

# The Eagle Gazette

2025 Year-End Edition

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# Sharing Kindness Everyday!

## Dear Families,

As we enter our winter break, I want to celebrate the incredible achievements of our students. Their hard work and dedication to learning have been truly inspiring, and the joy and talent displayed during our winter concert were a highlight for our entire school community. I am proud of the goals our students have set and the progress they've made toward them—these efforts reflect their commitment to growth and excellence. Thank you to our families for your continued support in making this a successful and vibrant learning environment. Your communication, volunteer efforts, and support at home are why we have strong partnerships!

Thank you to each educator at SKE, in all your various roles, for providing a dynamic, caring and supportive school!

Wishing you all a restful, joyful winter break filled with time to recharge and enjoy special moments together. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year, ready for more learning and growth!

Warm Regards,  
*Ms. Lemon*



**SCHOOL RESUMES  
ON JANUARY 5TH**

# Winter Concert

Would you like to relive the magic of our  
"Winter Wonderland" concert all over  
again?

Click [HERE](#) to view videos of each class'  
performance.

*Special thanks to SKE parent, Mr. Glen Kyle for  
acting as our videographer this year!*



# Featured Videos



**CLICK HERE** TO ENJOY A VIDEO OF EACH OF OUR  
CLASSES PERFORMING THEIR WINTER CONCERT  
SONGS!



TAKE A MOMENT TO VIEW OUR STAFF'S SKE-STYLE  
PERFORMANCE OF "ROCKING AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE" BY  
CLICKING ON THIS **SHORT VIDEO**.



# Entrepreneurship Fair

On December 12th, our Grade 6 students lit up the school with their creativity and innovation at our annual Entrepreneur Fair! From clever inventions to eye-catching displays, our young entrepreneurs wowed everyone who stopped by. We couldn't be prouder of the imagination, teamwork, and enthusiasm they poured into their projects.

A huge THANK YOU to our amazing parents for cheering on our students every step of the way. And an extra-special shout-out to **Mrs. Morgan, Ms. Wilson, Mrs. Obedkoff, and Ms. Brazeau** for bringing this event to life once again and supporting our students as they showcased their talents! We're also so proud to share that students will be donating 10% of their profits—what an incredible way to give back. Way to go, entrepreneurs!



# Grade 6 Leadership Food Drive

Thank you to our incredible students, families, and staff for making this year's SKE Food Drive so successful. Our school showed what generosity looks like—thank you for giving, sharing, and making a difference in our community.



Special appreciation goes to our Grade 6 Leadership students for their hard work in organizing, collecting, sorting, and promoting the drive. Their enthusiasm and commitment helped make this event a true success!



# MR. LARKIN RETIRES!

**From James & Declan:** "Mr. Larkin was an incredible teacher. Some of the things that made him great were that he was always thinking of his students and he made learning fun, especially in gym class. He would make sure everyone got a say in what we were doing by having a vote every class. He supported our sports activities, including coaching volleyball and basketball through the years. We know that took a lot of time, and we are grateful for all of your effort.

We learned that listening is important - you have to know what you're doing so you can grow. He taught us to be kind, and would encourage everyone to be their best selves. He would never call anyone out, but he did make sure that we knew what's right and wrong. He wasn't good at everything. He got a call about attendance Every. Single. Day. The phone would ring after lunch and we would all yell "attendance!" He is kind, easygoing and funny.

Speaking of funny, too bad he's leaving. He'll miss the party...the Mr. Larkin's not here party! That was one of his favourite jokes. Whenever anyone left early, that's what he would say. I think I heard that one too many times! We hope you had a fun career of 34 years of teaching. South Kelowna has been a lot more fun, and a stronger community because of you."







# SKE in DECEMBER!





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A steaming cup  
of coffee!



Last week we  
held a secret  
spirit day  
celebrating the  
numbers 6 & 7  
because it was  
the 67th day of  
Kindergarten!



Lunchtime Karaoke!



Reading with  
Ms. Lemon!



# Upcoming Grade 5 Survey

HUMAN  
EARLY LEARNING  
PARTNERSHIP



## The Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) is coming to SKE in January/mid-March!

Central Okanagan School District has partnered with the Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP) at the University of British Columbia to measure and promote children's social and emotional development, health, well-being, and assets through the Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI). The Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) is a self-report questionnaire that asks children in middle childhood about their thoughts, feelings and experiences. The MDI is the first survey of its kind to gather information about the lives of children both in school, in the home and in the community, from their own perspective. The survey questions align with the BC Ministry of Education's K-12 curriculum, which includes a focus on promoting children's personal and social competencies.

