

The Eagle Gazette

February 2026



South Kelowna Elementary
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Principal's Message

February! It's a time to reflect on the relationships and connections we each have as a community. Between Valentine's Day, Family Day and Pink Shirt Day, there are many opportunities to express our gratitude for the amazing people in our lives.

With Family Literacy Week wrapping up, we encourage as many SKE families as possible to complete the Literacy Bingo Sheet and drop it off at our office. How many do you think we can collect?

Here's a question for you: **Do you have a barbeque that we could borrow for our ELFF night on April 15th?** ELFF - Early Learning for Families - it's the event where we welcome our incoming 3-5 year olds so they can get to know our school. This year we have invited the local firefighters to cook! But we need a few bbqs to make this happen. If you can lend yours for the afternoon, please get in touch with us. We usually serve pizza, but wouldn't it be way more exciting with firefighters & bbq yumminess?

On the right, you'll see a photo of a group of students. This was one of our "Eagle Expert" sessions, where student volunteers meet with me to talk all thing SKE - learning, friendships, activities, school culture and more. Students from all grades will be part of these conversations, and their thoughts & ideas will be an essential part of helping us make school decisions.

In the spirit of
kindness, *Ms. Lemon*



Sharing Kindness Everyday!

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Feb 2	Online Registration Begins
Feb 6	Olympic Spirit Day
Feb 9-11	Inline Skating *Delayed to June*
Feb 9	Cultural Performance
Feb 11	Valentine's Dance!
Feb 13	PRO-D Day - NO SCHOOL
Feb 16	Family Day - NO SCHOOL
Feb 17	PAC Meeting @ 7:00 pm
Feb 25	Pink Shirt Day (wear pink!)

Did you know that you can follow us on Instagram, facebook and X? Check it out @sd23news.



Still not getting texts from the school?

Please text **"YES"** to 978338



LOST AND FOUND

Please check the front foyer for any misplaced or valuable items your family may be missing. All unclaimed items will be donated just before spring break. A big **THANK YOU** to our amazing PAC for volunteering their time to organize and care for our lost and found items!



Inline Skating Update: Due to circumstances at Alien Inline Skating, they need to reschedule our booking. It will now be June 8 - 17th. All classes will still receive 3 lessons.

PINK SHIRT DAY

February 25th

Pink Shirt Day reminds us to be kind and stand together against bullying. Wearing pink shows we care and support our friends. Students and staff are encouraged to wear pink to show that our school is a place where everyone belongs and bullying is not okay. Our school will be engaging in a community gathering in the morning, and then taking part in positive activities throughout the day!

Let's fill our school with pink and spread kindness everywhere on February 25th! ❤️

<https://www.pinkshirtday.ca>



**PINK
SHIRT
DAY**



Roots of Empathy

This year, our kindies are participating in ***Roots of Empathy***, a program designed to help children understand their own emotions and the feelings of others. Through guided discussions and shared experiences, students learn empathy, respect, and caring—skills that last a lifetime.



FEBRUARY IS INCLUSION MONTH!

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



February is **Black History Month**, a time to celebrate and learn about the important contributions of Black leaders, inventors, artists, and everyday heroes who have helped shape our country. Throughout the month of February, students will explore inspiring stories of courage, creativity, and perseverance, and learn how these individuals made a difference in their communities and beyond. It's a wonderful opportunity to celebrate diversity, kindness, and the power of making positive change.



This month, we celebrate **Inclusive Education**—a time to recognize that everyone belongs and everyone learns in their own unique way. Inclusive classrooms value differences, encourage kindness, and help all students feel safe, supported, and ready to learn. This month we are reminded that our differences make our school stronger. When we learn together, we grow together!

HUMAN RIGHTS MONTH

Human Rights Month is a time to recognize and celebrate the basic rights and freedoms shared by all people. It highlights the ongoing efforts toward justice and equality and reminds us of the importance of standing up against discrimination. This month encourages learning, awareness, and positive action to support the dignity and rights of every individual, helping to build a more fair and inclusive world.





