



THE EAGLE GAZETTE - FEB 2023

South Kelowna Elementary

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FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Jan 30 2023-2024 Enrollment Opens (ONLINE)
Feb 2 P/T Conferences - **12:30 Dismissal**
Feb 3 P/T Conferences - **12:30 Dismissal**
Feb 15 Harmony Day
Feb 15 PAC Meeting @ 7 pm
Feb 16 100 Day
Feb 17 PRO-D Day - **NO SCHOOL**
Feb 20 Family Day - **NO SCHOOL**
Feb 22 Pink Shirt Day
Mar 1 ELFF Evening - See Information at the end of the newsletter



The school office will not be providing plastic utensils to the students in order to reduce waste. Please provide reusable utensils in your children's lunch daily.

PLEASE NOTE: for Hot Lunch Days as well

LOST AND FOUND

Please take a look for any of your lost items that are displayed in the front foyer hallway.



Sharing Kindness Everyday

2023-2024 STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Online registration for Student Enrollment for the 2022-2023 opened on **JANUARY 30, 2023** @ 7am.

Link to Enrol: <https://enrollment.sd23.bc.ca>

Applications must be submitted for kindergarten, new students, and schools of choice. A school of choice is a school other than your catchment and/or feeder school. South Kelowna Elementary is a feeder school for KLO Middle School.

YOU DO NOT NEED TO REGISTER IF YOUR CHILD IS ALREADY ATTENDING S.K.E. or if they will be in Grade 7 this upcoming year and you wish for them to attend KLO Middle School*

Please note that to qualify for kindergarten for the 2023-2024 school year, a child must reach the age of five prior to December 31, 2023.

Applications are assigned a date-time stamp and accepted on a **first-come, first-serve basis** in accordance with school district student placement policy 405R. **Please complete the application as early as possible, and provide required documentation to the school ASAP.** An application is only considered complete once all required registration documents have been successfully received by your first choice school.

For more information, please see the link "How to Register" on our website (www.ske.sd23.bc.ca)



****IMPORTANT SCHOOL PARKING SAFETY REMINDERS****

South Kelowna families are very fortunate to have options for dropping off and picking up their children at school.



The S.K.E. staff has increased in previous years and many start their shifts at 8:30 a.m. As well, we have many itinerant staff members arriving throughout the day. **As such, the parking lot is for STAFF ONLY.**

We appreciate you respecting the following expectations:

- Please use the paved pathways and crosswalks at all times. Do not cut through the parking lot and bus lane.
- To ensure safety of all vehicles entering and exiting the school grounds, please **obey ALL NO PARKING signs.** Busses require clearance to enter and exit safely.
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- Please do not park or block our neighbours' driveways. They need access to entering and leaving at all times.
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- Drop off – *see below:*

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.**

Thank you in advance for helping us maintain everyone's safety.



LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES

Thank you to Ms. Vecchio and Mrs. Estey for bringing these exciting opportunities to our students during lunch times:

Wednesdays: Grades 3-4 Floor hockey
Grades 2-4 Crib

PAC INFO

Our next meeting will be on
February 15th @ 7 p.m.

TO GET THE LATEST UPDATES:

Follow us on FACEBOOK:

South Kelowna Elementary Parents.

Watch for School Messenger updates.

Check: SKE website for our meeting minutes.

GRADE 6 BASKETBALL

Grade 5/6 Basketball is underway at SKE and the students are practicing new skills, making new friends and sharing new team-building experiences! This is a fun SD23 league program where all teams will be playing one game per week against other local schools.

A special THANK YOU to **Coach McLaughlin** and **Coach Larkin** for volunteering to coach the basketball teams this year.

Practices are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. **Check days**

Boys Games are on Tuesdays. Girls games are on Wednesdays.

Participants must have a gym strip and a water bottle.

Parents willing to carpool students to the games are to see the office to fill out a Driver Declaration and provide proper documents.



BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 2023

<u>Boys 5/6</u>		<u>Girls 5/6</u>	
Tuesdays		Wednesdays	
Jan 31	@ HOME vs Bankhead	Feb 1	AWAY vs Bankhead
Feb 7	AWAY vs Casorso	Feb 8	@ HOME vs Casorso
Feb 14	@ HOME vs Watson	Feb 15	AWAY vs Watson Rd
Feb 21	AWAY vs DWE	Feb 22	@ HOME vs DWE
Feb 28	PENDING – HOME?	March 1	Cancelled
March 7	@ HOME vs North Glenmore	March 8	AWAY vs North Glenmore
March 14	AWAY vs Glenmore Elementary	March 15	@ HOME vs Glenmore Elementary

TOGETHER WE CREATE CARING COMMUNITIES



In December of 1995, the Parliament of Canada recognized February as Black History Month following a motion introduced by the first African Canadian woman elected to Parliament, Jean Augustine. The presence of peoples of African descent in Canada dates back farther than Samuel de Champlain's (a French explorer and navigator in early 1600's) first voyage down the St. Lawrence River.