Grade 5 students will complete the MDI during class time between:

**January 13<sup>th</sup> and March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**

*If you don't want your child to participate, please contact your child's teacher, fill out the withdrawal form at the end of the parent/guardian informed passive consent letter, or contact the MDI project staff at [mdi@help.ubc.ca](mailto:mdi@help.ubc.ca).*

For more information and to view the questionnaires:

<https://earlylearning.ubc.ca/monitoring-system/mdi/mdi-overview/>

Parent FAQs:

<https://earlylearning.ubc.ca/monitoring-system/mdi/parent-caregiver-info/>

# Student Online Registrations

The enrollment application period begins:

**Monday, February 2, 2026 at 7:00 am - Friday, March 13, 2026.**

The Summer Enrollment Application period begins:

**Tuesday, September 1, 2026 - Thursday, September 3, 2026.**

French Immersion Kindergarten Information session meeting  
on **Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 6:00 pm via zoom.**



Central Okanagan  
Public Schools  
Together We Learn

French Immersion Kindergarten  
Informational Session: Tuesday, January 13, 2026  
@ 6:00-7:00 pm Zoom Link: [sd23.org/french](https://sd23.org/french)  
This meeting will be recorded and posted on the  
District website

**ONLINE APPLICATION for STUDENT ENROLLMENT begins on  
Monday, February 2, 2026, at 7:00 am for 2026 - 2027 School Year**  
(for kindergarten, new students, and school of choice for K – 12)

Schools will be open at 7:00 am to provide support to parents that require assistance.

Documentation Submission Deadline: **Friday, March 13, 2026**

If you are new to Canada, please contact the Welcome Centre for enrollment information at (250)870-5155

## HOW TO APPLY

**PLEASE NOTE:** *The application process is online only. You are required to have a valid email account.*

In your web browser type: <https://www.sd23.bc.ca/school-enrollment>

**No internet access?** Please contact your school for assistance.

**Online applications begin on Monday, February 2, 2026 at 7:00 am.** Applications will be assigned a date-time stamp on a first-come, first-served basis, which will factor into a student's placement priority.

Complete the online application as early as possible, and provide the required documents listed below directly to the school in by email or in person by **Friday, March 13, 2026.**

1. Student's **Birth Certificate** or other government issued proof of age and citizenship.
2. **Proof of Parent/Guardian B.C. Residency**
  - a. Combination BC Driver's License and Services Card (copy of both sides); or,
  - b. BC Services Card (copy of both sides) **and** one item from the list of Supporting Documentation (3.) below; or,
  - c. Proof of application for BC Medical Services Plan and one item from the list of Supporting Documentation below.
3. **Supporting Documentation/Proof of Parent/Guardian Living Address**
  - Ownership of a dwelling or long-term lease or rental of a dwelling;
  - Documentation indicating British Columbia residence (i.e. utility bill);
  - British Columbia registration of an automobile;
  - British Columbia Driver's License (copy of both sides); or,
  - A current income tax return filed as a British Columbia resident.

## AFTER Thursday, September 3, 2026

**New in-catchment area enrollments:** Parents will be notified by a confirmation email when the school has accepted the student's application for enrollment. Board Policy 405R – Student Placement (Regulations), will be used to determine student placement and priority.

**New out-of-catchment area enrollments:** Parents will not be notified until after the summer enrollment period is over and all in-catchment area students have been placed.

**Qualifying age:** The School Act requires that a child must be five years of age by December 31, 2026, to qualify for school enrollment in September 2026. No exceptions.

For further information, please visit the School District website [www.sd23.bc.ca](https://www.sd23.bc.ca) or call (250) 860-8888.



# SKE PAC NEWS

Join us for our upcoming PAC meeting  
January 20 @ 7:00 pm!

Parents and guardians are invited to connect, share ideas, and help shape upcoming school activities and initiatives. Your voice matters, and we'd love to see you there!



JOIN OUR  
**FUNDRAISERS!**

SOUTH KELOWNA ELEMENTARY



the lazy batch



Our Goal

Support our local community  
and contribute to our  
school's fundraising efforts.

Available to order now on  
Munchalunch.



Order on

<https://munchalunch.com>

# Community News, Events & Opportunities

## NOURISH CONNECTION FOR PARENTS WITH CHILDREN 6-13 YEARS OLD

### THE PROGRAM

Join us for a free, community-based parenting program inspired by the work of Dr. Deborah MacNamara. Each week features a short video or podcast clip from Dr. MacNamara, followed by guided discussion and practical strategies to support connection, emotional development, and confidence in parenting.

This program is available for any Central Okanagan parents, with children between 6-13 years old. Weekly attendance is expected.

Content is inspired by the publicly available work of Dr. Deborah MacNamara; she is not participating in or overseeing this group.

### DATES AND INFO

Fridays from 12:30pm-2pm, beginning January 9th.  
To register, please visit our website or scan the QR code.



