



School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha)

**KVR**

**Middle School/École Intermédiaire**

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**Administrator’s Message**

We would like to wish a ‘Happy New Year’ to all members of the KVR community. It is hard to believe that we are already well into our second term of the 2016/17 school year. Congratulations to all students and families on a successful first term and now it’s time to re-visit and adjust our goals for the year.

We hope that students and parents took the time to go through report cards, which were sent home on December 14<sup>th</sup>. In their comments, teachers have outlined strengths and areas for growth in relation to work habits as well as student progress toward prescribed learning outcomes. It is valuable to discuss with your child the areas in which they are seeing success as well as coming up with a plan to address areas of growth.

Please contact your child’s teacher if you have any questions. Communication between the family and school will help ensure student success.

January and February are busy months here at KVR. Please make note of upcoming ‘dates to remember’ and check your child’s planner for additional information and communication from the school.

We would like to wish all of our KVR families the best in 2017!

- Mr. Steve DeVito and Mrs. Jennifer Wingham

**PAC**

Reminder to all parents that our PAC meets every second Wednesday of the month, in the KVR library, at 6:00 pm. The next meeting will occur Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.



**Reminder regarding Electronic Devices!**

At this time of year it is important to remember that we encourage students not to bring electronic devices, such as cell phones and personal listening devices to school as we can not be responsible for their security. If students choose to bring these to school they may only be used before school, at break times (nutrition break and lunch time), and after school. If a student uses these items without permission during instructional time they may be confiscated. Parents are asked to respect these expectations and encourage their children to keep these devices at home or locked safely in lockers during instructional time.

**Attendance**

Regular Attendance at School is expected and critical for student success. However, if due to illness or unforeseen circumstances your child is absent, we would appreciate a phone call to the school.

**Grade 8’s to Visit Pen High**

Our grade 8 students will have the opportunity to visit elective classes at Penticton Secondary School on Friday, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>. This is a great chance for students to see what courses are available to them in Grade 9, meet teachers, and ask questions as they begin the course selection process in preparation for September.

**Canadian Parents For French**



The next meeting for the Canadian Parents for French is set for Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the KVR library.

## Class Photos

Class photos will be taken on Tuesday, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>, Information for ordering these will be sent home with students.

## KVR Yearbooks 2016/17

Yearbooks are still being pre-sold in the library for \$45. Please make cheques payable to KVR Middle School.

## Pen High Information Night for Gr. 8 Parents

On Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> Ms. Karen Boyd, a counselor from Pen High, will be presenting to parents in our multipurpose room at 6:30 pm. The session will cover Gr. 9 required courses; elective choices; the various support programs offered; extracurricular choices; the Pen-Hi timetable. The information provided will complement the course planning process that our grade 8 students will be going through at this time. This is an excellent opportunity for parents to ask questions regarding the transition to secondary school!

**Science Fair:** There will be two sections to the District Science Fair this year, a competitive section for those wishing to have their projects judged with the hopes of continuing onto the Regional Science Fair, and a Science Exposition for those student not wishing to compete but who want to do an Inquiry project that they can put on display for the public to view. The date of this **Evening of Science is March 7<sup>th</sup> (at SSS)**. KVR's Science Fair will be held February 23 in the Multipurpose room with many grade 7 students vying for a spot at the District Science Fair in Summerland. Individual classes will be working on these projects within their classes. It's all about inquiry everyone! Have fun!

## French Immersion Information Night

There will be a French Immersion Information Night for new registrants (grade 6 next year) on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 7:00 pm at KVR in the Multi- Purpose Room. A letter, along with an application form regarding next year's Grade 6 French Immersion classes, is being sent home in January with all grade 5 students. Application forms will also be available January 19<sup>th</sup> at all elementary schools and the Board Office (425 Jermyn Ave., Penticton), or on the district website at [www.sd67.bc.ca](http://www.sd67.bc.ca)  
**Deadline for applications is noon on Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017**

## Quebec Trip 2017

We are happy to say that the Quebec trip is full again this year. We have 48 students (46 from KVR and 2 from SMS) and 7 adults traveling to Quebec on February 8-14, 2017 for the famous Quebec Winter Carnival. Travelers will have the opportunity to take in the many historic sites, and Carnival activities while practicing their French in "La Belle Province". There will be a final parent and student meeting for all travelers in January. The date will be announced shortly.

## Transfer Requests Reminder 2017

The window for students requesting transfers from their catchment/current school to another school in School District No. 67 for the September 2017/2018 school year is **8:00 am, February 1, 2017 to 4:00 pm, April 15, 2017**. Transfer requests received prior to February 1 will be date / time stamped as "February 1, 2017, 8:00am" and transfer requests received after April 15 may not be considered until September 2017. Decisions will likely not be approved until September 2017 due to the District's boundaries review and the potential impact of the Supreme Court decision.

## Upcoming Dates to Remember!

- **Jan 9<sup>th</sup> –Feb 17<sup>th</sup> – FSA completion**
- **Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> – Gr. 6 classes to Apex for Hoodoo Adventures event.**
- **Jan. 24-25<sup>th</sup> Gr. 9 Course Planning for Pen High (session 1)**
- **Jan 25<sup>th</sup> Pen High Parent Info Meeting**
- **Jan 27<sup>th</sup> – Grade 8s visit Pen High**
- **Feb 1<sup>st</sup> (Noon) Deadline for French Immersion Application**
- **Feb. 3 – 9<sup>th</sup> Quebec Trip**
- **Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> – Family Day Holiday – no school**
- **Feb 6-10<sup>th</sup> Interim Report Week**
- **Feb 21 and 22 -Early Dismissal Days**
- **Feb 17<sup>th</sup> Professional Development Day (Students not at school)**
- **March 15<sup>th</sup> – Term 2 Report Cards issued**
- **March 17<sup>th</sup> – Last day prior to Spring Break.**