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South Kelowna Elementary

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Principal's Message



Here at SKE, we recognize that our outdoor surroundings are extraordinary. Our students genuinely enjoy time on the land, through play and through service. Recently, Forrest and Emmett popped by the office to ask if they could pick up litter during lunch time. This was entirely voluntary! This kind of service is part of what makes our student community so special - our kids are willing to step up for the benefit of others, making a positive difference along the way.

As we move deeper into our first term of learning, we are excited to see what other positive differences will be made!

In the spirit of learning,

Ms. Lemon

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Sharing Kindness Everyday!

Upcoming Dates

Oct 1 Parent Teacher Conferences
12:30 Early Dismissal

Oct 2 Parent Teacher Conferences
12:30 Early Dismissal

Oct 8 Spirit Day "Dress Like a Farmer"
Oct 9 Implementation Day
NO SCHOOL
Oct 12 Thanksgiving - **NO SCHOOL**
Oct 20 Photo Retakes
Oct 22 Hot Choc & PJ day
Oct 23 PRO-D Day - **NO SCHOOL**
Oct 27 Zac Gauthier Cultural Performance
Oct 30 Halloween Dance 5pm-8 pm
Oct 30 Halloween Parade

Attendance Reminders



Lates:

Students must check in with **Ms. Angus in the office** to change an absence to a late, or an automated call will go out for an unexcused absence.



Leaving Early:

Students must sign out at the office with **prior parental permission.** They cannot leave early without it.



School Messenger App:

Please use the School Messenger app to report absences, late arrivals, or early pickups. It's the **official method** for all SD23 schools (K–12).



Note:

Emails to teachers **do not** notify the office—parents must still use School Messenger.

Early Pickup?

Parents & caregivers must **check in at the office**. Please **do not go directly to the classroom**—a staff member will bring your child to you.

Thank you for your cooperation with this important safety matter.



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PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Meetings will be held on
Thursday, October 1st & Friday, October 2nd

⏰ **Early Dismissal: 12:30 PM**
🚌 **Buses will run as usual.**

Your child's teacher will have sent an email with information about booking your conference time. Please contact your child's teacher directly with any questions.

Conferences are a great opportunity to:

- Connect with your child's teacher
- Discuss academic and social-emotional progress
- Share important information about your child
- Work together to support your child's success

We look forward to connecting with you and working together to support your child.

Taking a Dog Walk?

For the safety and comfort of all students, **dogs are not permitted on school property**. You're welcome to walk your leashed dog on the public sidewalks surrounding the school.

If your dog needs some off-leash time, please feel free to use the **city fields**, as permitted by posted signs.

Thank you for helping us keep our school community safe and respectful for everyone!



Would You Like to Volunteer?

If you're planning to volunteer, please ensure you've completed a **Criminal Record Check (CRC)** at the school office — **free of charge.** CRC forms must be renewed **every 4 years**.

Not sure if yours is up to date?
Please contact **Ms. Angus** in the office for confirmation.

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IMPORTANT REMINDERS

School Fees Due

A reminder that **school fees for the 2026/2027 school year were due on September 30th** and can be paid online through **School Cash Online.** CLICK HERE TO PAY

If you are experiencing financial hardship and need assistance with fees, please contact **Ms. Lemon** confidentially for support.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Keeping Our School Allergy-Aware

We have several students at SKE with severe allergies to peanuts and tree nuts. To help keep our school community safe, we kindly ask families to please avoid sending foods containing peanuts, tree nuts, or nut products to school.

Tree nuts include: almonds, cashews, pecans, pistachios, and walnuts. Peanuts are also a common and serious allergen.

By working together, we can help create a safe and inclusive environment for all students.

For more detailed information on peanut and tree nut allergies, including common sources of these allergens, please visit:
http://foodallergycanada.ca

Thank you for helping us keep all children at SKE safe.

Pick-Up/Drop-Off Zones

- Park on the street or behind the school field.
- No bus lane 8:00-8:30 am and 2:00 - 2:45 pm.
- **No use of the staff parking lot at any time.**
- Please turn off your vehicle while waiting for pick-up. *School zones, parking lots, and nearby streets are idle-free.*



Thank you for your consideration!

PAC Updates



Thanks to all families who were able to attend our Welcome-Back BBQ. We had a great turnout and beautiful weather!

Our next big event is our Halloween Dance on October 30th. We wish to remind all parents & caregivers that this is a parent-supervised event. Please bring and remain with your children for the evening. This includes if they need to head outside to cool down after all that dancing!

Thank you for your support as we work to create wonderful memories!

Want to connect with your SKE PAC?

Email:

ske.pacpresident@sd23.bc.ca

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SKE HALLOWEEN GUIDELINES

On Friday, October 30th, students will participate in our annual Halloween Costume Parade at 2:00 p.m. This will occur on the back field, weather permitting. Families are welcome to attend. Please gather on the back field.

