



# The Eagle Gazette

## 2024 Year End Edition

South Kelowna Elementary School  
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# Happy Summer!

In the photo on the left, each tiny face represents a beautiful heart, an inspiring learning story, and carries the smile of a valued member of our SKE community.

On behalf of the SKE team, I would like to wish each family a wonderful summer. Thank you for sharing your children with us. It is a privilege to walk with them as they learn and grow. Thank you as well for your partnership as parents and caregivers!

See you in September,  
Jasmine Lemon, SKE Principal

# Sharing Kindness Everyday

## Important September Dates

Sept 3 School Opens for  
Grade 16  
(Early Dismissal @ 11 am)

Sept 4 Kindergarten First  
Day of  
School (Gradual Entry)

Sept 13 Welcome Back PAC BBQ

Sept 16 Picture Day

Sept 30 National Day of Truth &  
Reconciliation **NO SCHOOL**

## Quote of the Day

“Let’s wander where  
the sun is strong and  
the WIFI is weak.”

## Would you rather...?



## School Supplies?

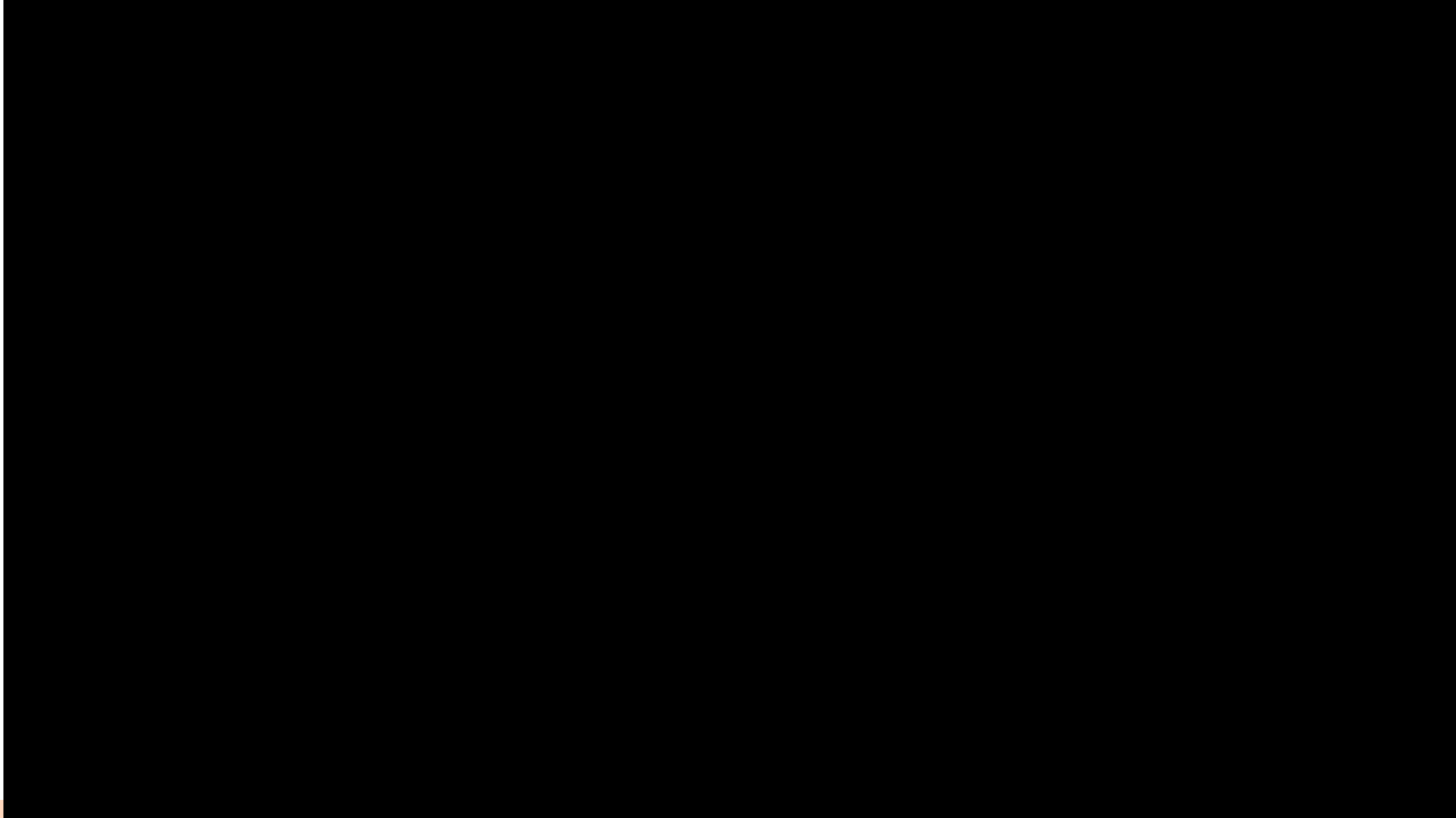
This is a reminder that there will be no need to purchase classroom school supplies for students this fall (such as pencils, crayons, paper, notebooks). All of those items are supplied at SKE.