Share your Thoughts: Provincial Student Learning Survey

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement.

The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective. Early in 2026 the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grade 4 at SKE, as well as their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff.

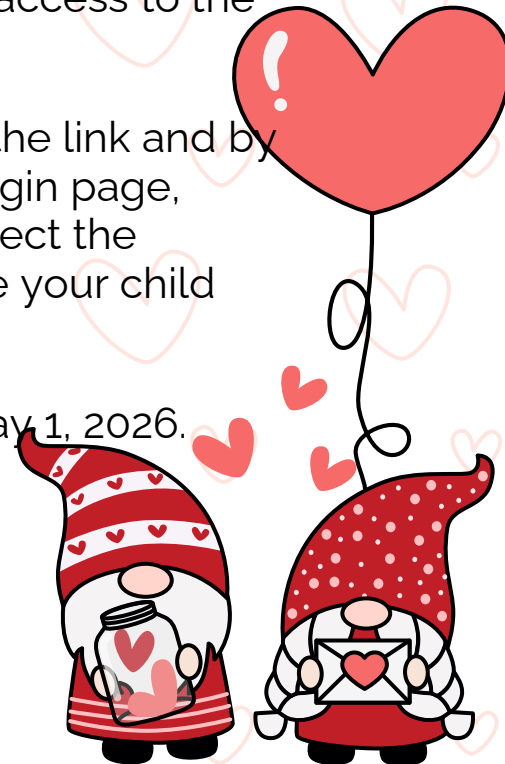
We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet through the link below. Any computer or mobile device with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure.

The survey can be accessed through the link and by clicking on **Take the Survey**. On the login page, click on the **Parents** icon, and then select the school district and school name where your child attends school.

The e-survey site will be open until May 1, 2026.

[Click here for the survey!](#)



Kelowna Rockets Visit



SKE was lucky to welcome four Kelowna Rockets players this month, on two separate occasions. These young athletes inspired our students, read to them, played some excellent floor hockey, and brought some pretty awesome excitement to our school! We are big fans!



Four Food Chiefs Project in Grade 4



Mrs. Bernard's class recently explored the traditional syilx story, or **captik^{wł}** (chap-teek) "[The Four Food Chiefs](#)" or "How Food Was Given", using activities developed by local art teacher Jim Elwood. This story is a way of understanding the interconnectedness of all living things and the importance of showing gratitude. It also helps people recognize that each living thing has its own talents and skills, and that we need all of us to truly be successful.



Family Reading in Ms. Romano's Class



"I love when my dad comes and reads with us!"



Family Literacy Matters! Ms. Romano's class has just started Friday morning family reading sessions, where volunteer parents join the students to start the day reading together. Our students love to see their parents and caregivers in their classrooms, becoming part of their learning stories!



Thank you to the volunteers who make this happen each week. We hope it brings a smile to your faces too!

Social-Emotional Learning @ SKE

At SKE, we believe that learning extends beyond academics. A key part of a child's success in school and in life is Social Emotional Learning (SEL)—**the development of skills that help students understand and manage emotions, build positive relationships, solve problems, and make responsible choices.**

Through SEL, students learn how to recognize and express their feelings, understand the perspectives of others, and respond to challenges in healthy ways. These skills help create a safe, supportive learning environment where students feel confident and ready to learn.

Our SEL instruction supports students in developing essential social skills such as communication, cooperation, empathy, and conflict resolution. Students also build emotional intelligence by learning strategies to manage frustration, stress, and disappointment while showing kindness and respect toward others.



They learned to nurture friendships just like you have to nurture a flower garden!

At SKE, we use a balanced approach to support all learners:

- **Small group social skills lessons** provide targeted instruction for students who need additional support. These groups focus on skills needed to make and keep friends, including understanding social cues, managing emotions, and resolving peer conflicts.
- **Whole-class social skills lessons** ensure all students develop a shared understanding of expectations, problem-solving strategies, and respectful behavior. These lessons help students practice SEL skills in real-life classroom settings.

