



The Eagle Gazette

March 2025

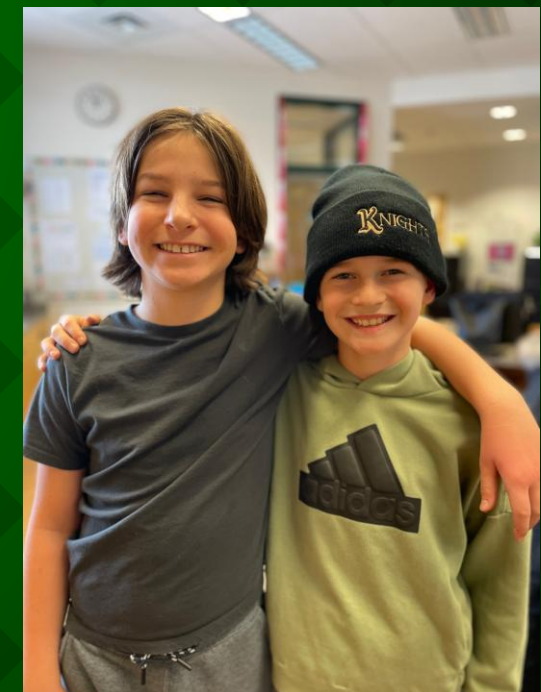
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Principal's Message

February has been the month to recognize Inclusion, Black History and Human Rights. We've also celebrated Hundreds Day in many classrooms, shot so many basketballs, met with local seniors, developed our curling and fine motor skills, practiced public speaking, and prepared for our Pink Shirt Day assembly, with several opportunities for student leaders to take centre stage. At SKE, one of our key learning priorities is promoting, nurturing and developing a growth mindset, stamina for learning, and resiliency to challenge. We can see this goal at work in each of the activities described above and we can't wait to continue cultivating these in our students this spring! Please enjoy this month's edition of the SKE Eagle Gazette, *Ms. Lemon*



Sharing Kindness Everyday!

Upcoming Dates

March 10	Spirit Week
March 12	Term 2 Learning Updates go Home
March 12	PAC Meeting @ 7 pm
March 14	Pancake Breakfast
March 17	St.
Patrick's Day	
March 17-28	Spring Break
March 31	School Reopens



Extended Student Absences

If you are planning a trip around **spring break**, please enter absences into SCHOOL MESSENGER so that you will not receive notifications (emails and/or phone calls) while you are away.

THANK YOU!



CLOTHING REMINDER: Please send extra socks, pants and shoes as fields begin to melt and clothing may get wet.



Transportation Registration **2025-2026**

The school bus application for the 2025-2026 school year is now available. If your child(ren) require the school bus, please ensure you complete the application prior to the date listed on the document.

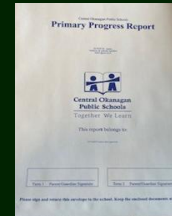
2025-2026 School Bus Application

Please direct any questions about school bus transportation to the school district's Transportation Department:

<https://www.sd23.bc.ca/transportation-services-programsservices>



REMINDER



Please return your child's **Written Learning Update ENVELOPE** to your teacher, as they are re-used throughout the year. *Thank-You!*

TRAFFIC!

Reminder to all parents:
There is NO parking in the bus loop.

It is for "kiss and drop" only, after 8:15 am.

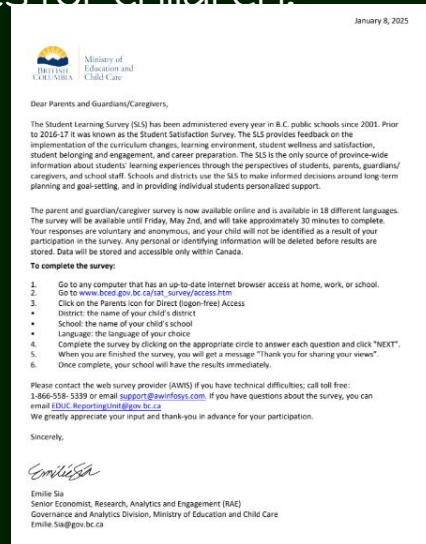
Congratulations to our SKE PAC on the super fun and successful Family Bingo Night & Silent Auction!



Student Learning Survey

Every year the provincial government seeks parent and caregiver input on school experiences for children.

Please click the image on the right to read further detail, and to access the link to the survey. All parents are invited to complete this.



Gr 6 Bottle Drive

Our grade 6s continue to fundraise for their year-end activities. You can drop off bottle/can recycling at the depot labeled with the following number and funds will be applied to our students!

