



School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha)

KVR

Middle School/École Intermédiaire

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Administrators' Message

Greetings to all members of the KVR community! The last few weeks have been busy, as we are all settling into our routines. We have much to celebrate as a community. Teachers have been spending time with their classes, setting goals for the year and going over classroom and building expectations. Each grade team has held team building events, including our Gr. 7s and 8s participating in the 'Freakin' Farmer' at Covert Farms and our Gr. 6s with their sandcastle activity (which was fun, despite the wind!). Overall, we have been very pleased with the transition back!

Thank you to all families who attended our Open House, we were very happy with the turnout and were excited to meet so many new members of our community.

We would also like to thank all of the parents who are committed to being involved in the many aspects of KVR. Whether it is by attending PAC meetings, coaching a team, helping out with breakfast or chaperoning a field trip; your efforts are a big reason why we can offer our students the opportunities we do at KVR Middle School.

We have also experienced a tragedy as a community. We want to remind everyone that we will continue to support students and families as needed. Please don't hesitate to contact the school if you or your child would like to access counselling services. We would like to acknowledge the members of our District Crisis Response Team as well as our staff members who have shown exemplary care for our students during this difficult time. In times of stress and in times of celebration we continue to feel lucky to be part of this wonderful KVR community.

Mr. DeVito and Mrs. Wingham

PAC

The KVR PAC is looking for members...We need you!

Please come out and join us. Your next Parent Advisory meeting will be held on Wed., October 11th at 6:00 pm in the library. PAC meetings occur on the second Wednesday of every month at this time and generally are less than an hour long.



Photo Re-takes

Our School Photo day was held on Sept 20th. Parents may purchase packages when the proofs are sent home in October. Re-takes will occur on **October 20th** for students who missed the first photo date. Parents wishing to have their child get a retake photo must prepay at that time.



KVR Band program

The bands are all up and running and, by now, your band student should have an instrument, 1" binder, and pencil ready to bring to class each day. Most classes now have some music and students are expected to be practicing at home...20 minutes, 3 times a week would be a great place to start, but more is always better! The Jazz Express (mostly grade 8's) is meeting regularly Tuesday and Friday mornings at 7:30. Grade 7 students can expect the Jazz Train to start meeting in early October on Wednesdays after school from 3:15-4:15.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Scholastic Book Fair will be Oct 24th-Oct 28th. We will be having various literacy events throughout this week! Come to check out the new books and cool gadgets available. The fair will be open during parent/teacher interviews on Oct. 25th-26.th

Bagged Lunch

The bagged lunch program is supported and subsidized through our school district. This program is needs based and can be confidentially accessed through Mr. DeVito. Please let us know if this is a service your family needs to access.



Criminal Record Checks For Volunteers

Those who wish to volunteer for helping out with any activities associated with the school are reminded that a criminal record check must be completed prior to participation. These can be completed online at <https://justice.gov.bc.ca/eCRC/home.htm>. Please enter the Access Code **TNJP25P6CL**. There is no cost associated if you use this code for your CRC. Once you have completed this on-line please let Mrs. Smith, our head secretary, know via e-mail (ismith@summer.com) and provide her with date completed and file number. Please consider completing this if you have a child at KVR, and thank you, in advance, for volunteering with our students.

Quebec Trip 2017



The dates of the trip are February 8-14, 2017. There was a great turn out at the informational meeting on September 22. Applications for the trip plus \$100.00 will be accepted on Oct. 3, 2016 starting at 8:00 am in room 217. If you did not get a registration form and would like one please pick one up in Madame Cornett-Ching's room (217). If you have any questions please contact jcornett-ching@summer.com.

Interim Reports and Parent-Teacher Interviews

Interim reports will be sent home for all students during the week of October 17th – 20th. You will receive a brief progress report on the work habits of your child for their academic subjects. This progress report may include a self-evaluation as well as a list of any tasks your student may be missing. This report will not include letter grades or term marks.

