

The Eagle Gazette

June 2025



South Kelowna Elementary

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Sharing Kindness Everyday!



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear SKE,

Last week our grade 6 students shared a day of fun and friendship at Green Bay camp, celebrating the culmination of their years at SKE. This group of students is absolutely incredible, and a testament to the strength of this community. They are welcoming, flexible, accommodating, diligent in their learning, and happy to still be kids while also prepared to move on to their next learning experience.

While the year is winding down, there is still a month of shared opportunities ahead. Please check out the calendar on the right, and if you can volunteer for anything, please do!

We want our families to feel connected and part of the story at SKE, and are grateful for all that you do to ensure our SKE Eagles have the best possible experiences at school.

See you at PlayDay?

Sincerely,
Ms. Lemon



FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- June 2-6 GobyBike Week
- June 4 KLO Parent Information Night @ 6 pm
- June 6 Kindergarten Popsicle and Play
- June 6 PAC Hosted Family Fun Night
- June 16-20 Spirit Week
- June 18 PAC Meeting @ 7pm
- June 23 Playday
- June 25 Grade 6 Recognition Ceremony
- June 26 Last Day of School

Schoolwide Assembly
Term 3 Learning Updates go

Home



IMPORTANT REMINDERS



PLAY DAY

PLAY DAY is on Monday, June 23rd and is a full day of outside fun activities! Please pack a full lunch and lots of snacks for your child on this day.

PLEASE REMEMBER

A HAT SUNSCREEN
AND A WATER BOTTLE

We need volunteers to help run the stations.

Please sign up HERE if you are able to help.

THANK YOU to our amazing PAC for covering the FULL cost for our Year-End Play Day!

WRITTEN LEARNING UPDATES

Written Learning Updates will be sent home on Thursday, June 26th. Reports may be picked up at the office in September if not taken home on that day.

REGISTRATIONS DOCUMENTS

New registration documents will be accepted up to and including Friday, June 27th, the last day the office is open before summer break. The school administration will be back in the office on Monday, August 25th for any late registration documents.

We encourage new arrivals to register ONLINE at www.ske.sd23.bc.ca as soon as possible.

SUMMER SUN SAFETY

As the weather warms up, please remember to send your child with a sun hat and apply sunscreen each morning. Lightweight, breathable clothing and refillable water bottles are also great for keeping cool and hydrated. Let's stay safe in the sun together!

WHEELS SAFETY

With more students bringing scooters, bikes and skateboards to school, we'd like to remind families that gear with wheels should be walked, not ridden, on school grounds. **HELMETS ARE MANDATORY.** THANK YOU for helping us keep our school community safe and rolling responsibility.

GO BY BIKE WEEK JUNE 2-6

South Kelowna Elementary is celebrating GoByBikeWeek!



Together with many other schools in BC, June 2nd to 6th, 2025, SKE is celebrating GoByBikeWeek and encourages students and their families, as well as teachers and staff members, to ride their bikes whenever they can: to and from school, or before and after school, as well as on the weekends.

Rolling around on smaller wheels like scooters and rollerblades counts, too...however, please walk all "wheel" items on school property. By riding their bike, students will spend time outside and get exercise, breathe fresh air, arrive energized at school, and reduce traffic in and around the school's neighbourhood at the same time.

Less traffic means more safety for cyclists. More safety means more fun. More fun means natural behavioural change towards a sustainable future. Riding bikes is fun and helps the environment. **Mark your calendars and GoByBike June 2nd to 6th.**



Back to School Information

A Few Reminders About Back to School.....

The first day back to school is a half day on Tuesday, September 2nd. Busses will be running and students will be dismissed at 11:00 am.

All “new” Grade 1-6 SKE students will meet in our foyer at 8:30 a.m. on September 2nd. Following a brief orientation and school tour, all new students will be placed into age-appropriate, temporary classrooms. All returning students will report to their last year’s classroom.

Regular school hours (8:30–2:30) commence on September 3rd for Grades 1-6. Please watch for more start up information coming for the kindergarten classes.