The Strong Roots Centre  
Childhood Connections  
[www.childhoodconnections.ca](http://www.childhoodconnections.ca)

### THE GOAL

To help parents strengthen connection, understand behaviour, and support their child's emotional development.

### THE TOPICS

- Understanding Attachment & Connection
- Guiding Big Emotions & Frustration
- The Power of Play in Development
- Separation, Anxiety & Emotional Safety
- Tears, Tantrums & Emotional Expression
- Boundaries, Leadership & Gentle Discipline
- Creating Restful, Calm Family Environments
- Resilience, Repair & Belonging

## Junior Coyotes WINTER PROGRAMS



### WINTER 3ON3

Gr 1-9 Boys & Girls  
Sundays | Jan 4 - Mar 8

### MICROBALLERS

Boys & Girls | Ages 3-5  
Sundays | Jan 4 - Mar 8

### WINTER 5ON5

Gr 6-8 Boys | Jan 10 - Mar 8  
Saturdays & Sundays

CHRISTMAS CAMP Gr 1-12 Boys & Girls | December 27-28

WWW.GOCOYOTES.CA



NEW VINTAGE THEATRE

NEW SESSION STARTS WEEK OF JAN.10

# THEATRE CLASSES

THEATRE FOR ALL

Winter 2026

**YOUTH CLASSES (AGES 6-11)**

MISSION POSSIBLE-A SPY STORY  
SATURDAYS, 10-11AM

K-POP MUSICAL THEATRE CLASS-ORIGIN STORY  
SATURDAYS, 1-2PM OR MONDAYS, 4-5:30PM

ALICE IN WONDERLAND  
SATURDAYS, 2-3PM

**TEEN CLASSES (AGES 12-17)**

DOWN A DARK HALL-MYSTERY PLAY  
SATURDAYS, 11-12:30PM

**ADULT CLASSES**

IMPROV GAMES NIGHT  
MONDAYS, 5:30-7PM

LET'S MAKE A MURDER MYSTERY  
MONDAYS, 7-8:30PM

DIRECTING & PLAYWRIGHTING  
WORKSHOPS-JANUARY & FEBRUARY

**SPRING BREAK CAMPS-MARCH**

WEEK #1-SING! DANCE! ACT!-YOUTH  
WEEK #2-HEROES & VILLAINS-YOUTH  
WEEK #2-MUSICAL THEATRE-TEENS



**NEWVINTAGE.CA**

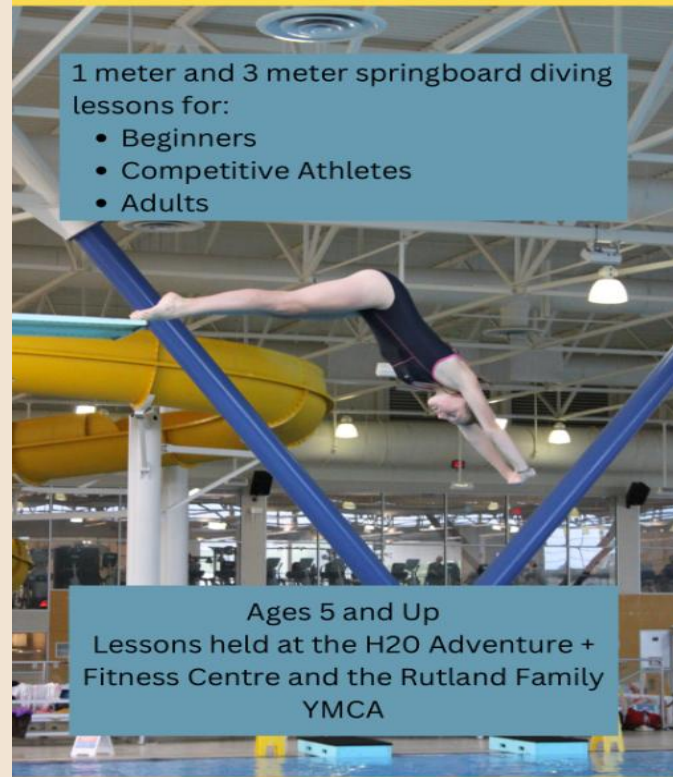
# Take the Plunge

Learn to Dive with KSDC



1 meter and 3 meter springboard diving lessons for:

- Beginners
- Competitive Athletes
- Adults



**Ages 5 and Up**  
Lessons held at the H2O Adventure + Fitness Centre and the Rutland Family YMCA

Email [ksdc.general@gmail.com](mailto:ksdc.general@gmail.com) with any questions





# Happy Holidays!

THANKS FOR READING  
SEE YOU BACK ON JANUARY 5TH!