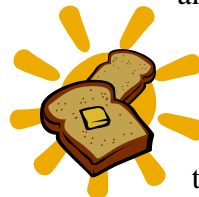
Parent teacher interviews will be held on October 25th and 26th. Students will be dismissed early, at 12:55 pm and interviews will run from 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm on both days. Teachers will let you know if an interview is required or you may request an interview time by calling the office (250-770-7600) to choose an available time. Busses run at regular times on interview days. Bus students will be supervised in the gym or multi-purpose room.

STUDENT INFORMATION VERIFICATION FORMS

In order to assist with communication and ensure that we have proper contact information we are asking parents to review and return with any changes the **Student Information Verification Form**, which will come home with students in early October. It is important for the school to have as many contact numbers as possible including an emergency contact for your child. Also, much of our communication is also done via email please check carefully that we have the correct email address. Thank you.

KVR Breakfast Program

Once again we are very pleased to announce that KVR will be offering a breakfast program for our students. This program is run by parent volunteers and is sponsored by *Valley First* and generous donations from other community members. The purpose of this program is to ensure that **all** students have the nutrition needed to engage effectively in learning. This program is meant to support students in need but is not exclusive. This program is also always looking for volunteers to help out. If you are interested, please inform our office staff.



VISITORS TO KVR

In order to keep our community as safe as possible it is expected that anyone visiting KVR **during school hours** must check in at the office. Visitors will be assigned a pass to wear while in the building. Please be respectful of this policy.

Farm Bag Fundraiser

Subscribe before October 7th to participate in this year's Farm Bag fundraiser! A three-month subscription to the Farm Bag offers fresh, organic, local produce for the months of October, November and December. Each month of the program you will receive 25 lbs. of assorted seasonal vegetables and fruit from Okanagan/Similkameen farms. You may receive carrots, potatoes, apples, plums, leeks, garlic, squash, beets, pears, parsnips and other delicious goodies. You'll also get an informative newsletter telling you all about the produce in your bag, the farmers who grew it and recipes to cook the contents. Each Farm Bag costs \$40.

Visit www.localmotive.ca and follow the Farm Bag links to sign-up and choose KVR Middle School. The October pick up date will be Wednesday October 12th from 3:00-4:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. You will receive a reminder email prior to the pick-up date.

Scheduled delivery dates:

Wednesday October 12th 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday November 9th 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday December 7th 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Fundraising profits will help fund KVR's participation in the Intergenerational Landed Learning (I.L.L.) Program. For the past three years, Mme Sluyter's Grade 6 class has been very fortunate to participate in the I.L.L. program at the Summerland Ornamental Gardens. The I.L.L. provides the opportunity for Master Gardeners, parent volunteers and teacher to work together to help students experience how food grows from seed and reaches our tables. Thank you to all subscribers! Contact KVR's Farm Bag coordinator, Mme Sluyter at jsluyter@summer.com.

Subway hot lunches!

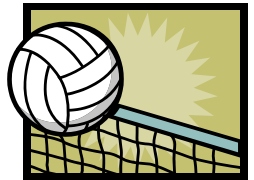
The KVR Leadership program is pleased to offer Subway sandwiches as an additional option at KVR this year. Subway order forms will be distributed in Advisory classes during the week of Sept 26th -29th and the orders will be taken from October 3rd – 7th. Orders are done on a monthly basis only and will be delivered each Monday for students to enjoy. All profits made from this fundraiser go towards leadership activities and supplies that we use to help make KVR a great community!



FALL SPORTS AT KVR

Students are encouraged to get involved in extracurricular activities at KVR. Athletics is an excellent opportunity for many. Please listen to announcements and watch the *Athletics bulletin board* for information. The following sports are traditionally held in the Fall. Please refer to the tentative practice schedule below.