You will want to ensure students have a sturdy backpack, a lunch kit and a water bottle.

Please label all items with your child’s name so that if they are lost, it is easy to identify the owner.

Thank you!

What a year at SKE! *(click to view)*







September





October





November.





December.





January





February





March





April





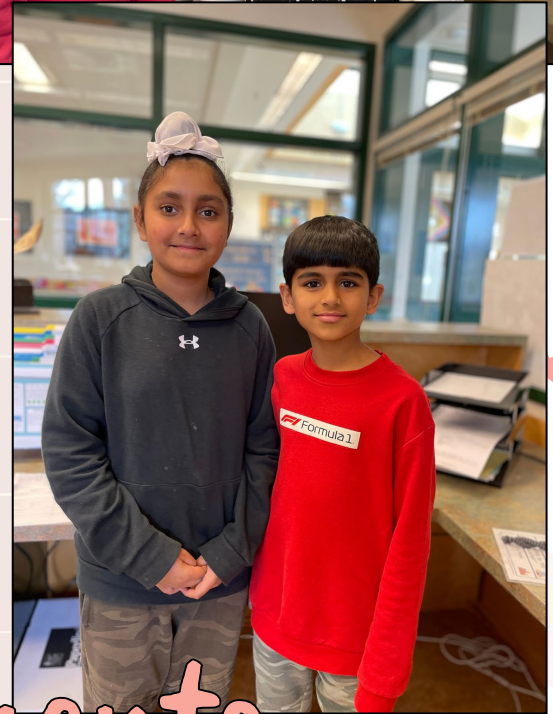
May





June





Announcements.



## Gratitude & Appreciation

Bike to School Week Mrs. Jennejohn & Mrs. Kirschner  
Chess Club Mrs. Wilson  
Cribbage Club Mrs. Estey  
Grade 5 & 6 Basketball Mr. McLaughlin & Mr. Larkin  
Grade 5 & 6 Volleyball Mr. McLaughlin & Mr. Larkin  
Track & Field Mrs. Wilson  
Eagle Guides Mrs. Ziegler & Ms. Lemon  
Leadership Mrs. Estey, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Wilson  
School Running Program Mrs. Wilson & Mr. McLaughlin  
First Aid Mrs. Porritt & Mrs. Shanks  
Battle of the Books Mrs. Obedkoff  
Winter and Spring Concessions Mrs. Jordan and Mrs. Bitcon  
Play Day Miss Robertson, Mrs. Estey, Mrs. Romano, Mrs. ...

## Thank you!!

We recognize the  
contributions of staff  
members who  
supported various  
school community  
groups and events.

## To our PAC: Gratitude & Appreciation

<b>President:</b>	Carling Lorentz
<b>Vice President:</b>	Heidi Van Aerden
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Michelle Scheibel
<b>Secretary:</b>	Ashley Bush
<b>Communications:</b>	Kristi Caldwell
<b>Food Program Coordinators:</b>	Dayna Hayter, Robyn Straume, Amanda Stevens
<b>Green Queen:</b>	Ruth King
<b>KLO Middle School Rep:</b>	Michelle Crossley
<b>Members at Large:</b>	Michelle Crossley, Leah Garras, Crystal Alseth, Ali Taylor, Jordana Magin, Jennifer Dersch

### Thank you!!

Welcome Back BBQ  
Halloween Dance  
Family Bingo Night  
Family Fun Night  
Field Study Funding  
New sound system &  
projector  
Hot Lunch  
and so much more!

To my SKE  
family,

My heart is filled with gratitude and love for the wonderful years I have spent at SKE. Thank you for the joy you've given, the kindness you've shared and the wonderful journey we've had learning, creating, and celebrating music, drama and dance.

Have a wonderful, safe and happy summer!

Don't forget to keep soaring and fly proud like an Eagle!