By intentionally teaching Social Emotional Learning, SKE is helping students grow into confident, caring, and capable individuals. These lessons are led in collaboration between our Inclusion Teacher, Mrs. Lindsay, our counsellor, Mrs. Brassard, and classroom teachers.

Thank you for partnering with us as we support the whole child—academically, socially, and emotionally.

Mrs. Jennejohn's class recently explored the importance of communication and care through our whole group instruction, ending with the creation of friendship bracelets!

Grade 5/6 Snowshoeing



January @ SKE



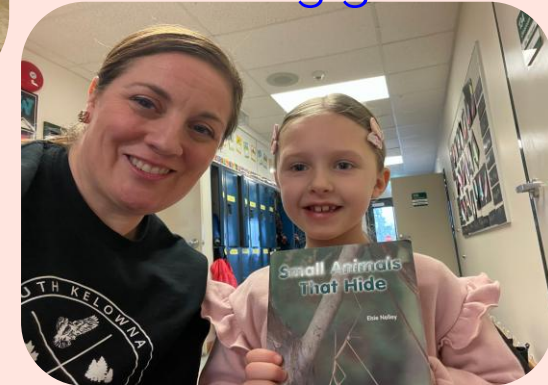
Special puppy visit in Ms. Robertson's Classroom



Thank you, Nyx, for this amazing 3d printed eagle!



Reading and reaching goals!



PAC NEWS

NEXT PAC MEETING

February 17 @ 7:00 pm



1 SKE Valentine's Dance! February 11th

Come have fun and support our students for our Valentine's Dance. Proceeds go toward field trips, playgrounds, sports equipment, and more!

Pre-Order [HERE](#)



FEBRUARY 11
5:00-8:00

SKE VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE!

\$10 DOOR ENTRY

What's Included:

📷 Professional photographer

\$10 door charge per family, which includes a Valentine's dance photo with your family or friends. Photo Booth tickets: \$10 for 4 additional tickets

🎵 DJ HAYMAKER to keep the dance floor moving

🍔 Dinner Option:

Pre-order dinner from Fat burger on MunchaLunch <https://munchalunch.com>

🎟 Concessions:

Tickets will be available for purchase for concession items during the event. Snacks & Pizza

📝 Signup:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10C0544FAA2BAAF94-61967605-valentines>



2 Family Bingo Night March 5



Pop this date on your family calendar! We are looking for prizes to make this extra fun. Do you have brand-new & unused toys that you could donate to our event? If so, please contact Jordana at jordanamagin@gmail.com.

JOIN OUR FUNDRAISERS!

SOUTH KELOWNA ELEMENTARY

the lazy batch

OKANAGAN Elderberry

READY TO COOK

Our Goal

Support our local community and contribute to our school's fundraising efforts.

Available to order now on MunchaLunch.

Order on <https://munchalunch.com>



Central Okanagan
Public Schools
Together We Learn

French Immersion Kindergarten
Informational Session: Tuesday, January 13, 2026
@ 6:00-7:00 pm Zoom Link: sd23.org/french
This meeting will be recorded and posted on the
District website

**ONLINE APPLICATION for STUDENT ENROLLMENT begins on
Monday, February 2, 2026, at 7:00 am for 2026 - 2027 School Year**
(for kindergarten, new students, and school of choice for K – 12)

Schools will be open at 7:00 am to provide support to parents that require assistance.
Documentation Submission Deadline: **Friday, March 13, 2026**

If you are new to Canada, please contact the Welcome Centre for enrollment information at (250)870-5155

HOW TO APPLY

PLEASE NOTE: The application process is online only. You are required to have a valid email account.

In your web browser type: <https://www.sd23.bc.ca/school-enrollment>

No internet access? Please contact your school for assistance.

Online applications begin on Monday, February 2, 2026 at 7:00 am. Applications will be assigned a date-time stamp on a first-come, first-served basis, which will factor into a student's placement priority.

Complete the online application as early as possible, and provide the required documents listed below directly to the school in by email or in person by **Friday, March 13, 2026**.

