



The Eagle Gazette

December 2024

South Kelowna Elementary
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Sharing Kindness Everyday

Principal's Message



Dear Students & Families, ,

This week Mrs. Bernard's class had a visit from Lola and George. It's true that we can all learn a lot from rabbits!

- 1. Adaptability:** Rabbits can live in many different places and always find ways to stay safe. Just like rabbits, you can learn to be flexible and adapt when things change, whether it's in school or at home.
- 2. Being Kind and Gentle:** Rabbits are gentle animals that don't hurt others. You can learn to be kind and treat everyone with respect, just like a rabbit shows care for its friends.
- 3. Perseverance:** Even when faced with challenges, rabbits keep going. If you keep trying, even when things are tough, you can achieve your goals too!

Ms. Lemon

For Your Calendar

December 4	PAC Santa Photos
December 11 pm	Winter Concert @ 1 pm
December 11	PAC Meeting @ 7 pm
December 12 pm	Winter Concert @ 1 pm
December 13	Entrepreneurship Fair
December 16-20	Spirit Week
December 16 Visit	Kelowna Rockets
December 18 Home	Learning Updates Go Home
December 23-January 3	Winter Break

Absences Around the Holidays

Please continue to enter absences into School Messenger. You may enter an absence at any time - for 1 day or multiple days, as well as an Early Departure or Late Arrival.

If you are planning a trip around the winter break, please enter the absences so you will not receive notifications (emails and/or phone calls) while you are away.

Reporting also provides teachers and office with accurate numbers for field trips. **Thank you!**



**ATTENDANCE
MATTERS!**

Please help us ensure all students are safe and accounted for!

1. Use SchoolMessenger to notify us that your child will be late, absent, or picked up early.
2. Emailing the teacher does NOT notify the office. If you are not comfortable with the SchoolMessenger app, you must also email ske@sd23.bc.ca regarding absences.
3. When you pick up a child early, come to the office. We will get them from class. Do not pick up directly from the classroom, or send siblings to get them. Ensure you have also spoken to office staff before leaving the building so they document the early pick-up.

Thank you!

Text 978338 to
opt in to text
messages from
SKE.

Download the
SchoolMessenger
App [HERE](#).



SCHOOLMESSENGER®

Written Learning Updates

Our first Written Learning Updates of the year will be coming home on December 18th.

Please return your child's report envelope to your teacher so they can be re-used throughout the year.

THANK YOU!

Warm Clothes Reminder



As we venture deeper into the cold season, please remember to send your child with weather-appropriate clothing for playing outside, including extra hats and mitts in case they get wet.

Please label all of your child's belongings. Thank you.

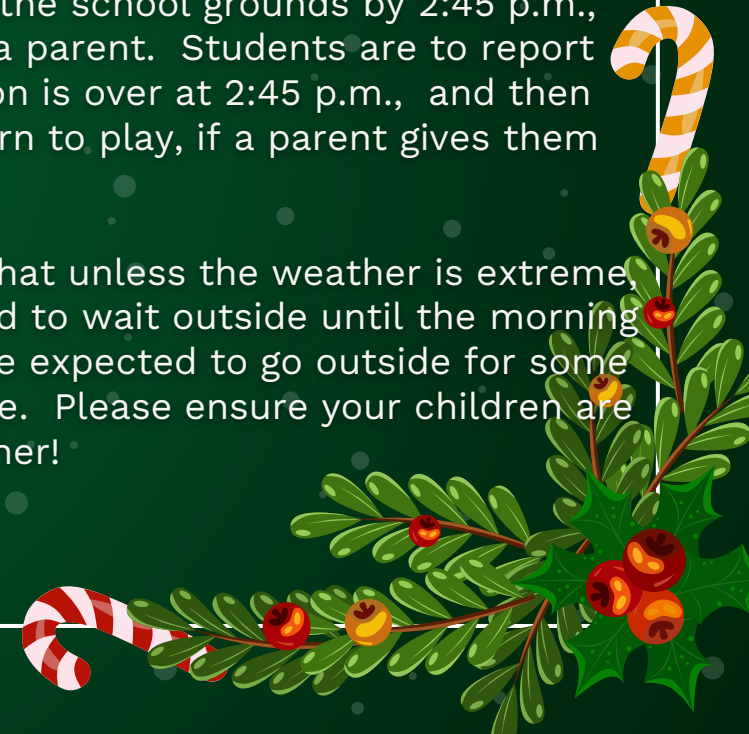
Supervision

**Supervision is provided AFTER 8:10 a.m.
and ENDS at 2:45 p.m.**



Students must leave the school grounds by 2:45 p.m., unless they are with a parent. Students are to report home after supervision is over at 2:45 p.m., and then the student may return to play, if a parent gives them permission.