FEBRUARY IS HUMAN RIGHTS MONTH

What are Human Rights?

Human rights are the basic rights and freedoms that belong to every person in the world, from birth until death. They apply regardless of where you are from, what you believe or how you choose to live your life. These basic rights are based on shared values like dignity, fairness, equality, respect and independence.

What is the Declaration of Human Rights?

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights is a historic document which outlined the rights and freedoms everyone is entitled to.

Inclusive Education Month

What is National Inclusive Education Month?

The Board of Education declared that February is Inclusive Education Month in Central Okanagan Public Schools. Throughout our district, staff work to ensure that each student has opportunities to succeed.

The purposes of National Inclusive Education Month are:

- To highlight inclusive education – to define what it is and how the development of inclusive schools and inclusive school practices helps provide quality education to an increasingly diverse student population, including students with an intellectual disability.
- To provide educators, students and parents an opportunity to share ideas on strategies to enhance inclusion and successful school experiences for every child.
- To acknowledge and recognize the commitment and effort of teachers, administrators, students, and families who contribute to successful inclusion of students in schools and classrooms throughout Canada.



EVERYONE BELONGS

Wednesday, February 15th is Harmony Day.

This recognizes that the citizens of the Central Okanagan come from all over the world. This special day provides an annual opportunity for our SD23 community to celebrate cultural diversity while committing to mutual respect. *The goal of Harmony Day is to promote a racism-free working, learning, and living environment that supports human rights.*

In support of Harmony Day, please wear your Harmony Day T-shirt if you have one, or students are encouraged to **WEAR ORANGE** on **February 15th**.



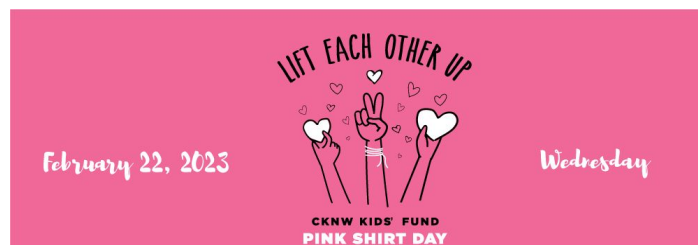
Look who reached their
Read to Self 20 minute
goal.....Mrs. Jennejohn's
class!! Way to go!

PINK SHIRT DAY

On **Wednesday, February 22nd**, we recognize **Pink Shirt Day** as a time to advocate for kindness and acceptance towards one another. Originally started by two teenagers in Nova Scotia, its purpose was to end the bullying a male classmate endured for wearing a pink shirt. Pink Shirt Day now actively supports thousands of youth across the country who have experienced bullying.

The theme for Pink Shirt Day 2023 is to Be Kind and Lift Each Other Up, a simple but powerful message encouraging us to look beyond our differences and celebrate the things that make us unique.

In a world of people tearing each other down, it is more important than ever to focus on being kind to one another.



Join us in taking a stand against bullying and be an advocate for kindness and inclusivity by wearing **PINK** on **February 22nd!**

<https://www.pinkshirtday.ca>

SHARING CIRCLE - Ms. Vecchio and Ms. Wilson's classes joined together in a sharing circle outside on the land sharing indigenous stories.



Mrs. Morgan's class donated a gift to our special Ukrainian family. The Ukrainian family thanked the Gr.6's with traditional Ukrainian treats.



Mrs Morgan's Class Visit at Hawthorn Park





Aleixo Vieira

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After 43 years of bus driving I am retiring. It was one of the hardest decisions I have ever made. It was so emotional and I felt so loved by the whole south kelowna elementary. Thanks so much.



Our SKE School Community came together to wish Alex best wishes on his retirement. It was a very special and memorable farewell! He was very emotional and touched by everyone.

Click the link to view the video of his approach to the school and his interactions with our school.

<https://youtu.be/ao9C7RzuWlc>

SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

Do you have a passion to work with children or youth, enjoy driving and excited to have the holidays and summers off with your children?

