



THE EAGLE GAZETTE - JUNE 2023



South Kelowna Elementary
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

After 8 amazing years here at SKE, it is time for me to say farewell and thank you for all of your support. While I am excited for the next step in my professional journey, I leave this amazing school and community with mixed emotions. I am honored and proud to have been part of this school and its legacy.

The success of our students can only happen with the skill and dedication of our entire staff - teachers and support staff, the support of our Eagle families and community volunteers and the hard work of our students. I am so grateful to have been part of this family.

I will always cherish my time here at SKE and I wish you all the best and a fond farewell to all of our amazing students, families, staff and community. Thank you for all that you do to enrich the lives of everyone in this community.

With my sincerest gratitude,
Mrs. Nadia Piasentin



WRITTEN LEARNING UPDATES

Written Learning Updates will be distributed on **Thursday, June 29th**. Families planning to shorten the school year with an early departure holiday may pick the reports up at the school office in September.



SPIRIT WEEK- JUNE 19-23

Monday, June 19 - Sports or Active Wear
Tuesday, June 20 - Tacky Tourist
Wednesday, June 21 - Vivid Colors or Tie Dye
Thursday, June 22 - Crazy for Kindness Day
Friday, June 23 - Spirit Wear

Sharing Kindness Everyday



FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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| May 29-June 2 | Bike to School Week |
| May 29-June 2 | National Accessibility Week |
| June 5 | Kettle Valley |
| Steam Railway | |
| | Field Trip |
| (Grade 4s) | |
| June 5 | Kangaroo |
| Creek Farm | |
| | (Jennejohn/Estey) |
| June 5 | Myra |
| Canyon Field Trip (K-1s) | |
| June 6 | Kindie Meet |
| and Greet | |
| June 7 | District Apple |
| Bowl | |
| June 8 | Grade 6 |
| Camp Owaissi | |
| June 8 | Kindie Meet |
| and Greet | |
| June 9 | Popsicle & |
| Play - Kindies @1:40 | |
| June 12 | Library Books DUE |
| June 12 | Chefs in the Classroom Field |
| Trip | |
| | (Estey/Vecchio) |
| June 12-15 | ParticipACTION Physical |
| | Literacy Zoom Week |
| June 14-15 | Grade 4-6 Everyone Rides |
| June 16 | Rotary Club Field Trip |

PLAY DAY is on Wednesday, June 21st 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 at the following link if you are able to help. VOLUNTEER SIGN UP

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



Summer is finally here!!

Please have your children use sunscreen and wear hats to school for outside recess. Please send a water bottle with your child to school so they may refill it at the water fountain that is provided.

A reminder that **gear with wheels** may **NOT** be used on school property and must be **WALKED** onto school property and stored for the day. **Helmets are mandatory!**

Thank you for helping us keep
your children safe.



LOST & FOUND

Thank you to our amazing PAC for organizing our lost and found this year. The well displayed designated area in the front foyer is very helpful for students and parents to find their belongings.

The items not spoken for will be donated on Wednesday, May 31st.

Next year our items will be donated on the following dates: November 30, February 29, May 31 and June 30th.



NEW REGISTRATIONS/SUMMER CLOSURE

Please inform any new neighbors or relatives with children who will be attending SKE next year that we are taking registration documents up to and including **Friday, June 30th**, the last day the office is open before summer break. The school administration will be back in the office on Monday, August 28th for any late registration documents.

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

SKE 2023-2024 PAC EXECUTIVE

Please welcome your 2023-2024 SKE PAC Executive as elected at the Annual General Meeting in May. Congratulations to all of the parents and thank you for those who volunteered to take a lead role.

President

Scheibel

Treasurer

Heidi Van Aerden

Vice President

Carling Lorentz

Michelle

Secretary

Ashley Bush

COPAC Representative

Vacant

Communications Coordinator

Kristi Caldwell

KLO Representative

Michelle Crossley

Health & Safety Representative

Vacant

Fundraising Coordinator

Kamal Gill

Food Program Coordinator

Dayna Hatter, Robyn Straume

Member at Large

Michelle Crossley (Former President)

Leah Garras

Amanda Stevens

We **WELCOME** the following CEA and Teachers to our team! We look forward to having you be part of our SKE staff and Community!

Delrene Stade - CEA

Leah Romano - K-1

Tara Shanks - Grade 1

Stefani Oakes - Grade 1



THANK YOU PAC!

A huge **THANK YOU** to our outstanding PAC for coming together to help make it another successful year of fundraising, the fruit and veggie program, organizing our lost and found, the hot lunch program and so many other initiatives. We are so very grateful of all the parent support we have at SKE. We are proud of our community for providing fantastic opportunities and supporting school initiatives for our students.



