



School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha)

KVR

Middle School/École Intermédiaire

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Administrators' Message

It is hard to believe that Spring Break is rapidly approaching. Winter has been a busy time here at KVR. Members of our community have been involved in many activities including Science Fair, Basketball, Metis Day, Pink Shirt Day... just to name a few!

As the third, and final, term of the year is upon us it is important to reflect on goals set (successes and shortfalls) and adjust as we set our sights on June. We hope that families take the opportunity to go over report cards and have conversations around learning and effort. We encourage all of our students to continue to work hard through this last stretch.

- Mr. DeVito and Mrs. Wingham

PAC

Reminder to all parents, that our PAC meets every second Wednesday of the month, in the KVR library, at 6:00. The PAC will not be meeting in March. The next meeting will occur on April 12th.



Spring Break 2017

Schools will be closed for spring break, beginning Monday, March 20th. Schools will re-open on Monday, April 3rd. Enjoy your holiday!

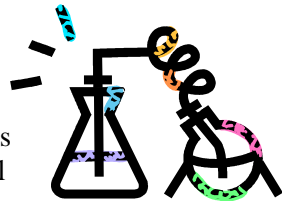
SATISFACTION SURVEY 2017

During the month of April, KVR will be participating in the 2016/17 Ministry of Education Electronic Anonymous Satisfaction Survey Project in cooperation with all other school districts throughout the Province.

Parents/Guardians of grade 7 students can fill out the survey electronically, providing immediate satisfaction level results to the school and the district. Great prizes will be given out to those completing this survey. This information is used in planning directions for school improvement.

Science Fair

The KVR Science fair was held on Thursday, February 23rd. Our students did an amazing job with their projects. Congratulations to the following students who have moved on to the District Level Science Fair at Summerland Secondary School on March 9, 2017: Kadence Standish, Sebi Martinez-Otembra, Nathan Chandler, Simon Albrechtson, Cai Lewendon, Drake Clarke, Sophie Foster & Leah Newsted, Kiana Moshaver & Catrina Withler, Fynn McNolty & Isaac Gans, Sophia Toneatto & Elena Shearer, Oscar Grainger & Ben McLeod, Kennedy Smith & Niya Jurcic, Grace Connolly & Megan Pickford, Kyla Alva & Elizabeth Cyr, Ava Wall & Sophie Brooke, Ryan Edge & Mark Andrews, Alex Knauff & Sophia Smith, Ashley McMillan, Tavian Gaudiuso & Jaras Grant, Maia McCoy & Gabrielle Gracia, Anders Say & Curtis Nickel, Kate Piche, and Marcus Stewart & Jordan Souch-Tremblay. Congratulations and good luck everyone!



Term 2 Report Cards

Term 2 Report Cards should be ready to go home with your child on **Wednesday, March 15th**. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

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 2016/2017 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, 8:00 am" 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.

Grade 8 students transferring from French Immersion to English Track in grade 9 will be transitioned to their catchment area school. If you reside outside of Penticton Secondary School's catchment area but wish to attend there, you must complete a transfer request as mentioned above. Please contact Mr. DeVito if you have any questions regarding this.

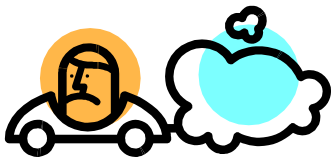
PAC Fundraiser



We have signed up for a 'Dough Raiser Program' with COBS Bread Riverside Village which enables us to raise money for KVR Middle School throughout the year! Be sure to mention KVR Middle School each time you make a purchase at COBS Bread Riverside Village; they will donate 5% of your purchase back to our school's PAC.

Dropping Off ,Picking Up, and Idling Cars

Parents are reminded that the area directly in front of KVR on Jermyn Ave., is a 'no-stopping zone.' Please do not stop to drop your child off in this area. **It is not safe to do so as it obstructs vision around our crosswalk.** RCMP monitor this, and will ticket violators. Please plan a suitable drop off/pick up location out of this zone. Also, there have been many complaints about idling vehicles waiting to pick up students from KVR. If you are waiting in your vehicle please turn your engine off to help reduce emissions.



Last Call for Yearbooks!

Yearbooks are a great keepsake of your child's year at KVR. Our grade 8 Yearbook Committee is hard at work on our 2016-2017 edition. If a student wishes to have a yearbook, they must pre-order at the library with Mrs. Sandham or Mrs. Haukaas as there will be a very limited amount available for purchase in the spring. The cost of yearbooks is \$45 until March 17th. Please make cheques payable to KVR Middle School.

Gauss Math Contest

Every year the University of Waterloo sponsors a math contest for grade 7 and 8 students across the country. KVR students will once again take up the challenge. Students will begin meeting in April to prepare for the annual contest which occurs in mid-May. Mr. DeVito will be working with math teachers to provide students with this opportunity.

Relay For Life

Penticton Secondary School will be hosting a school sanctioned Relay for Life, run by our local students, to support cancer research across Canada. Everyone can say they have been touched by cancer, including our student body, so on **April 27th 2017** we will come together as a community to show our support by running/walking a few laps around the track. This event will be opened up to only the **Grade 8 body at KVR** – a chance to connect with the high school before the upcoming fall.

This event will be held on Thursday April 27th from **8 am to 8 pm** – a 12h relay. Registration is only **\$15** and students are encouraged to raise as much money as possible. Rally a team to participate with on the day of the event. We hope to see you all there!!!

Sign up as soon as possible to start your fundraising process with the link below:
http://convio.cancer.ca/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFL_B C_odd ?fr_id=22915&pg=entry



FSA Results

Grade 7 students will also be sent home with their Foundation Skills Assessment booklets and results this week. Parents are asked to review the assessment with their children and to use this information to set some goals.