2025-2026 SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

The ***tentative** staff and class configurations for 2025-2026 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

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Ms. Kristy Angus

LIBRARY/OFFICE ASSISTANT: Mrs. Angela MacLean _____

Kindergarten: Ms. Robertson, Ms. Romano

Primary: Mrs. Estey, Mrs. Jennejohn, Mrs. Kirschner, Mrs. Oakes, Ms. Romano, Mrs. Shanks

Intermediate: Mr. Larkin, Mrs. Shannon, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Wilson

Teacher Librarian: Mrs. Obedkoff

Arts Education: To Be Determined

Learning Assistance: Mrs. Bitcon

Inclusion Teacher: Mrs. Lindsay

Speech & Language: To Be Determined

Indigenous Advocate: Ms. Phillips

Counsellor: To Be Determined

CEAs: Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Brazeau, Mrs. Porritt, Ms. Crane, Mrs. Dacosta, Ms. Weselake

LIBRARY REMINDERS

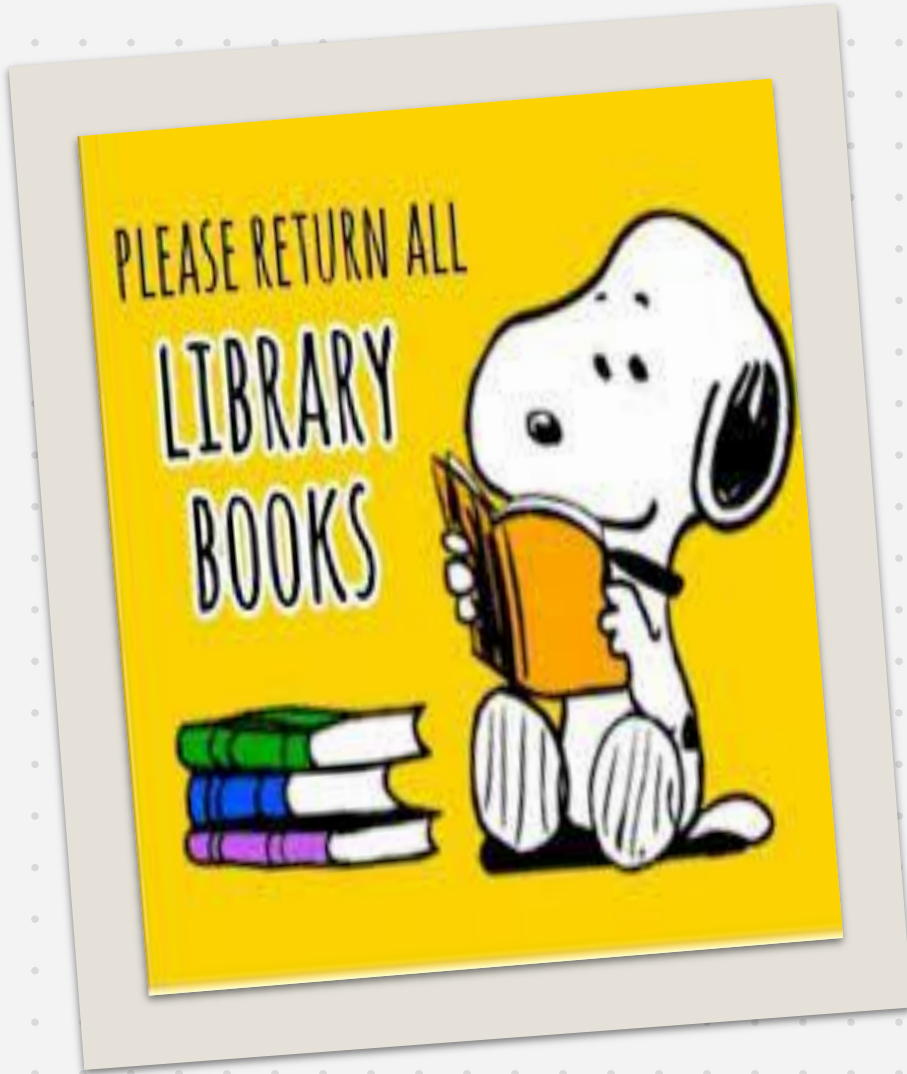


The last day for library book exchange is on Thursday, June 5th.

Please ensure all borrowed books and reusable bags are returned by June 12th.

Just a reminder to check backpacks for overdue notices.

Thank you!



STAFF FAREWELLS



It's with mixed emotions that we announce the following staff members that will not be returning in the fall.

Megan Bernard

Jenna Buehler

Join us in wishing them all the best as they head into this next chapter. We know they'll do great things and keep making a difference wherever they go.



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION



A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to our incredible PAC for all their hard work and dedication this year! From organizing successful fundraisers and running the fruit and veggie program, to managing the lost and found, coordinating the hot lunch program, supporting field studies, and so much more – your efforts have made a tremendous impact. We are deeply grateful for the strong parent support we have at SKE, which plays a vital role in creating meaningful opportunities and enhancing school initiatives for our students.