Farewell to SKE



After many years of dedication and being part of our SKE family, we sadly say goodbye to our outstanding principal, Mrs. Piasentin. She has touched many lives in our community and has done so much for us all. We will miss you and wish you all the best on your new adventure.



We will be also be saying goodbye to our wonderful Kindergarten teacher, Bettina Schell, who will be retiring at the end of this school year! Also, Keri-Lee Sloan will be continuing to TTOC for our school and our district. We are grateful for their exemplary educational practice, commitment to students' success and their role model as a lifelong learner. Both Mrs. Schell and Mrs. Sloan consistently displayed a love of learning and their passion for helping each student to thrive as learners and grow as individuals. Bettina, we hope you enjoy a long and happy retirement!!

We would like to say a special Thank You and Farewell to the following staff members who are not returning to SKE next year:

Hannah Reisdorf
Joan Szewczyk
Tyler McLaughlin

Nicole Bl
Jenna Bu



It has been a pleasure having all of you as part of our SKE Team! Thank you for all of your support to students, staff and the community. We will miss each and every one of you!

Here are a Few Reminders About Back to School.....



The first day back to school is a **half day** on **Tuesday, September 5th**. Busses will be running and students will be dismissed at 11:00AM.

All "new" Grade 1-6 SKE students will report to the library at 8:30 a.m. on September 5th. 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 years classroom.**

Regular school hours (8:30-2:30) commence on September 6th for Grades 1-6.

2023-2024 SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

The ***tentative** staff and class configurations for 2023-2024 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.

While we always try to accommodate parent requests for a specific classroom placement, we are not always able to accommodate all of those that we receive. There are many factors that go into building balanced classes and we ask that parents trust the decisions that we make.

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| Principal: TBA | Administrative Assistant: Ms. Hansen | Library/Office Assistant: Mrs. MacLean |
| Teacher-Librarian/Prep: Mrs. Obedkoff | Music/Drama/Prep: Mrs. Jordan | Speech & Language Pathologist: Ms. Rodericks |
| Learning Assistance: Mrs. Bitcon | Resource Teacher: Mrs. Dansereau | Counsellor: Mrs. Dawson |
| INDIGENOUS ADVOCATE: Ms. Phillips | Kindergarten: Ms. Robertson | Kindergarten/Grade 1: Mrs. Romano |
| Grade 1: Mrs. Oakes | Grade 1: Mrs. Shanks | Grade 2 Mrs. Kirschner |
| Grade 2 Mrs. Jennejohn | Grade 3: Mrs. Estey | Grade 3: Ms. Vecchio |
| Grade 3/4: TBA | Grade 4/5: Mr. Larkin | Grade 5: Ms. Wilson |
| Grade 6: Mrs. Morgan | CEA: Mrs. Porritt | CEA: Ms. Brazeau |
| CEA: Mrs. Petrie | CEA: Mrs. Wickenheiser | CEA: Ms. DaCosta |
| CEA: Mrs. Stade | Custodian: Mr. Gonzales | |



Many THANKS to all of the grade 6 parent volunteers for taking the time to organize the hot dog fundraisers. Their amazing efforts have helped subsidize for many grade 6 field studies. Thank you!



THANK YOU to Mrs. Morgan and Mr. Larkin for planning and organizing the grade 6 year-end field trip to Camp Owaissi.

The students are sure to have a great time celebrating their last year at SKE!



GRADE 6 CELEBRATION & YEAR END ASSEMBLY



The Grade 6 students will be recognized at the school-wide celebration assembly on **Thursday, June 27th at 1:00 pm** in the Gymnasium. Parents and family members are welcome, and encouraged, to come! No need to RSVP. Following the assembly there will be cupcakes for the Grade 6 students and coffee for the families.

Good Luck to our Grade 6 students as they move on to Middle School!

Our Graduates are: Kemper Alcock, Logan Alcock, Lydia Calhoun, Oliver Cescon, Abi Clifton, Emma Clifton, Brooklyn Collins, Cooper Forsberg, Charlotte Henderson, Gage Heppner, Summer Hoodicoff, Isabella Ivan, Milo Keyes-O'Neil, Liam Kyle, Joel McNeice, Jetta Prowal, Cooper Schraeder, Claire Sergeyenko, Bella Sinclair, Benjamin Sullivan, Bevan Taylor, Kaven Taylor-Gilbert, Kyle Taylor-Gilbert, Coralee Waltmans, Lucy Weber and Alvina Zatoliuk.



ParticipACTION **COMMUNITY CHALLENGE GRANT**

South Kelowna Elementary School is to be commended on receiving a grant by the Government of Canada's Community Sport for All Initiative. This grant supports community initiatives to remove barriers and increase physical activity and sport participation. The challenge promotes equity, diversity, inclusivity and accessibility for all.