Please be reminded that unless the weather is extreme, students are expected to wait outside until the morning bell rings and they are expected to go outside for some fresh air at break time. Please ensure your children are dressed for the weather!



A group of students are gathered in a library, working at wooden tables. Some students are using laptops, while others are looking at books. The library has tall bookshelves filled with books and large windows in the background. There are festive wreaths hanging on the windows. The scene is brightly lit, and the students appear to be engaged in their work.

Each teacher has joined a collaborative learning group to explore an area of numeracy instruction that they would like to develop in their teaching practice. Throughout this year, teachers will engage in learning opportunities together, and then embed their learning in their classroom instruction and lessons.

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for link!

In 5-7 minutes you will learn how a key math concept like multiplication is introduced and built upon in a very intentional way.

Winter Concert

South Kelowna Elementary presents
**Winter Warmth:
A Concert of Togetherness**



December 11th & 12th, 2024

Our winter concert is coming up on December 11th and December 12th.

Ticket information was emailed on November 18th. Please contact the office if you need more information.

We look forward to seeing you all there to celebrate the holiday season!

Grade 6 Entrepreneurship Fair:

On December 9th, all students will get to “preview” the various products our Grade 6s will be selling later in the week. They can make a plan for what they are interested in purchasing. Then, on Friday, December 13th, we will hold our fair and students can purchase these items. On that day, you can send your child with cash, if you choose and they will come home with treasures. This is fully optional. There is no requirement to purchase.



Harmony Day

On November 22nd, SKE enjoyed celebrating cultures with a Harmony Day potluck. Thank you to all of our parent volunteers who helped and brought delicious food for the whole school to share in honoring diversity. We learned a lot during this event, including the variety of SKE cultural backgrounds, and that elementary students will try all kinds of foods!





Grade 6 Volleyball

Congratulations to our grade 6 volleyball teams for their amazing performance at the District Jamboree. Both teams showed excellent play, great teamwork and awesome Eagle Spirit!

Thank you to our fabulous coaches, Mr. Larkin and Ms. Tamelin for supporting our teams.



Library News - Battle of the Books



The **Battle of the Books** reading program has begun and several students have signed up to be part of this optional program.

The goals of this reading program are to encourage the love of reading and to expose students to a variety of authors and genres. Four students from each class will represent South Kelowna elementary school in the zonal battle.

It is expected that upon our return from winter break in January, students will have read at least two of the eight books from their grade level list.

In early April, we will have a school-based Battle of the Books to determine who will represent South Kelowna at the zonal competition.

Happy Reading!

Grade 4 Book List

Coyote Tales
Dragon Masters: Rise of the Earth Dragon
The Familiars
Heartwood Hotel: A True Home
The Investigators
I Survived the Galveston Hurricane, 1900
The Unicorn in the Barn
The World According to Humphrey

Grade 5 Book List

A Bend in the Breeze
Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library
Gangsta Granny
Inkling
Masterminds
Nish
Swim Team
Way to Make Sunshine

Grade 6 Book List

Between Heaven and Earth
Freestyle
Hurt Go Happy
The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl
Two Degrees
The Unwanteds
Weird Rules to Follow
Wonder



Indoor Lunch Activities - Can you support?

Would you like to support some indoor lunch time activities in January and February? Join in to help out with this fun student opportunity!

We will need a small group of parents to support floor hockey and indoor games between 11:10 and 11:45 once a week or so. If you would like to take part, email jasmine.lemon@sd23.bc.ca to find out more!