PAC NEWS

Please join us in giving a warm welcome to our PAC for the upcoming 2025-2026 year!

We're excited to collaborate, grow, and achieve great things together. Here's to a successful year ahead!



Thank you to the SKE PAC for supporting so many field studies and learning experiences this year!

President	Kay Bowering
Vice President	Kevin Bowering
Treasurer	Blair Crosby
Secretary	J. Elward
COPAC Representative	Roen Janyk
Communications Coordinator	VACANT: coordinates cohesive communication needing to be sent out from the PAC
Health & Safety Representative	Jenny Lamberton
Food Program Coordinator	Amanda Stevens
Fundraising Coordinators	Jordana Magin & Jenny Kurnik
Fruit & Veggie Program Coordinator	Kamal Gill
KL0 Representative	VACANT
Members at Large	VACANT: help out with duties as they arise and are of interest throughout the year.



Aww!

Roots of Empathy

We are looking for a family to support the Roots of Empathy program at SKE during the 25/26 school year.

Do you know of a baby who will be close to newborn around the beginning of the school year? Would this baby (and their caregiver) be able to join our Kindergarten students on a monthly basis?

This program is a fantastic opportunity to help foster empathy in children, reduce bullying and promote children's positive mental health and wellbeing!

Please contact nicole.robertson@sd23.bc.ca if this interests you!

High 5 to this
amazing
program!



FAMILY FUN NIGHT – JUNE 6th



We're excited to invite everyone to our upcoming Family Fun Night at SKE – a great evening filled with games, food, and laughter for the whole family!

We need YOUR help to make it a success!

Please consider volunteering your time. Whether it's helping with setup, running a game booth, or cleaning up afterward, every bit of help makes a difference.

[CLICK HERE TO VOLUNTEER](#)



Grade 6 Grads



We are excited to celebrate our Grade 6 students at our recognition ceremony on **Thursday, June 25th at 1:00 PM** in the Gymnasium. Parents and family members are warmly invited to join us for this special event!

Please [RSVP here](#) to let us know you'll be attending.

After the assembly, cupcakes will be served for the Grade 6 students, and coffee/beverages will be available for families. We hope to see you there!



THANK YOU to Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Wilson and Ms. Brazeau for all they have done to create a caring community and making this year truly memorable for our grade 6 students.


















Many thanks also to all the parent volunteers whose support helped make this year's grade 6 experience fantastic.

We hope our graduating students carry wonderful SKE memories with them as they embark on their next journey!



SPIRIT WEEK

JUNE 16-20

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
<p>SKE Spirit Wear, Sports, or Active Wear Day!</p>  <p>Wear your favourite SKE Spirit Wear, sports or active clothing to show how grateful you are for being able to move, play and be healthy!</p> <p>Take a few moments to think about what you are grateful/thankful for and tell someone! 😊</p> 	<p>TACKY TOURIST DAY!</p> <p>Dress up as if you are a tourist in your own town or anywhere in our wonderful world!</p>  <p>Think about things that you have done that you are proud of, share some of these with someone and keep being the best version of remarkable YOU! 😊</p> 	<p>Rainbow or Tie Dye Day!</p>    <p>Remember to try to spread LOVE, PEACE and KINDNESS today and always to as many people as possible! 😊</p> 	<p>CRAZY FOR KINDNESS DAY!</p>  <p>Show how crazy you are about being KIND by wearing crazy hat, hair and/or socks today.</p> <p>Give some genuine compliments to as many people as you can today and make it an everyday habit! 😊</p> 	<p>Freaky Friday Spirit Day!</p>  <p>Teachers dress like students and students dress like teachers!</p>  <p>By practicing kindness, we realize we are all on the same team! So spread random acts of kindness around like confetti today and of course always! 😊</p>

Spirit Week - Coming Up Soon!



SKE IN MAY



Developing our math brain, learning about invasive species, making rhythmic music at SKE!



Grade 6 sailing, spike ball courtesy of the PAC, more rhythms, and lots of lost & found (please come and take a look!)



Community News, Events & Opportunities

BASKETBALL FUNDAMENTALS TRAINING

BOYS & GIRLS SPRING PROGRAM

- Sessions for Grades 5-6 & Grade 7-8
- Mon & Tues in June from 7:00-8:30PM
- At the Okanagan Christian School Gym

Only \$99!