The Government of Canada's Community Sport for All Initiative believes everyone in Canada should have access to quality sport and physical activity opportunities that help individuals grow and thrive—physically, emotionally and socially. Organizations who received a grant are promoting or delivering sport and physical activity opportunities to equity-deserving groups across Canada.

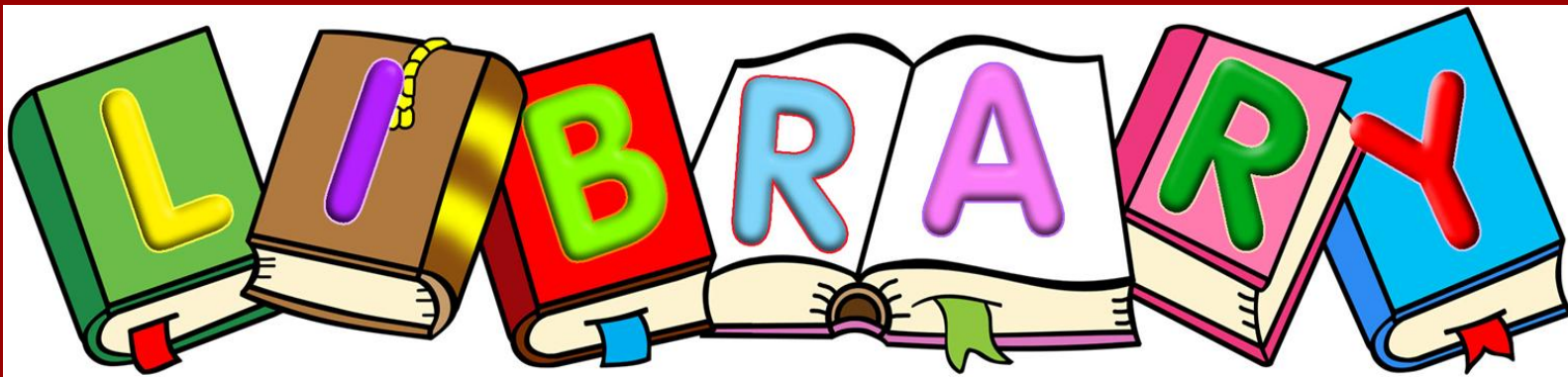
What does this mean for SKE and the larger school community as 2023 grant recipients?

Monday, June 12th – Friday, June 16th, each classroom will be participating in a daily dance session that promotes Active Inclusion to help increase awareness about:

- Canada's cultural diversity
- Issues affecting vulnerable populations in fully participating in society

Secondly, the remaining grant funds awarded to SKE are allocated to purchase and install an adaptive climbing wall in the gymnasium for our school community.





Librarian - Mrs. Obedkoff
Library Assistant - Mrs. MacLean

We have had another fantastic and busy year in the library! Since September, we have added new books and resources to our collection, lots of material has been borrowed and the library has been busy with activities. Students have participated in the Pumpkin Decoration Contest, the Battle of the Books and Drop Everything and Read. Way to go Eagle Readers! Have a great summer and Happy Reading!



All library books are due back to the library by
Monday, June 12th
Please check backpacks for overdue notices. Thank you!

EXPO OF AWESOME

Our grade 4 and 5 students participated in the Expo of Awesome held at UBCO on May 12th. This event provided the students with an opportunity to share their learning in robotics and coding. The students also had an opportunity to see projects created by other students in the district.



