut products.** Please visit this website for more detailed information on tree nuts/peanuts and possible sources of treenuts/peanuts:

<http://foodallergy canada.ca/about-all-ergies/food-allergens/>

Thank you for supporting us to help keep all children at SKE safe.



Picture Day Is Coming

Cherish this Yearly Portrait that captures how fast they grow up!

Friday, October 13th

RETAKES - November 18th

PARKING



We are very fortunate to have many options for dropping off students at SKE. By taking a few extra minutes in the morning and noting the following safety rules, we can ensure safer access for students.

Kindergarten & Grade 4-6 parents: please park to drop off/ pick up in the back field.

Grades 1-3 parents: please park to drop off and pick up on Spiers Rd (west/east).

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

If you are dropping off your child and the bus has already left, you may *drive through* the bus lane to drop off. **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE in the bus lane at any time of the school day.**

SCHOOL BUS STOP



School Bus Stop is the program School District #23 Transportation Services uses to post route cancellations or delays in excess of 10 minutes, which then sends a text or email to parents when there is a route status update. Parents that have children that use school buses are asked to register for The School Bus Stop [HERE](#). You are required to sign up each year for this program.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The SKE Parent Advisory Council would like to welcome everyone to the 2022-2023 school year!

The purpose of the SKE PAC is to allow parents to participate in decisions that impact student learning. As a parent or guardian of a student at SKE, you are automatically part of the PAC and can help in a variety of ways.

The next PAC Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 19th @ 5:00 in the School Library**

All parents are welcome... we hope to see you there!



Grade 6 Leadership

Our enthusiastic group of 2022/2023 **SKE Grade 6 Leadership Team** is 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 are taking the opportunity to celebrate together with an evening filled with team building activities, brainstorming, planning, and sharing ideas on the evening of **Thursday, October 20th from 2:30 pm to 8:00 pm.**

The SKE Grade 6 Leadership Team

HALLOWEEN

On Monday, October 31st, students will participate in our annual Halloween Costume Parade at 2:00 p.m. on the school field.

SKE Halloween Guidelines:

Dressing in a costume is optional. Your child may prefer to wear orange and black clothing. Students wishing to wear their costumes should **get ready at home.**

If your child chooses to wear a costume, please keep in mind that he/she will have to be comfortable for a day of learning at school and playing on the playground.

Please be sure your child will be **able to wear their jacket** over their costume for outside playtime.

Please be sure that the costume is age-appropriate and school-appropriate (**not gory or scary**).

Please leave hand-held accessories at home (no weapons, brooms, wands, etc.)

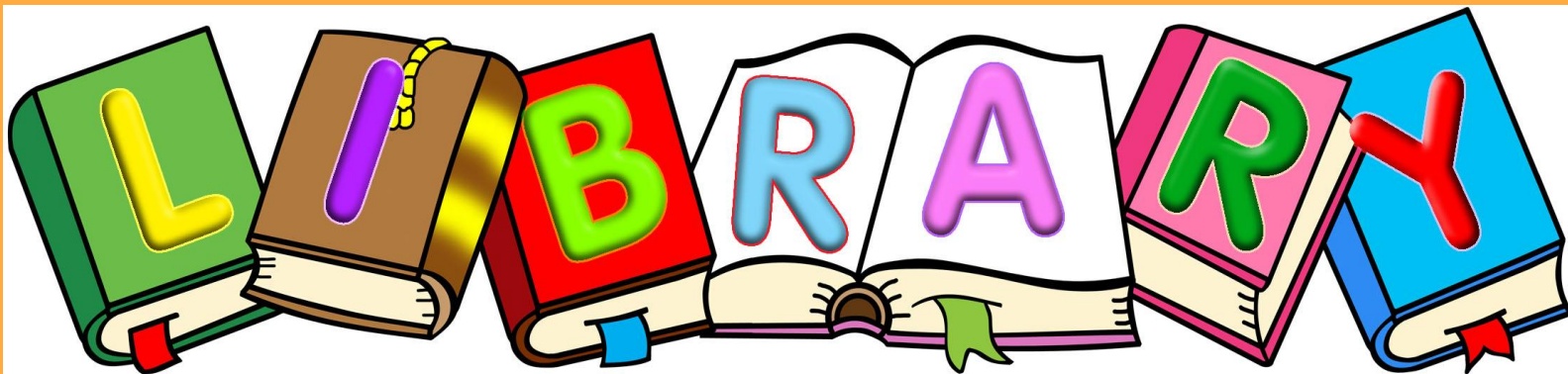
If the costume includes a **mask**, students may bring it to show the class but it will not be possible for him/her to wear it.

To help prevent hurt feelings and disappointment, please have a discussion with your child about taking responsibility for their own costume and about respecting other children's costumes. Children should also take extra care while playing outside at lunch and recess.

After Halloween, please **do not send Halloween candy/treats to school** and do continue to send healthy fruits and vegetables.

Thank you.





Librarian - Mrs. Obedkoff
Library Assistant - Mrs. MacLean

MONDAY BOOK EXCHANGE

VECCHIO
MCLAUGHLIN
REISDORF
LARKIN

ESTEY
SZEWCYK
MORGAN



THURSDAY BOOK EXCHANGE

ROBERTSON
JENNEJOHN
KIRSCHNER
WILSON

South Kelowna Elementary Library Story Character Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Why? To celebrate reading and to have fun!

It is intended to be an individual or family project.
This project is completely optional.



Pumpkins must represent a favorite book character. Absolutely no carved pumpkins.

To decorate you can use paper, glue, paint, markers, pipe cleaners, fabric, or other craft items on the pumpkin. **Let your creativity soar!**

Pumpkins may be placed on the cart available at the front doors of the school from Monday, October 24th to Thursday, Oct. 28th. All pumpkins will be displayed in and around the Library.

On the entry form please have the name of the character, the title of the book your character comes from, and the author's name. Make sure to get the book information before starting to decorate the pumpkin.

Pumpkins must be picked up in the library and taken home by the end of day on Friday, October 28th.



On September 29th, we wore **ORANGE** in honor of Truth and Reconciliation Day and to share the message that everyone around us matters. We are grateful to have this opportunity for us to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.





We are very fortunate to have UBCO nursing students visit SKE! They will be coming to each class throughout the next few months to teach important health and safety to our students.





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, September 12, 2022

Time: 6:00 pm

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

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/714178396132518>