1. Student's **Birth Certificate** or other government issued proof of age and citizenship.
2. **Proof of Parent/Guardian B.C. Residency**
 - a. Combination BC Driver's License and Services Card (copy of both sides); or,
 - b. BC Services Card (copy of both sides) **and** one item from the list of Supporting Documentation (3.) below; or,
 - c. Proof of application for BC Medical Services Plan and one item from the list of Supporting Documentation below.
3. **Supporting Documentation/Proof of Parent/Guardian Living Address**
 - Ownership of a dwelling or long-term lease or rental of a dwelling;
 - Documentation indicating British Columbia residence (i.e. utility bill);
 - British Columbia registration of an automobile;
 - British Columbia Driver's License (copy of both sides); or,
 - A current income tax return filed as a British Columbia resident.

AFTER Thursday, September 3, 2026

New in-catchment area enrollments: Parents will be notified by a confirmation email when the school has accepted the student's application for enrollment. Board Policy 405R – Student Placement (Regulations), will be used to determine student placement and priority.

New out-of-catchment area enrollments: Parents will not be notified until after the summer enrollment period is over and all in-catchment area students have been placed.

Qualifying age: The School Act requires that a child must be five years of age by December 31, 2026, to qualify for school enrollment in September 2026. No exceptions.

For further information, please visit the School District website www.sd23.bc.ca or call (250) 860-8888.

Parking & Parking Safety

Thank you for taking care of our community by being mindful of, and following the parking lot expectations. Your modeling for our students makes a huge difference!

Thank you for:

- Using the paved pathways and crosswalks at all times rather than cutting through the parking lot and bus lane.
- Obeying ALL NO PARKING signs. Busses require clearance to enter and exit safely. This ensures the safety of all vehicles entering and exiting the school grounds.
- Keeping our neighbor's driveways open so they can access or exit their homes.

Drop Off & Pick Up:

Spiers Road: ** BEST OPTION ** If dropping off on the school side (West), please be sure child(ren) **exit the right-hand side** of the vehicle directly onto the sidewalk. Please follow signage—do not park past the tall cedars as it makes it very difficult for busses to exit. If dropping off on the far side of the road (East), please park your car and escort your child(ren) across the road.

Bus Loop: * DROP OFF ONLY AFTER 8:10 a.m. * You may use the bus loop to drop off after the busses have left after 8:10 a.m. 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 leave your vehicle while utilizing the bus loop.

Staff Parking Lot: The parking lot is for STAFF only. Staff in various roles need to access the parking lot throughout the day, including those arriving for after-school activities.

Community News, Events & Opportunities



OKANAGAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



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JULIAN CONDUCTS TCHAIKOVSKY

February 6, 7 & 8
6 Friday 7:30pm
Kelowna Community Theatre
7 Saturday 2:00pm
Penticton's Cleland Theatre
8 Sunday 2:00pm
Vernon & District Performing Arts Centre

SMETANA: Overture to the Bartered Bride
WALKER: Lyric for Strings
BERLIOZ: Rákóczy March*
VERDI: Nabucco Overture*
TCHAIKOVSKY: Symphony No. 5 in E minor, Op. 64

*Performed with the OSYO
†Conducted by Zeena Zalyouna

JULIAN PELLICANO
NEW MD'S CONDUCTING DEBUT

AND FEATURING A COLLABORATION WITH THE
OSYO
OKANAGAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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SPRING REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

COMMUNITY DIVISIONS

U7, U9, U11, U13, U15, U17, U20

SEASON RUNS FROM
APRIL 6 - JUNE 28, 2026



WWW.KELOWNAFASTBALL.CA

NEW FOR 2026: SOFTBALL BC CHARGES AN ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE OF \$35-\$45 PER PLAYER (DEPENDENT ON YOUR AGE CATEGORY). IN THE PAST, KMFS HAS PAID THIS FEE TO SOFTBALL BC OUT OF YOUR REGISTRATION FEES. THIS YEAR, SOFTBALL BC REQUIRES DIRECT PAYMENT BEFORE REGISTERING WITH YOUR ASSOCIATION. WE HAVE REDUCED OUR REGISTRATION FEES ACCORDINGLY. PLEASE USE OUR REGISTRATION LINK AND YOU WILL BE PROMPTED TO PAY SOFTBALL BC PRIOR TO REGISTERING WITH KMFS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.