250-575-3773

Lost & Found

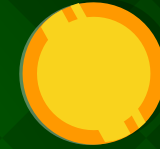
Our lost & found is overflowing. All items will be donated the week before spring break. Please come and check it by March 7th.
Thank you!

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU to our amazing noon hour supervisors for your dedication and care in keeping our students safe and supported during lunchtime. Your patience, kindness and hard work make a difference in their day. We truly appreciate all that you do to create a positive and welcoming environment for our school community!



We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the amazing parents who dedicate their time and energy organizing hot lunches and fundraising efforts for our school. Your hard work, generosity and commitment make a huge difference in the lives of our student and staff. We truly appreciate everything you do. Thank you for your dedication, kindness and helping to create a thriving community.



MOVING OR CHANGING SCHOOLS?

If you are planning to have your child attend another school next school year please email us at ske@sd23.bc.ca with the following information:

- Family Surname
- Where you are planning to move to
- Have you registered with the next school - Yes or No
- Child's first and last names
- Grade in school for Sept 2025

Staffing is dependent on student enrolment and we need to ensure that we have as accurate a count of students as possible. Thank you!



Early Learning Family Fun Night



DO YOU HAVE AN INCOMING KINDERGARTEN STUDENT?

We are excited to invite you to our Early Learning Family Fun Night! This special event is designed for our youngest learners and their families to come together for an evening of fun, learning and connection.

We look forward to seeing you there and sharing this informative experience with our school community.

RSVPs are required. If you are interested in joining us, please click on this link to sign up:

[SKE ELFF NIGHT RSVP LINK](#)

FREE ENTRY

THURSDAY, APRIL 24
4 - 5:30 PM

EAGLES
South Kelowna Elementary

READY, SET, LEARN!

**EARLY LEARNING
FAMILY FUN
NIGHT**

4176 SPIERS ROAD

**CALLING ALL FAMILIES WITH
3 TO 5 YEAR OLDS!**

**COME TO SKE'S READY, SET, LEARN EVENT.
MEET OUR STAFF, SEE THE SCHOOL!**

TOUR • PIZZA • PLAYTIME • GOODY BAG

SIBLINGS ARE WELCOME!

RSVP HERE OR



New Hockey Equipment

Thank you to Seedlings Fruit Stand for the donation! After conversation with students, we decided to refresh some of our indoor hockey equipment. We have been enjoying new sticks & goalie gear!



We are getting excited to take our Intermediates to the Brier Curling Championship in early March. Our students had the chance to practice their own skills recently with the Rocks & Rings program!



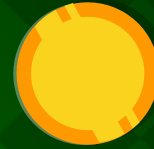
Rocks & Rings!



Great Way Martial Arts joined Mrs. Shanks' and Mrs. Oakes' classes for some Kung Fu...or should we say "Kung FUN"?

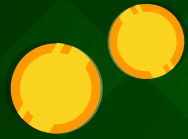
Inter-Tidal Zone Creations

Students in Mrs. Bernard's grade 4 class have been learning about the characteristics and creatures of the inter-tidal zone. As part of this learning, they created imaginary marine animals to show their understanding.



We also want to share our gratitude to the SKE PAC for purchasing a class set of crazy carpets. Students no longer need to bring sleds to school on snowy days...when the sledding hill is open, the carpets will be out. We were happy to finally put them to use in February.

Thank you

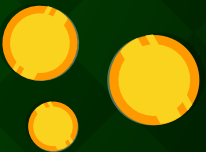


Basketball Success!

Our basketball teams have just wrapped up their short but sweet season. Playing DWE, CAS, WAT and NGE, they scored a lot of baskets, and just as importantly, experienced team play, skill development and fun. Our students showed sportsmanship and responsibility, and intensity on the court!



Big thanks to Coaches Leah Grenda & Lana Habib (Girls) and Jeff McCaig (Boys) for all their time and energy.



Grade 6 News

Hello from École KLO Middle School,

If your Grade 6 student is planning to come to École KLO Middle School for Grade 7 next year (2025/26), please view the document linked below (click image). It has important information about your child's elective choice for Grade 7. The deadline for your child to select their elective is Friday, March 14.

Please make your child's elective selection at:

<https://forms.gle/uxsKPzRBBPxZWIEf9>

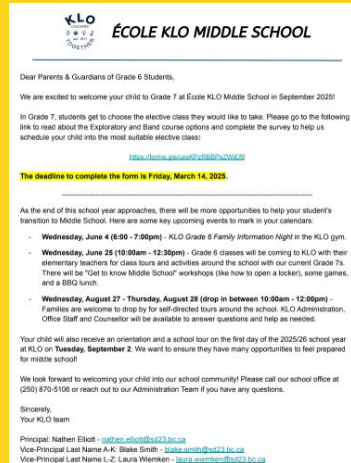
There is also information about upcoming events to help your child's transition to middle school:

"Family Information Night" on Wednesday, June 4

"Get to know Middle School" field trip to KLO on Wednesday, June 25

Please call our school office at (250) 870-5106 if you have any questions.