REGISTRATION &
MORE INFORMATION



BARN OWLS VOLLEYBALL Spring and Summer CAMPS

Barnowlsvolleyball.com



Boys & Girls Ages 13U

INDOORS

Train & Play
Central Sports Dome, Kelowna
July 7-10, 2025
8:00-11:00am
\$350 per athlete

Boys & Girls Ages 14U-17U

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Train & Play
Central Sports Dome, Kelowna
July 14-17, 2025
8:00-11:00am
\$350 per athlete

Boys & Girls Ages 14U-17U

INDOORS

Train & Play
Central Sports Dome, Kelowna
August 11-14, 2025
8:00-11:00am
\$350 per athlete

Boys & Girls Ages 13U

INDOORS

Train & Play
Central Sports Dome, Kelowna
August 18-21, 2025
8:00-11:00am
\$350 per athlete

Register @ barnowlsvolleyball.com

VOLLEYBALL FUNDAMENTALS TRAINING

BOYS & GIRLS SPRING PROGRAM

- Sessions for Grades 4-5, 6-7 & 8-9
- Mon & Tues in June
- Learn the basic skills you need to succeed

From \$75!



REGISTRATION &
MORE INFORMATION



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2025 KOMASKET POWWOW JUNE 6-8, 2025

TRADITIONAL POWWOW • KOMASKET ARBOUR - WESTSIDE RD. VERNON, BC
ADMISSION IS FREE

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18-20
2025

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POWWOW

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BETWEEN THE LAKES



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or visit the Valley First Box Office at the SRC

CONTACTS

GENERAL: FOURSEASONSPOWOW@GMAIL.COM
VENDORS: POWOWVENDORS@GMAIL.COM
VOLUNTEERS: POWOWVOLUNTEERS@GMAIL.COM



Grow your family this fall!

Join the growing community of Central Okanagan families hosting international students!

- Full-year or single semester
- Students arrive Sept. 2025
- Secondary students only
- \$1,100/month per student

Apply today!



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GRAND ENTRY TIMES: FRIDAY 7pm SATURDAY 1pm SATURDAY 7pm SUNDAY 1pm

POWWOW INFORMATION

HOST DRUM

KRAZY CREEK - BIG HORN, AB

MC

QUANAH MATHESON - COEUR D'ALENE, ID

WHIP MAN / ARENA DIRECTOR

TYLER JENSEN - KAMLOOPS, BC

TOMMY WHITEPLUME - LAPWAI, ID

STAGE & SOUND

HOKA SOUND JR. - ATWOOD, OK

DANCER / DRUM HONORARIA

DAILY PAYOUTS FOR DANCERS / DRUM GROUPS

SPECIALS

WILBUR MARCHAND MEMORIAL SPECIAL & TINY TOT SPECIAL

Hosted by Bernie & Sue Oliverius

SIYA & WACEY MCRAE INITIATION HAT & BOOT SPECIAL

Hosted by the Marchand & McRae Families

GRASS DANCE SPECIAL - Hosted by Walker Manygreyhorses

JACOB CAMPBELL TINY TOT SPECIAL - Hosted by the Robins Family

"HONOURING OUR STUDENTS" HONOUR SONG

Hosted by School District No. 22

SWITCH DANCE & HAND DRUM SPECIALS - Hosted by the

Komasket Powwow Committee

MORE SPECIALS TO BE ANNOUNCED

POWWOW SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Honour the Past - Empower the Present - Shape the Future

Support the Powwow Community Today!

FOR REGISTRATION OR SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION,

Please Contact Grant Louis:

komasketpowwow@gmail.com

250.306.7179

ARTISAN & FOOD VENDOR INFORMATION

FOOD VENDORS

\$300 PER WEEKEND + 10 MEAL VOUCHERS

DISCOUNTED RATE FOR OKIB MEMBERS

INFORMATION BOOTH

\$400 PER WEEKEND

ARTS/CRAFTS/APPAREL VENDORS

VENDOR RATE - \$200 + ITEM DONATION

DISCOUNTED RATE FOR OKIB MEMBERS

CAMPING

WEEKEND RATE - \$20



SPIRIT POWWOW

Time & Location:

Jun 28, 2025, 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Kelowna, 1600 Abbott St, Kelowna

About the Event:

We are honoured to invite you to the 2nd Annual Two Spirit Powwow, a full-day celebration of Indigenous identity, culture, and community—led by and for Two Spirit people across the Syilx territory and beyond.