Bottle Drive Letter for Intermediates

Dear Parents/Guardians,

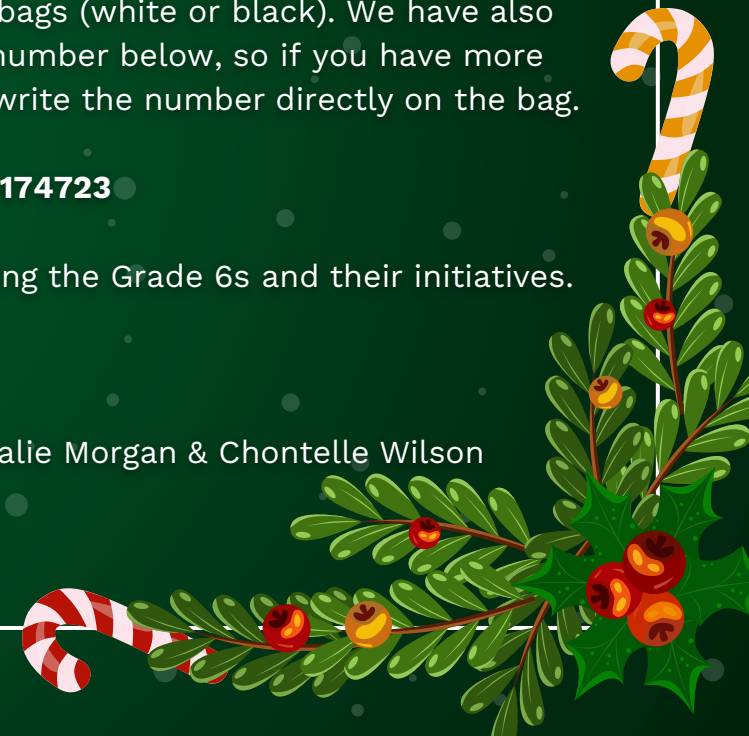
The Grade 6s are holding a bottle drive this year to raise money for their grad hoodies and other various Grade 6 initiatives. If you can collect cans, please place the sticker on the bag and drop it off at the depot at your convenience. Your child was given a sticker that can be attached to the bag. The sticker will ensure that the funds from the bottles will be deposited directly into our account! Please remember no garbage bags (white or black). We have also provided the account number below, so if you have more than one bag you can write the number directly on the bag.

Account number: **2503174723**

Thank you for supporting the Grade 6s and their initiatives.

Sincerely,

The SKE Grade 6s, Natalie Morgan & Chontelle Wilson



PAC

Thank you to all of our amazing parent volunteers
for helping to make our Spirit Wear,
Winter Greenery and Purdy's chocolate
fundraisers a huge success!
We look forward to more exciting
things to come!

THANK
YOU



Important Dates in December at SKE

DATE	EVENT	NOTES
Dec 2	Winter Greenery Fundraiser	Pickup orders in front lobby of SKE 2:30 - 5:30pm
Dec 4 & 5	Purdy's Fundraiser	Pickup orders in the SKE Gym 2:30-3:30pm
Dec 4	Santa Photos and Holiday party	SKE Library 4 - 7pm Signup for Santa photos: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoB45AEAE28A6F8Co7-53457805-santa
Week of Dec 9	Spirit Wear	Pickup orders in front lobby of SKE (exact date will be provided soon)
Dec 11	PAC December Meeting	SKE Library 7pm



SKE - HAPPY HOLIDAYS SPIRIT WEEK - Monday December 16to Friday December 20

Monday December	Tuesday December	Wednesday December	Thursday December	Friday December
Wear Flannel/Plaid Day 	Wear a Favourite Santa Approved Holiday Hat Day 	Wear Green and Grinch Out Day 	Favourite Holiday Sweater/Sweatshirt/Shirt Day 	Pj's and Stuffedie Day 
Flannel or Plaid Day 	Holiday Hat Day  Holiday Hat Day	Green Grinch Day 	Holiday Sweater, Sweatshirt or Festive T-Shirt Day  Holiday Shirt/Sweater Day	Pajama and Stuffedie Day 
Wear your flannel or plaid lumberjacket-esque shirt to keep you warm and cozy!	Keep your spirits up and wear your favourite holiday hat!	Let's make the Grinch happy by wearing green head to toe!	Spread joy and wear your most fantastic and favourite holiday sweater, sweatshirt or shirt of any kind!	Be comfy all day in your favourite cozy pajamas and bring a small stuffie to school too!
*Act of Kindness – Give the gift of kindness by getting along with others and thinking of others!	*Act of Kindness – Remember to say please and thank you all day and always!	*Act of Kindness – smile sincerely at as many people as possible today and always!	*Act of Kindness – Ask someone to play with you or to be included in activities with you and others!	*Act of Kindness – Choose your own act(s) of kindness to do today and carry it forward!
#Quote for the Day: "How do we change the world? One random act of kindness at a time." Morgan Freeman	#Quote for the Day: "Good manners and kindness are always in fashion."	#Quote for the Day: "To kindness and love, the things we need most." The Grinch	#Quote for the Day: "Be the one to make others feel included." Unknown	#Quote for the Day: "Kindness is a gift everyone can afford to give." Unknown

Spirit Week Dec 16-22

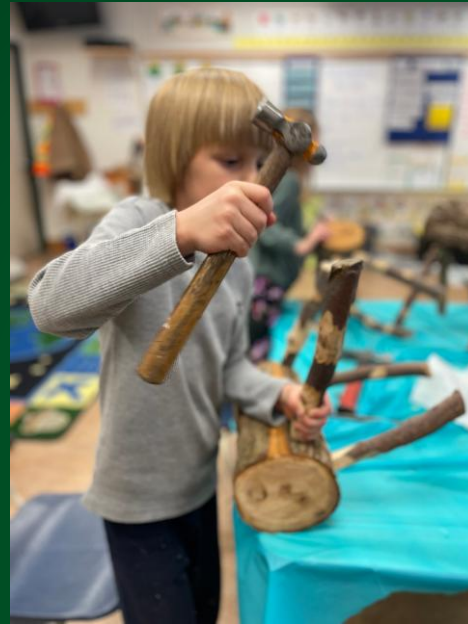


SK&E in November



Creating Reindeer!