Central Okanagan Public School District is in need of professional drivers to operate our school bus routes

For more information contact Transportation Services
250-870-5151 or email us at transportation@sd23.bc.ca

To apply

Scan the QR code or use the link: <https://bit.ly/SD23BusDrivers>



\$28.23 per hour

Applicants must have:

- Completed Grade 10
- A valid Class 1 or 2 B.C. Driver's License with Air Brake Endorsement or
- A class 5 License with a Class 2 Learners and Air Brake Endorsement
- A clear Driver's Abstract



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**French Immersion Kindergarten
Informational Session:**
Tuesday, January 17, 2023
@ 6:00-7:00pm
bit.ly/FI-Information-Session

**ONLINE APPLICATION for STUDENT ENROLLMENT begins on
Monday, January 30, 2023, at 7:00 am for 2023 - 2024 School Year**
(for kindergarten, new students, and Programs of Choice for K – 12)

Schools will be open at 7:00 am to provide telephone support to parents that require assistance.
Documentation Submission Deadline: **Friday, March 17, 2023**

If you are new to Canada, please contact the Welcome Centre for enrollment information at (250)470-3258

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://enrollment.sd23.bc.ca>

No internet access? Please contact your school for assistance.

Online applications begin on Monday, January 30, 2023 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 by email by **Friday, March 17, 2023**.

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 below; or,
 - c. Proof of application for BC Medical Services Plan and one item from the list of supporting documentation below.
3. **Proof of Parent/Guardian Living Address/Supporting Documentation**
 - 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, August 31, 2023

New in-catchment area enrollments: Parents will receive 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 may 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, 2023, to qualify for school enrollment in September 2023. No exceptions.

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

South Kelowna Elementary
presents



READY, SET, LEARN

Early Learning for Families

Wednesday, March 1st, 2023

5:00pm to 6:30pm

South Kelowna Elementary Gym

Please join us for this free evening of fun activities for families of children aged 3 to 5 years old! There will be games, stations, and information tables for everyone to enjoy! This fantastic free event has been put in place to support our early learners and their transition into school.

Our amazing Kindergarten team of Miss Robertson, Mrs. Szewczyk, and Mr. McLaughlin, as well as our Principal, Mrs. Piasentin, invite you to join us in the gym for a fun-filled evening!

To register, please enter your information into our Google form:

[REGISTER HERE](#)



We look forward to meeting you!



FEBRUARY
2023

Inclusive Communities are Caring Communities

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CHOOSE A STUDENT TO GREET EVERYONE AT THE DOOR EACH DAY OF THE MONTH			Give someone 1 a compliment	2 Create a personal or class land acknowledgement	DISCUSS HOW WE ARE A CARING COMMUNITY 3	4
5	IDENTIFY HOW YOUR SCHOOL IS INCLUSIVE 6	EXPLORE THIS WEBSITE 7	Create a class motto about inclusion 8	Play: Hot Seat 9	learn your favorite food in Sign language 10	11
12	LEARN A GREETING IN A NEW LANGUAGE 13	SEND A VALENTINE 14	Create a class definition of Harmony 15	Learn your name in Braille 16	Provide a random act of Kindness For your Family 17	18
19	FAMILY DAY: HONOR A FAMILY TRADITION 20	Learn something new about someone else 21	PINK SHIRT DAY: FILL SOMEONE'S BUCKET 22	Play: Find Someone who... 23	Build a diversity tree 24	25
26	INVITE SOMEONE TO EAT LUNCH WITH YOU 27	28 Gallery Walk of Compliments	1	2	3	4

Inclusive Communities *are* Caring Communities

National Inclusive Education Month February 2023

National Inclusive Education Month raises awareness in support of inclusive education. Please join us in celebrating the many ways our schools support every child's learning.

In Central Okanagan Public Schools, we believe Caring Communities are Inclusive Communities. We foster school communities where each learner feels a sense of belonging and is challenged to reach their full potential.

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- February 17, 2023, School District Professional Development Day.
- Extending our learning about inclusion and inclusive instructional practices.

STUDENT STORIES OF INCLUSION

- Celebrating and sharing stories of inclusion from around the district.

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ACTIVITY CHALLENGE CALENDAR

- Calendar of daily activities to promote inclusion and inclusive school activities.

100 WAYS WE ARE INCLUSIVE -WORD CLOUD

- District staff share how their schools and classrooms are inclusive to create a word cloud that celebrates all learners.

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INSIDE 23 - PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

- American Sign Language - Course offered in the district.
- Powder Hounds - video of students participating in program at Big White.

DAY IN THE LIFE OF A STUDENT

- Video highlighting a day in the life of a student in our school district

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