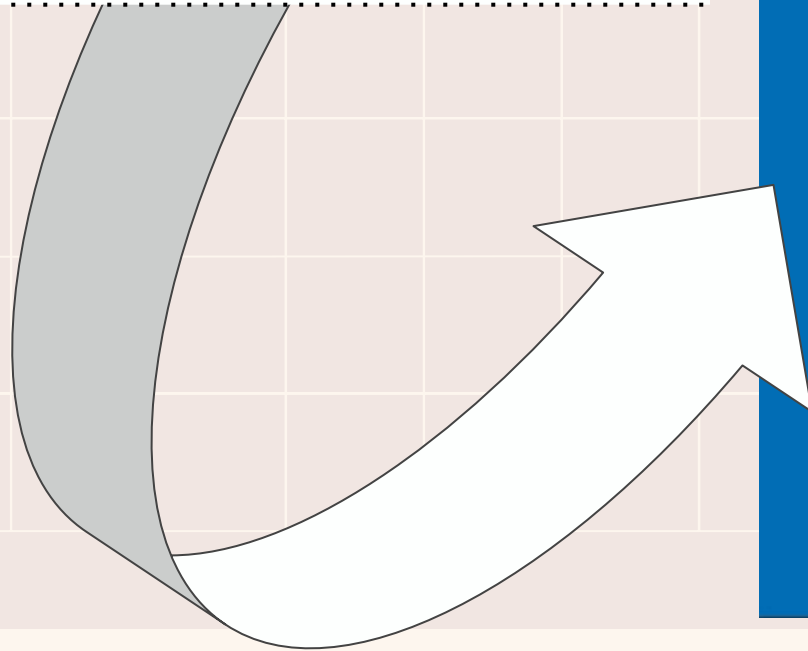
Lots of Love, Mrs.  
Jordan



HAPPY  
RETIREMENT!

# Together We Learn Newsletter

The new issue of Together We Learn is now published and you can [view it here](#) or scan the barcode.



**TOGETHER**  
*We* **LEARN** INCLUSIVE LEARNING  
CULTURES ISSUE



**SCAN ME! TO READ THE ISSUE**

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VISIT [SD23.BC.CA](http://SD23.BC.CA) & @SD23NEWS ON FB & TWITTER



Hello from the British Columbia Dental Association (BCDA)!

**Thanks to all the schools that participated in the 2024 Brush2Win Oral Health Month Contest!** (April 1-30, 2024)

The contest was open to all BC elementary schools with children in Kindergarten through grade 3, with participating schools eligible to win one of four \$1,000 prizes, and those registered by April 1, 2024 eligible for entry to win one of two \$500 Early Bird draws. This year, a total of 117 schools across the province submitted entries to the contest.

Please join us in congratulating our 6 winners!

**\$500 Early Bird Draw Prize Winners**

- École des Sept-Sommets, Rossland
- South Kelowna Elementary, Kelowna

**\$1,000 Prize Winners**

- Chimney Hill Elementary, Surrey
- Cloverdale Traditional School, Victoria
- Kootenay Christian Academy, Kootenay
- Suwilaawks Community School, Terrace

Prize cheques have now been mailed to all winning schools. View the winners' photos at BCDA's [Oral Health Month page](#).



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Rossland - Early Bird Winner



South Kelowna Elementary,  
Kelowna - Early Bird Winner



Chimney Hill Elementary,  
Surrey



Cloverdale Traditional School,  
Victoria



Kootenay Christian Academy,  
Kootenay



Suwilaawks Community School,  
Terrace

## Why Participate?

BCDA's Brush2Win contest promotes good dental health habits by:

- teaching children about the importance of daily dental care
- challenging children to brush (and floss!) twice daily for a full month and
- tracking their progress on a printable Brush2Win calendar

Brushing twice a day is a simple step to help keep teeth clean and healthy and to avoid cavities. Want to learn more? Visit [BCDA's Oral Health Month page](#).



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SKE is using our early bird prize to purchase literacy supplies for our primary students!

# Community News, Events & Opportunities



**PACIFICSPORT**  
OKANAGAN  
**SUMMER CAMPS**  
register at [rec.kelowna.ca](http://rec.kelowna.ca)

**PLAY SKILLS**  
READY, SET, GO!

PLAY Skills Camps are designed to support the development of fundamental movement skills such as throwing, catching, running and jumping. With these skills, kids have a foundation to explore and enjoy different sports and physical activities for life.