- Your KLO team!



Quotes from Residents

"I was a bit nervous at first to be interviewed, but the girls were so great, and it ended up stirring up a lot of great memories for me, things I had forgotten." (Margaret)

"It was lovely to be interviewed and to share my stories with a younger generation who was truly interested and listened well. I feel like these boys are my own." (Kathleen)

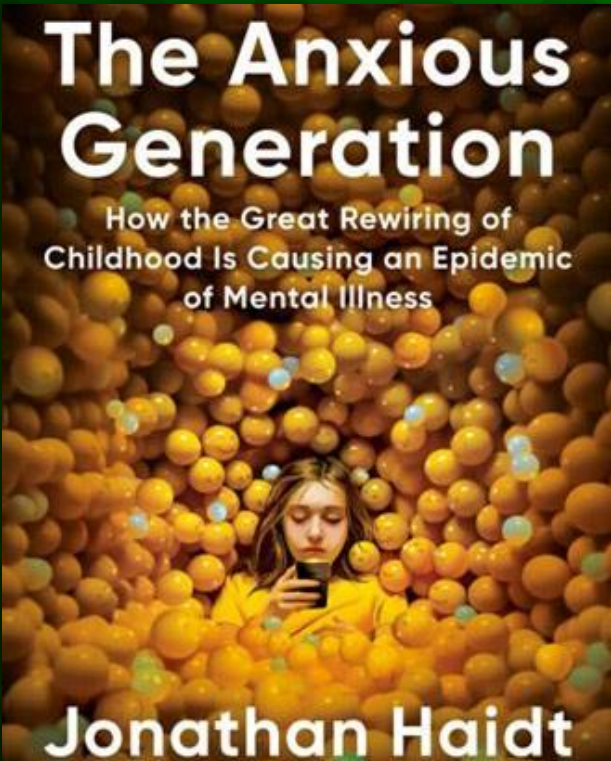


Mrs. Morgan's class recently spent time with the residents of Hawthorne Park. The students prepared in advance with rich conversations about cross-generational understanding. It turned out to be a beautiful day of learning and connection!



Need a thought-provoking book?

If you are interested in actionable ways to support the positive mental health and development of our children, check out this new book from author and psychologist Jonathan Haidt:



It is a thorough and accessible dive into the impacts of an online life on developing brains. It includes specific strategies parents can employ to ensure that their children have the best chance possible to strengthen their resiliency.

Upcoming: Kelowna Gymnastix @ SKE!

April 14 - 17



Each year we welcome the Kelowna Gymnastix team to SKE to provide high-quality, safe, and guided instruction in gymnastics. Students look forward to it all year long!

You will notice a new charge in SchoolCashOnline for this experience.

If your family requires financial assistance (confidential) for this opportunity, please reach out directly to Principal Jasmine Lemon.

Spirit Week



Monday
March 10



Wear cozy, crazy, zany odd socks today that make you feel marvelous...



Take a few moments to think about what you are grateful for and tell someone!

Tuesday
March 11



TEAM SPIRIT DAY

Wear your favourite jersey, T-shirt or swag from your favourite team.



Think about some of the many things you have done that you are proud of, share with someone and keep being the best version of phenomenal you!

Wednesday
March 12



Bring your favourite small to medium sized stuffy to school today!



Give genuine compliments to others today and whenever you can and remember you always can!

Thursday
March 13



SPIRIT WEAR DAY

SKE Spirit Wear Day so wear your SKE school clothing or dress in school colours.



Say please and thank you to as many people as you can and remember to do that always.

Friday
March 14

FABULOUS FRIDAY



We wonder what your favourite colour is? Show your spirit from head to toe and dress in your favourite colour or colours and share your beautiful brightness!