Special thanks to SKE parent, Mr. Souza, for coordinating an amazing learning opportunity for 3 of our primary classes. With the support of teachers, and many parent volunteers, students created a beautiful wooden reindeer that will definitely add winter cheer to the season!



“My favourite part was hammering stuff in because I love building!”

-Malone



“The slower you go, the better it gets. I went slow and mine turned out really well!”

-Odin



Outdoor Expectations

Unless the weather is extreme, students are expected to wait outside until the morning bell rings and they are expected to go outside for some fresh air at break time. Please ensure your children are dressed for the weather! The snow will arrive soon.

We have been discussing the following winter playground expectations with our students. Please review

- Throwing or kicking snow is not acceptable as it may cause injury to another student.
- Sliding is allowed on the South back field only during the school day.
- Students should be wearing snow pants to slide. Wood or metal sliders are not allowed. Soft, plastic or vinyl sliders only!
- Students should wait until the sliders in front of them are out of the way before sliding.
- Students should walk up the hill away from the sliding area.
- Only those students with sliders should be in the sliding area.
- Only one person per slider is allowed. No pairs or groups together.
- Students must slide on their knees or bottom and face forward.
- No standing or sliding on stomach.



Supervision is provided after 8:10 am in the morning and until 2:45 pm in the afternoon.

Students should not be on the playground outside those times without a parent.

Safety Reminders: Drop Off & Parking



Please take a few extra minutes in the morning and note the following safety rules, so we ensure safer access for students.

BUS LOOP: If dropping off in the bus loop, please be sure your child(ren) exit the right-hand side of the vehicle directly onto the sidewalk. This avoids children going around vehicles and being in the line of passing cars. **Do not use the bus loop between 8:00 am and 8:20 am.**

SPIERS ROAD: If dropping off on the school side (West), please be sure your child(ren) exit the right-hand side of the vehicle directly onto the sidewalk. If dropping off on the far side of the road (East), please park your car and escort your child(ren) across the road.

PARKING LOT: The staff parking lot is for **STAFF ONLY**. Please do not park in the staff parking lot during the day or after school. We have staff that must be able to access the parking lot at that time.

A FEW THINGS THAT CONTINUE TO BE A CONCERN:

- Parking Lot Use: We have observed parents stopping in the middle of the parking lot instead of using the bus loop or surrounding parking areas, as well as cars passing each other in the parking lot.
- Parents/Caregivers ignoring the “no parking” signs along the road, restricting vision for cars exiting from the school.
- Cars blocking the handicapped parking and sidewalk access.
- Parents using the restricted bus turn-around as a parking area, passing, blocking and congesting the exit.
- Parent blocking and parking in neighboring driveways.

Thank you for taking care, and being part of ensuring that we keep South Kelowna students, staff and families safe!

Community News, Events & Opportunities



FREE

LEARN TO PLAY LACROSSE

Join us for our FREE Learn to Play Lacrosse Sessions!
Build skills, make new friends, and most importantly, HAVE FUN.

11 DECEMBER 2024

6:15 PM - 7:30 PM

15 JANUARY 2025

6:15 PM - 7:30 PM

12 FEBRUARY 2025

6:15 PM - 7:30 PM



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BRING A HELMET, GLOVES, SPORT JOCK & STICK. LIMITED EQUIPMENT (HELMET, GLOVES & STICK) AVAILABLE TO USE ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS.
OPEN TO PLAYERS BORN 2020 - 2009

MNP Place: Field 1
4105 Gordon Drive
Kelowna



Christmas at the farm



WHEN: DECEMBER 14, 2024

11 AM-3 PM

**WHERE: LUCKHURST FARM &
DISTILLERY**

PARKING: PARKING IS LIMITED AT THE FARM, BUT **SIP & ANCHOR TOURS** WILL BE PICKING UP AND DROPPING OFF AT **SOUTH KELOWNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!**

CONTACT LAURA LUCKHURST FOR MORE INFO:
250-535-3021

THE KELOWNA FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL BE COOKING UP SMOKIES. ALL PROFITS FROM LUNCH AND COOKIE SALES GO TO THE KGH PEDIATRICS WARD.



*** FREE ADMISSION ***



Thank you for Reading!

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