KVRs Got Talent

Each year KVR hosts our annual “KVR’s Got Talent”, which showcases the talent we have in our school. The talent show is very popular and, as such, has auditions. Auditions are open to all students in **all grades**. Preferences are given to polished acts and acts with more than one member. Students should stay tuned to announcements for audition times.

“KVR’s Got Talent” will be held on March 17th from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Families are welcome to attend to cheer on our students.

French Immersion

KVR Winter Carnival will be happening at KVR from March 13 to March 17. All KVR divisions will be competing in fun, team building events. The Carnival will end with a school wide pancake breakfast on Friday, March 17th.

Canadian Parents for French thanks everyone who attended **Caraval d'hiver** at Apex. Thanks also go to the event sponsors who were IGA Penticton, Cobs Bread, The Gunbarrel at Apex, The Edge and Safeway. The next Canadian Parents for French meeting is on March 7, at 7pm in the KVR library.



Parent Information Nights

We will be hosting our information night for parents of incoming grade 6 students on Tuesday, May 2nd. General information for all students will be provided at this meeting and also specific details regarding French Immersion and English Track programs. The session begins at 7:00 pm in our multipurpose room.



School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha)
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha) Requires

HOMESTAY FAMILIES FOR September 2017

FAMILIES COMPENSATED \$800/MONTH

School District No. 67 is looking for prospective homestay families in Penticton and Summerland to host international students for one year, one semester, three months, one month and/or on a short term (respite) basis. Placements are needed for both male and female students from Germany, Mexico, Spain, Japan, China and Korea who will be attending one of our local secondary schools. Host families must be English-speaking and have a desire to welcome the student into their home as part of the family. Close proximity to a secondary school is an asset.

Host families are expected to provide:

- a fully furnished private bedroom for each student;
- a clean, safe, caring environment conducive to student studies;
- meals;
- the opportunity to participate in Canadian family life; and
- a completed criminal record search for all adult members residing in the home.

School District No. 67 will provide:

- support and guidance by a homestay coordinator who will monitor the student/homestay experience;
- monthly compensation of \$800; and
- temporary placement/respite homes for host families, if required, for holidays and emergencies.

If you are interested in this great opportunity to exchange cultural experiences with an international student, please pick up an application form at the School Board Office, 425 Jermyn Avenue in Penticton, download the form off the District website at www.sd67.bc.ca, or contact Ms. Brenda Kotzian, Homestay Coordinator at (250) 490-0422, or by email bkotzian@summer.com

More Athletic Success!

Congratulations to both the 8 Girls Basketball team and Grade 8 Boys basketball teams who had great seasons. The girls were successful in their bid to capture South Zone Championships and both boys teams finished strong. Thank you to our coaches Mr. McQuay and Kobe Loewen who led the girls this season and to Tom Edis, Spencer Abbey, Connor Walkinshaw and Mr. Duke who coached the boys.

Congratulations, also to the Grade 7 Boys' and Girls' Basketball teams for having a terrific season. Both teams played hard, learned a lot and always showed the best sportsmanship on the court. A special thank you to the coaching volunteers: Mr. Nackoney, Ms. Tank, Mr. Pickford, and Mrs. Toneatto for helping out our teams. Go Express Go!

Our Gr. 6 teams have also wrapped up their play days for the season. Coaches Sherburne and Moseley were very proud of how the boys progressed as were Mlle. Marie and Mrs. Allen who coached the grade 6 girls.

Planning for the 2017-18 School Year

Believe it or not we are already planning for September 2017! Please let the school know if your child will **not** be returning to KVR Middle School for the next school year. Also, you could assist us by informing anyone you know that will be moving to the KVR attendance area to register their child now.

If your child is in Grade 8 French Immersion but is planning on joining the English Track at Pen High please contact Mr. DeVito if you do not live in the Pen High catchment area.

Our teachers are beginning the process of planning class placements for next year. Please keep in mind that we see your child every day in this learning environment and, as professional educators, place students where we feel they are best able to learn and to succeed. We hope you are able to trust and respect our decision. If you have suggestions around the specific learning needs of your child please discuss with their current teacher. We anticipate all class lists will be completed by mid-June.

Don't forget to thank your coaches!

As basketball season wraps up it is always a good reminder to let our volunteer coaches know how much you appreciate their time and effort. Teachers, parents, and older athletes give up their valuable personal time to work with our students. Please let them know how much they are appreciated!

Handicapped Parking - Reminder

Parents who drop off students in our main parking lot are reminded to not use our two reserved handicapped parking spots. Please be considerate towards those members of our community for whom those spots are there.



Summer Swim Club

Interested in joining a Summer Swim Club? The Penticton Pikes Summer Swim Club is an excellent opportunity for your child to learn swimming skills in a fun, encouraging way while promoting personal development and team spirit in an atmosphere of family involvement. Opportunities to attend swim meets are offered to all participants. Our season begins May 1st. Registration is on Sunday, April 9th, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm at Penticton Community Centre. Find out more at <http://www.pentictonpikes.com>



Upcoming Dates to Remember!

- **March 9th – District Science Fair SSS**
- **March 13th -7th KVR Winter Carnivale**
- **March 15th – Term 2 Report Cards issued**
- **March 17th – ‘KVR’s Got Talent’**
- **March 17th – Last day prior to Spring Break.**
- **April 3rd – Schools re-open**
- **April 13th – Professional Development Day**
- **April 14th – Good Friday – Schools closed**
- **April 17th – Easter Monday – Schools closed**
- **April 27th – Pen High Relay for Life**



Remember to “Like” us on Facebook for updates and information about upcoming events at KVR Middle School