KELOWNA MINOR FASTBALL

IS HOSTING **FREE**

LEARN TO PLAY FASTBALL CLINICS

FREE CLINICS

- U7: born 2019/2020
- U9: born 2017/2018
- U11: born 2015/2016
- U13: born 2013/2014

FEBRUARY 14 & 15, 2026





www.kelownafastball.ca

The School Bus Transportation Application for September 2026 (2026-2027 year) is now open!

IMPORTANT

Although school bus transportation applications are accepted throughout the school year, priority seating for the 2026–2027 school year is given to those applicants who have applied before end of day on May 31, 2026

Use the link below to submit a school bus transportation application for the 2025-2026 school year.

<https://busconnect.sd23.bc.ca> CLICK HERE

Students must be registered to ride on the school bus, for detailed information regarding student eligibility for transportation please visit our website:

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

470R – Transportation Services Management – Guiding Principles for Transportation
in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

<https://www.sd23.bc.ca/documents/24bb4ba9-1cff-53b9-b0a4-a7dcde0e2c1b> CLICK HERE

!!STOP!!

For RED FLASHING LIGHTS



IT'S THE LAW

Safety is everyone's responsibility



PRODUCKIDVITY'S SPRING BREAK CAMP

**MAKE THE MOST OF SPRING BREAK WITH A
WEEK FULL OF LEARNING, CREATIVITY, AND FUN!**

MARCH 16–27 (MONDAY–FRIDAY) | 9:00AM–4:30PM

- Led by licensed Early Childhood Educators.
- Engaging and educational curriculum.
- Morning snack, lunch, and afternoon snack provided.
- Hands-on creative projects, educational adventures, and more!

**Spring Break spots
fill quickly!
\$250/week**

**Register at
www.producekidvity.com**

SCAN ME



Spring League
Now Open

WESTKHOOPS
BASKETBALL
westkhoops.ca



HOUSE LEAGUES
CAMPS & CLINICS
COMPETITIVE TEAMS
YOUTH AGES 5 TO 13
SMALL-GROUP & PRIVATE TRAINING

3X3



Family Day Fun at MNP Place

Monday, Feb. 16, 2026
1 - 4 p.m.

Free! Donations are greatly appreciated in support of Central Okanagan Search & Rescue.

Featuring fun and games for the whole family, including a Park & Play bouncy castle, active games, try-it sports scavenger hunt, and free skating! Skate rentals available on site, make sure to bring your own helmet.

Plus win prizes!

City of Kelowna

DAYS OF DANCE CAMP



Let's Move and Groove!

Students dive into Jazz, Ballet, Musical Theatre, Hip Hop, and more while building confidence and learning core movement skills. It's a fun, creative way to express yourself through dance.

LOCATIONS:

- Kinsmen Fieldhouse - Mar 16-20
- Parkinson Recreation Centre - Mar 23-27

REGISTRATION:

- Sign up on our website



Only 42.50

rec.kelowna.ca or 250-469-8800

SKATE LIKE AN OLYMPIAN



**Our skaters start in Kelowna
then race
all over Canada!**



FREE Try-It Session Feb. 9th @ 5:45-6:30p

MNP Place Rink #2

All ages and experience levels welcome!!

kelownaspeedskate@gmail.com for registration info



LICENSED SPRING BREAK CAMP



City of Kelowna day camps pack your week with gym games, creative crafts, outdoor adventures, and a splash-filled swim trip to Parkinson Rec Centre. Join our awesome staff for a fast-paced, fun-loaded adventure!



Watson Rd
Elementary

Bankhead
Elementary

Age

5-12

Registration

Registration must be completed through the Program Manager.
Please contact for more information.

**Subsidy
available!**



Bankhead: bankheadkelowna@gmail.com



Watson Road: wraspkelowna@gmail.com

Thank you for reading!

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