- Cross Country Running – All students
- Gr. 6, 7, & 8 Volleyball (boys and girls)



KVR 2016 – FALL PRACTICE SCHEDULE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7:15-8:15am	Gr.6 Girls V-ball (Miranda Halladay)	Gr.8 Boys V-ball (Colin Picheniuk)		Gr.8 Boys V-ball (Colin Picheniuk)	
Lunch		Gr.6 Boys V-ball (Mr. Sherburne & Mr. Moseley)		Gr.7 Boys V-ball (Barry Say)	
3:15-4:30	Gr.8 Girls V-ball (Mr. Moseley)	Gr.7 Boys V-ball (Barry Say)	Gr.7 Girls V-ball (Toneatto/Tank)	Gr.6 Boys V-ball (Mr. Sherburne & Mr. Moseley)	
4:30-6:00		Gr.7 Girls V-ball (Toneatto/Tank)			
6:00-7:30			Gr.6 Girls V-ball (Miranda Halladay)		

WE Day 2016

KVR has a very strong and active Me2We Club. The goal of the club is to promote community citizenship by encouraging students to “think less about *me*, and more about *we*!” Each year, approximately 20 students from KVR are selected to represent our school at We Day, which is a day-long celebration of service and initiatives to help improve our local and global communities. We Day 2016 is on Nov 3rd. Applications to attend will be given to grade 7 & 8 students who attend a meeting after school on October 3rd. Applications are due Oct 13th and all applicants will be notified by Oct 14th as to whether or not they were successful. Please note that, while anyone can apply, preference is given to Me2We Club members who have shown consistent effort and attendance last year.

KVR CLOTHING

Please check out our display case in the school entrance for a variety of clothing items available to order. KVR hoodies, tee-shirts, and sweatpants are very popular. We also have KVR gym bags which are new this year! Order forms are available in the office. **Deadline for Fall orders is October 20th**

School Community Building

September got off to a great start with team building activities across all grades. Grade 6's spent a day at the beach using teamwork and problem solving to build sand castles. Grade 7's and 8's got to experience major obstacles and mud in the mini Freakin' Farmer obstacle course race designed just for our students. All activities were designed to help students meet new people and try different things with a positive mindset.



This helps us build on a solid foundation for the rest of the year. Thanks goes out to all students, staff and parents for helping to make these great team building experiences a reality. A big thanks also goes to Hoodoo Adventures for all their work on the Freakin' Farmer events.

A Message Regarding Aboriginal Education

Dear SD67 Parents and Guardians,

As we begin another school year many parents and students may be noticing changes within their schools and classrooms in regards to some of the content or teaching strategies.

As a means of increasing communication our Aboriginal Education team wanted to share some key information items. As of this September, the Ministry of Education has mandated the full implementation of the renewed curriculum for Kindergarten thru Grade 9 curriculum. This curriculum has been carefully remodeled by collaborative teams of teachers across our province. The intention is to fully implement the Grade 10 -12 renewed version in September of 2017. Within this Renewed Curriculum is several components that will help us better meet the needs of our students while evolving with the global landscape. The basis of all subject areas will be the core competencies of Communication, Thinking, and Personal and Social. These fundamental characteristics develop differently for everyone.

In addition, a significant emphasis is also being placed on embedding indigenous principles of learning. Provincially, the education sector is excited about the respectful integration of aboriginal history as a means of educating our youth about sensitive issues such as Residential Schools.

Overall, we believe parents are an integrate part of their child's education and we encourage you to embrace these changes and to discuss these components with the educators who work alongside your children every day.

Regards,
Allen Beckingham, District Principal

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. RCMP do 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.



Energy Drinks at KVR

At KVR we do not endorse the consumption of energy drinks. Research has shown that these drinks are highly caffeinated and extremely unhealthy for children, especially young adolescents putting their organs and brains 'under stress.' Please do not send your children to school with these beverages. Instead please send them with a refillable water bottle. Our PAC generously purchased a water bottle fill station for our students last year which dispenses filtered, chilled water.



October Dates to Remember!

Sept 30	Professional Development Day
Oct. 5 th	Grade 6 Swim
Oct. 10 th	Thanksgiving – No School
Oct. 12 th	PAC Meeting 6:00 pm library
Oct. 17-20	Interim Report Week
Oct. 21 st	Professional Development Day
Oct 25/26	Parent Teacher Interviews Early Dismissal
Oct. 28 th	Halloween Activities
Nov. 2 nd	Grade 6 Swim
Nov. 3 rd	We Day
Nov. 9 th	KVR Remembrance Day Assembly
Nov. 10 th	Curriculum Implementation Day (no school for students)
Nov. 11 th	Remembrance Day – Stat Holiday

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