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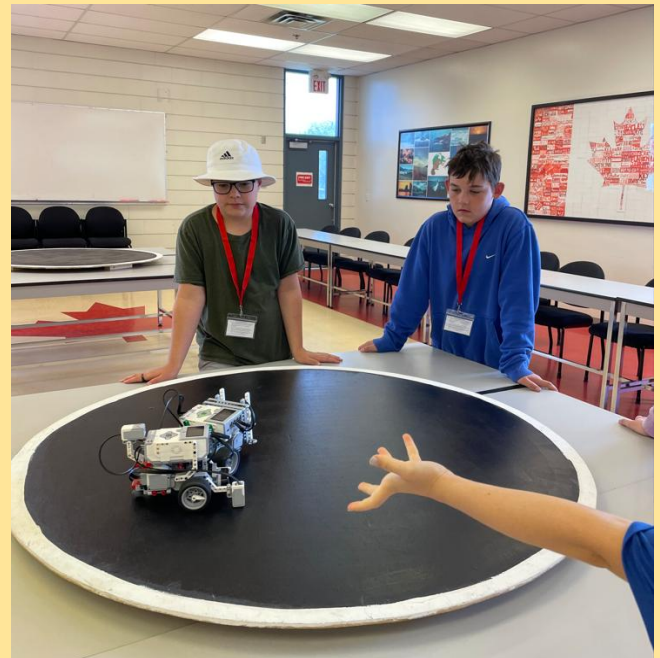
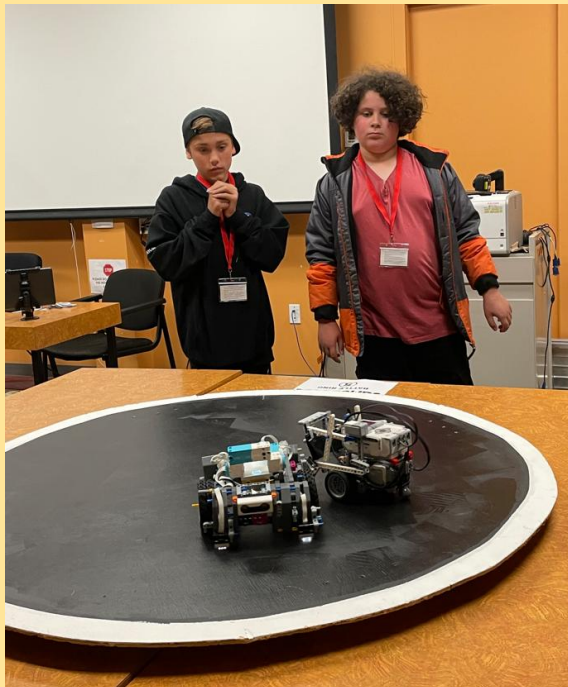
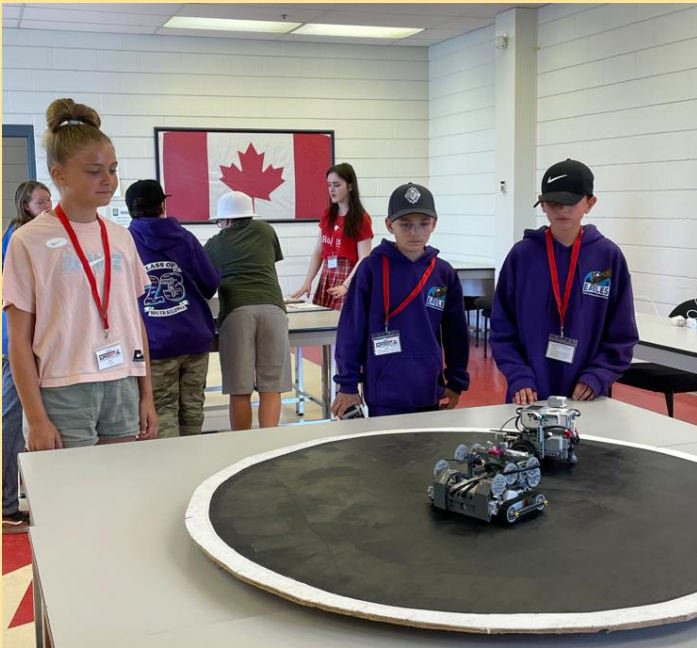
| Monday June 19, 2023 | Tuesday June 20, 2023 | Wednesday June 21, 2023 | Thursday June 22, 2023 | Friday June 23, 2023 |
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| Sports or Active Wear Day  <p>Wear your <u>favourite</u> sports or active clothing to show how grateful you are for being able to move, play and be healthy!</p> <p>Take a few moments to think about what you are grateful/thankful for and tell <u>someone!</u> 😊</p>  | Tacky Tourist Day <p>Dress up as if you are a tourist in your own town or anywhere in our wonderful world!</p> <p>Tacky Tourist Day!  Dress up as a tourist!</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>I'm the most AWESOME person I know</p> | Rainbow or Tie Dye Day  <p>Place Love Kindness</p>   <p>Remember to try to spread LOVE, PEACE and KINDNESS today and always to as many people as <u>possible!</u> 😊</p>  | CRAZY FOR KINDNESS DAY!  <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>  | SPIRIT WEAR DAY <p>Wear SKE school spirit swag, school <u>colours</u>, <u>favourite team colours</u>, or any clothing to show unity.</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 <u>always!</u> 😊</p> |



Grade 6 Sailing Trip



2023 District SumoBot Competition



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central, Southern Interior of British Columbia (BBBSCSI) would like to thank **Ms. Robertson, Mr. McLaughlin and Ms. Szewczyk** for participating in the **ROOTS OF EMPATHY** program this school year. All Kindergarten students were given an opportunity to discuss topics such as: Infant Development and Attachment, Emotions, Communication, and Safety.



The Roots of Empathy program used baby Ivy as their "Tiny Teacher" to help students learn empathy, develop emotional literacy skills, and promote pro-social behaviours in order to become responsible citizens and responsive future parents.

Babies born between June - August 2023 are welcome to participate next school year. Contact BBBSCSI for more information.



Roots of Empathy



Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring programs enable life changing relationships that ignite the power and potential of young people. For a list of our mentoring programs, please visit us at **WWW.BIGS.BC.CA**