Do acts of kindness at school and at home as often as you possibly can 😊



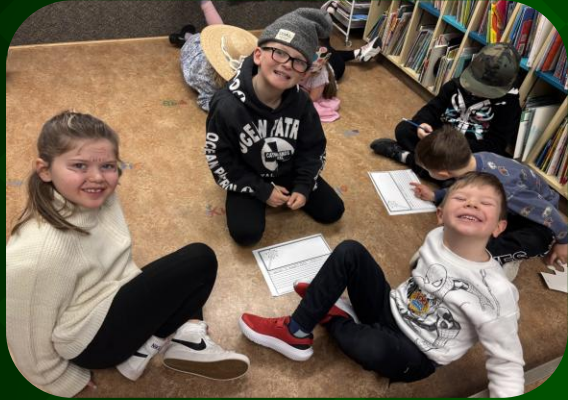


Pink Shirt Day

On Wednesday, February 26th, our school joined communities across Canada in celebrating **Pink Shirt Day** - a powerful reminder to promote kindness, inclusion and anti-bullying in our school and community. This year's theme is "Growing a Community". Our students attended a assembly and then worked together to create a Kindness Garden bulletin board to showcase our commitment to kindness. [View a quick video here!](#)



100th Day!



PAC News

Fundraisers & Events coming up:

1. Spirit Wear (early March)
2. Growing Smiles Spring Greenery (early April)
3. Your Green Kitchen (late April)
4. Spring Fling Dance (late April)
5. Family Photos (May)
6. Family Fun Night (June)

Details will be out shortly for all!

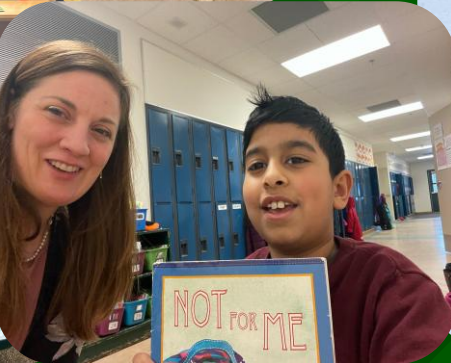
Next PAC meeting:
Wednesday, March 12
All parents invited!

Our PAC will need volunteers
for the Spring Fling Dance
and Family Fun Night. Watch
for sign-ups. A little of your
time makes a HUGE
difference!



Look at these cuties rocking
their SKE spirit wear!
Watch your email for a notice
from our PAC soon. There's
another opportunity coming up
to purchase these stylish SKE
'fits!

SKE in February



Community News, Events & Opportunities

Night sky club

Become a night expert! Learn about animals and birds that thrive at night, how to read star charts, play outdoor games and work on night sky inspired arts and crafts.

A four-week after school club for ages 9 to 11. \$40 per child.

Mission Creek Regional Park (EECO)
February 19 to March 12
Wednesdays
3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.



Registration required:
rdco.com/parkprograms
Scan to register!



Since 1993...

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...more than just a soccer camp!

2025



Don't miss out on our
EARLY BIRD
discount, sign up by
March 31, 2025
to qualify.

Get ready for an unforgettable
summer adventure!

* July & August weeks
* ages 5 to 13

* morning & full day sessions
* before & after care available

Mornings starting from \$154*
Full Days starting from \$239*

*limited time offer, see website for details

royalsoccerclub.com

800-427-0536

For location & registration details, visit our website.

FEBRUARY 12, 2025 6:15PM TO 7:30PM
MNP PLACE FIELD 1
4105 GORDON DRIVE, KELOWNA



FREE **LEARN TO PLAY
BOX LACROSSE**

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

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE 2025 BOX SEASON?
REGISTRATION IS OPEN! REGISTER AT
KELOWNALACROSSE.CA



SPRING BREAK FULL DAY CHILD CARE

Looking for a fun, active, and engaging way to keep your child busy this Spring Break? Our full-day programs are designed for kids ages 6-12 and include: Outdoor play & sports, Creative arts & activities, Nutritious snacks, New friendships & confidence-building.



INQUIRE TODAY!

RUTLAND@BGCO.CA

KELOWNA@BGCO.CA
Peachland and Kelowna

LAKE_COUNTRY@BGCO.CA



Mini Rugby

Location
Martin Park at 1434 Graham St.

When
April 27, May 4, 11, 25, June 1, 8, 15

Mini Rugby ages 4-8	9-10am
Flag Rugby ages 9-12	10-11am

Jamboree's for ages 9-12 to be held in Kamloops, Salmon Arm, Vernon, and Kelowna

Registration opens
February 14th
Cost - \$100



A chance for little ones to try rugby



SPRING REC PROGRAMS



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Recreation programs are for kids who want to come to the Club and take part in a wide variety of activities that create a safe and fun way for kids to spend their time during the after school hours, weekends and evenings.

Our programs are low barrier, some only requiring just a \$10 yearly membership.

Peachland
West Kelowna
Kelowna
Rutland
Lake Country

AGES 6-12



REGISTER NOW www.bgco.ca

 
@BGCOKANAGAN

Thank you for reading!

We hope that you enjoyed this month's
edition of The Eagle Gazette. We are so proud of our school
community and glad that you are part of it!