Dressing in a costume is optional. Your child may prefer to wear orange and black clothing, or their regular clothes. 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 that:

- your child will be able to wear their jacket over their costume for outside playtime.
- the costume is age- and school-appropriate (not gory or scary).
- hand-held accessories have been left at home (no weapons, brooms, wands, etc.)
- If the costume includes a mask, students may bring it to show the class but no face coverings are to be worn at school during the day.

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.









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Library News

Misplaced Your Library Bag?



If your child's library bag has been lost, replacement bags can be purchased in the library for $10.00 each.



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ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Recognizing the National Day for Truth & Reconciliation at South Kelowna Elementary School.





Through classroom learning opportunities, and a schoolwide gathering, SKE students honoured the memories and stories of Indigenous children and families impacted by residential schools.



National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

Special thanks to **Fiona, Hazel and Jacob** for leading our school-gathering in a good way.

It takes courage to stand up in front of the whole school, and shows an honourable commitment to our school values.

TERRY FOX RUN

On Sept 21, we ran for Terry Fox & cancer research. Our goal was $1700, and through the contributions of our school community, collected $1703.95!

This means we will celebrate with a schoolwide hot chocolate & pajama day later in October. Watch for more info to come! We will need volunteers to help on this fun morning.









We always start with special words and speeches from people who are committed to this work. Thank you to Mrs. Shannon and Ms. Robertson for leading this. Mrs. Rooks' students then led us through a terrific warm-up so we were ready to run. And then...we were off! Students ran 1, 2, 3 or more laps and showed great persistence.









We did it! Hot Chocolate & PJ Day

We met our goal of earning $1700, and so students will be rewarded with hot chocolate and a pajama day on October 22nd.

We will need volunteer help, so please watch for a separate communication where you can sign up. We'll need 1-1 ½ hours of your time. Thank you!









SKE IN SEPTEMBER









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Community News, Events, & Opportunities









FREE

Youth Nights

City of Kelowna

OUR NEXT YOUTH NIGHT

Oct 3rd

6 - 9 PM | GR 6 - 9

Come to Parkinson Rec Center for a free, fun-filled night.
Pizza and candy included!

More info at
kelowna.ca/calendar

FREE & GAMES



YOU'RE INVITED TO A

Parent Information Night

Online and In-Person
Child Safety



DATE
November 4, 2026

TIME
Doors open: 5:30pm
Presentation: 6:00-7:00pm

Question period to follow

LOCATION
School Board Office
(1040 Hollywood Rd. S)

LC Meeting Room 355

SCAN OR CLICK TO SIGN UP

TOPICS COVERED

- Why talking about bodies and personal safety matters
- Prevention of online exploitation
- Child abuse prevention strategies
- How to talk to your child about their body and personal safety
- Strategies and tools for parents and caregivers

PRESENTERS

Cpl. Renee Brand
Kelowna RCMP's Child Abuse Unit

Sgt. Celina Gammie
Kelowna RCMP's Vulnerable Persons Unit

Natalie Howe, RN
Interior Health Population Health Program Specialist

Central Okanagan Public Schools
Together We Learn

Interior Health

LIGHT SNACKS & REFRESHMENTS
provided

Recreation Programs

AGES 7-13

Peachland
Kelowna
Rutland
Lake Country
West Kelowna
Vernon

Fun, friendship, and new experiences start here. BGC Okanagan recreation programs provide a safe, welcoming place to spend time after school, on weekends, and in the evenings.

Kids build friendships, learn new skills, and explore a wide variety of activities from arts and crafts, out-trips, culinary skills, STEAM activites, to sports games and more!



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Kelowna Friends of the Library



36th GREAT OKANAGAN BOOK SALE

at Immaculate Conception Parish Hall: 839 Sutherland Avenue, Kelowna

1000's OF BOOKS FOR SALE FOR ALL AGES!

PUZZLES AND GAMES TOO!

UNBEATABLE BARGAINS!

BOOKS ADDED TO TABLES ALL DAY!

Wednesday	October 14	2 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Thursday	October 15	9:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday	October 16	9:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Saturday	October 17	9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

This sale supports all branches of the Okanagan Regional Library, and provides the funds for Summer Reading Clubs, guest speakers, events, and library enhancements.

NOTE: ONE-WAY CHURCH PARKING

Enter via West Alley (by Church). Exit via East Alley (by Hall)

Kelowna Friends of the Library are grateful for the support of:
Dr. Moshe Oz at Rose Valley Veterinary and **Two Small Men with Big Hearts Moving!**

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CARE CLIMATE ACTION RIPPLE EFFECT

MENTORS NEEDED!

Mentorship changes lives for youth and mentors. Join our program!



AS A MENTOR YOU WILL...

- Share your passion for climate action while supporting student learning and innovation
- Create a local solution with a team of students grades 6-12
- Meet with your CARE team in person or via Zoom
- Commit 10-15 hours from March to mid-May, 2027



FOR MORE INFO



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We hope you enjoyed this month's Eagle Gazette.

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