**AGES 6-9**  
Half Day \$135  
Full Day \$205

July 2-5 #30848 - EECO (Springfield), (Full Day - with RDCO)  
Aug 6-9 #30849 - Kinsmen Fieldhouse, Mission (Half Day)

**Xplore SportZ**  
find your game!

For sport-lovers who want to experience a variety of new and exciting sports under the direction of certified coaches. If you're tired of the same-old sport scene, discover the Xcitement of XploreSportZ camps! Camps include opportunities to try new sports, instruction from certified coaches, recreational swims and the "XploreSportZ Olympics" and loads of fun!

**AGES 9-12**  
Full Day \$225

July 8-12 #30844 - EECO (Springfield)  
July 15-19 #30845 - Parkinson Rec Centre/Apple Bowl  
July 22-26 #30846 - City Park  
July 29- Aug 1 #30980 - Hartman Road Community Centre (formerly Rutland Safety Village) \*new location\*  
Aug 12-16 #30847 - Kinsmen Fieldhouse, Mission

[www.pacificsportokanagan.com](http://www.pacificsportokanagan.com)

City of Kelowna



## VOLLEYBALL SUMMER CAMPS

Genesis Athletics Club is a community-based non-profit seeking to create safe spaces for athletes of all backgrounds to play sports. Our camps provide a fun and encouraging environment where kids can receive top-notch training from experienced coaches!

### INDOOR SKILLS TRAINING

**GRADES 4-5, 6-7**

- 1 hr weekly, Monday & Friday Option-  
At Mission Creek Alliance Church gym

**\$175/SUMMER**



FIND OUT MORE!



### GRASS CAMP

**GRADES 4-7**

- Running weekly, from Monday - Friday  
- July 2nd - Aug 16th from 8:30 - 11:30AM  
- At Okanagan Christian School Field

**FROM \$159/WEEK**



FIND OUT MORE!





**We're looking for new homestay families to host students from around the world.**



Many families in the Central Okanagan enjoy this opportunity to experience new cultures, make global friends, and provide a nurturing environment to an international student.

- Homestays urgently needed for BOYS registered at Kelowna Secondary School (KSS)
- Pet free homestays needed for BOYS and GIRLS
- Homestays for GIRLS registered at KLO Middle School

**What We Offer:**

- Compensation: \$1,100 per month
- Support: Ongoing guidance from our experienced homestay program coordinators
- Experience: A rewarding cultural experience that enriches your family's life

**Who We're Looking For:**

- Families keen to embrace cultural interactions.
- Families who can provide a welcoming and supportive home.

**How to Apply:**

- Please contact Homestay Coordinator Nathalie Messent at [Nathalie.Messent@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:Nathalie.Messent@sd23.bc.ca) or call 250-808-8470.

To learn more about the role and submit your application, please click to visit our website:

**[Host Family Application](#)**

Together We Learn



**Central Okanagan  
Public Schools**

International Education



# JUNIOR COYOTES

## FREE CAMP

July 3rd @ OCS  
Boys & Girls Grades 1-8

## SUMMER CAMPS

July 9-11 July 23-25 August 6-8  
Boys & Girls Grades 1-8

## 3v3 & MICROBALLERS

Sept 8th- Nov 24th  
3v3 Grades 1-10 &  
Microballers Under  
Grade 1



Register at [WWW.GOCOYOTES.CA/JUNIORCOYOTES](http://WWW.GOCOYOTES.CA/JUNIORCOYOTES)

## 2024 SUMMER INDOOR VOLLEYBALL CAMPS

**LOCATION**  
CENTRAL SPORTS  
DOME  
1155 ELLIS ST

**PRICE**  
\$250 per Camp



**AGE 8-12 Boys + Girls**  
**Camp 1 JULY 9-11**  
**Camp 2 AUG 13-15**



**AGE 13-17 Boys + Girls**  
**Camp 1 JULY 16-18**  
**Camp 2 AUG 20-22**



**Barn Owls Volleyball Club**

Visit [barnowlsvolleyball.com](http://barnowlsvolleyball.com) to register



Have  
**YOU**  
got talent?

**WIN CASH PRIZES**

*Compete in the  
Peachland's Got Talent contest*

Children, Youth, Adults and Seniors



Two days of Semi-Finals: July 20 & August 17  
Finals: August 31 in Heritage Park

Application form at [peachlandmakingwaves.com](http://peachlandmakingwaves.com)  
To register contact Paula McLaughlin • [peterpaula76@gmail.com](mailto:peterpaula76@gmail.com) • 604.908.8070

# Thank you for reading!

Have a great summer!



The office will be open July 5<sup>th</sup>, and then again August 26<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing all of our families in September.