Date: Saturday, June 28, 2025

Time: 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Location: ki?lawná? (Kelowna) City Park

Grand Entry: 12:00 PM Grand Exit: 6:00 pm

The Powwow Committee is Not Responsible for Injuries, Accidents, Theft, Vandalism and Reserves the Right To Change This Poster
NO Drugs or Alcohol Permitted - Security Will Be on-Site

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RECREATION PROGRAMS & FULL DAY LICENSED CHILD CARE

- ✓ Field trips, sports, and water games
- ✓ Arts, crafts, and outdoor fun
- ✓ Safe, supervised, and screen-free

Register now — spots fill fast!
Sign up at bgco.ca



AGES
8-15!

BOYS &
GIRLS

SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

WHY GENESIS CAMPS?

- VOLLEYBALL, BASKETBALL & MIXED SPORTS
- FUN, INCLUSIVE, CARING ATMOSPHERE
- LEARN NEW SKILLS FROM EXPERIENCED LEADERS
- CENTRAL KELOWNA LOCATION



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KELOWNA MINOR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

TACKLE FOOTBALL

JOIN THE KELOWNA FOOTBALL FAMILY
AGES 7-13 | TACKLE FOOTBALL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

WITH 40 YEARS OF FOOTBALL EXCELLENCE, WE'RE PROUD TO OFFER A SAFE, FUN, AND COMPETITIVE TACKLE FOOTBALL EXPERIENCE FOR BOYS AND GIRLS ACROSS KELOWNA.

SAFETY FIRST

WE USE GUARDIAN CAPS—JUST LIKE THE NFL—TO PROTECT OUR ATHLETES AND ENSURE SAFER PRACTICES.

BUILT FOR KELOWNA YOUTH

OUR LEAGUE IS BY THE COMMUNITY, FOR THE COMMUNITY—FOSTERING TEAMWORK, DISCIPLINE, AND FRIENDSHIPS THAT LAST A LIFETIME.

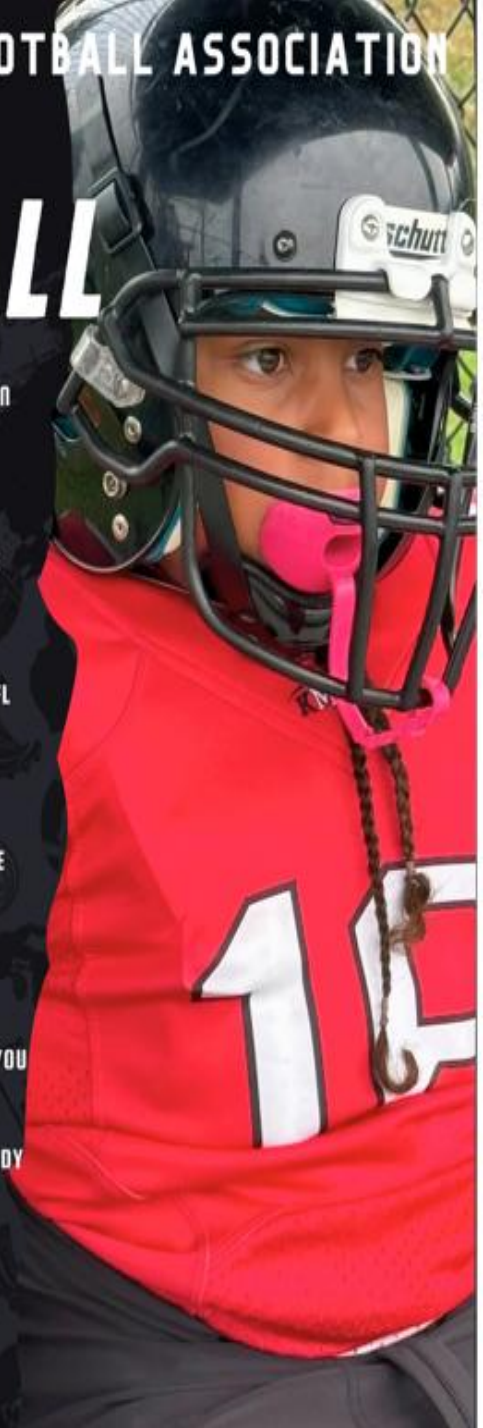
BE PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER

FOOTBALL IN KELOWNA IS BOOMING—AND YOU CAN BE PART OF THE NEXT GENERATION OF STARS.

WHETHER YOU'RE NEW TO THE GAME OR READY TO LEVEL UP, FOOTBALL IS FOR EVERYONE.

SPOTS ARE LIMITED—REGISTER TODAY AND JOIN THE MOVEMENT!

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN VISIT KMFA.CA FOR TACKLE 2025



Thank you!

We hope you enjoyed this month's
edition of The Eagle Gazette.

