



School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha)

**KVR**

**Middle School/École Intermédiaire**

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**October 2017**



## 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. 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.

**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 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the library. PAC meetings normally occur on the second Wednesday of every month at this time and generally are less than an hour long. Please put this year's PAC meetings on your calendar!

<b>Oct. 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Nov. 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Jan. 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feb. 21<sup>st</sup></b>
<b>April 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>May 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>June 13<sup>th</sup></b>	

**Volunteers needed:** We are looking for parent volunteers to help with handing out juice and snacks at our Gr. 6 immunization day on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:30 -11:00. If you can help please e-mail Mr. DeVito at sdevito@summer.com.



### Photo Re-takes

Our School Photo day was held on Sept 19<sup>th</sup>. Parents may purchase packages when the proofs are sent home in October. Re-takes will occur on **October 19<sup>th</sup>** 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 mid-October on Tuesdays after school from 3:10-4:00.



## **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

The Scholastic Book Fair will be on Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> - Oct 27<sup>th</sup>. There will be an assortment of new books and cool school gadgets available. The fair will also be open during parent/teacher interviews.

## **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 ([lsmith@summer.com](mailto:lsmith@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 2018**



The dates of the trip are February 6-12, 2018. There was a great turn out at the informational meeting on September 21. Applications for the trip plus \$100.00 must be turned in to Madame Cornett-Ching at KVR or Madame Ptak at Summerland Middle School on or before September 28, 2017. 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](mailto:jcornett-ching@summer.com).

## **Interim Reports and Parent-Teacher Interviews**

Interim reports will be sent home for all students during the week of October 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>. 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 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. 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 were handed out September 25, 2017. 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.

## **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.

## **FSA Information for Parents of Grade 4 Students (or Grade 7 Students) October, 2017**

The Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) is an annual province-wide assessment of British Columbia students' academic skills, and provides a snapshot of how well British Columbia students are learning foundation skills in reading comprehension, writing and numeracy. The main purpose of the assessment is to help the province, school districts, schools and school planning councils to evaluate how well students are achieving basic skills, and make plans to improve student achievement. The FSA is designed and developed by British Columbia educators. The skills tested are linked to the provincial curriculum and provincial performance standards. The assessment is administered each year to Grade 4 and Grade 7 students in public and provincially funded independent schools.

### **FSA Requirements**

The Student Learning Assessment Order (Ministerial Order 60/94 as amended) (the "Order") requires school boards to ensure that the FSA tests are administered to and completed by students in accordance with the assessment protocols, instructions and invigilation procedures established by the Ministry of Education. In accordance with the School Act, only the Principal has the authority to exclude children from participating in the Foundation Skills Assessment. Principals may excuse a student in the event of a family emergency, a lengthy illness or other extenuating circumstances. In such circumstances, parents must discuss their request with the Principal.

The following is an excerpt from the Ministry's 2017 "Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) Administration Instructions 2017" about participation guidelines:

#### ***Who Should Write the Assessment?***

##### ***All students write FSA including:***

- *All students enrolled in Grade 4 or Grade 7 of the English program, French Immersion program or Programme francophone, including students enrolled in a distributed learning program.*
- *All students enrolled in non-graded programs who were born in:*
  - *2008 write Grade 4 level*
  - *2005 write Grade 7 level*

- *English Language Learners (ELL) – formerly known as "English-as-a Second Language (ESL)" students.*
- *Students with special needs who require adaptations, as documented in their Individual Education Plans (IEPs).*
- *Students receiving learning assistance services.*

#### ***Exceptions include:***

- *Students who have previously written the FSA. Students write the FSA for a specific grade once only. If a student is retained, s/he does not write a second time.*
- *Students who have IEPs documenting a disability that significantly impacts their performance in reading, writing, or numeracy and who cannot meaningfully participate in all or part of the assessment, even with adaptations.*
- *Students with IEPs who would need extensive adaptations or who would need such extended periods of time as to create a hardship for the individual student.*
- *Those students who are reported and funded as receiving English Language Learning (ELL) support who have not yet reached a level of proficiency sufficient for them to provide meaningful responses to the reading or writing or numeracy sections of the FSA.*

*Principals identify which students, if any, are excused from one, two or all three components of the FSA. Principals must notify a parent or guardian if they intend to excuse a student from participating in one or more components of the FSA. Such notification should be made prior to the administration date by letter or telephone call.*

*Principals may excuse a student in the event of a family emergency, a lengthy illness or other extenuating circumstances.*

## **FARM BAG FUNDRAISER**

KVR Middle School has partnered with the Farm Bag Fundraiser again this year! You can now go to [www.localmotive.ca](http://www.localmotive.ca) to sign up for our subscription. KVR's proceeds from the Farm Bag Fundraiser go towards the Grade 6 students participating in the Intergenerational Landed Learning program (ILL). The ILL offers experiential learning about growing food from seed and the opportunity to collaborate with community elders and peers to plan a community garden at the Summerland Ornamental Gardens. The funds are used to support transportation costs, purchase seeds and supplies for our garden.

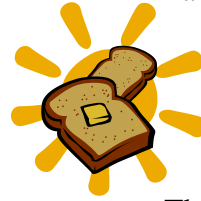
### **What you can look forward to this year...**

- The program season length will be three months total (Oct. through Dec. 2017)
- Cost for participation is \$120 (\$40/month). Each participant receives around 25 lbs of fresh, local, and organic produce at their monthly pick up.
- Admin fee for bags, paypal fees, flyers etc is 3% or \$3.60
- Participants must sign up online, choose a group, and pay in full by Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>.
- KVR's pick up dates are 3:00-3:00 pm on Thursday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday December 7<sup>th</sup> in the Multipurpose Room.
- KVR's Farm Bag contact is Mme. Sluyter, [jsluyter@summer.com](mailto:jsluyter@summer.com).



## **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.

## **Cob's Bread Fundraiser for KVR PAC!**

Fundraising is easy! Simply mention KVR Middle School during your transaction at our bakery when you make any purchase. We're donating 5% of that purchase to your school.

The transactions will be electronically recorded and at the conclusion of the promotion we will know exactly the amount to be donated back to your school.

Additional promotions may be conducted throughout the year.



The donation to your school will be presented in September 2018. Please note that a minimum of \$25.00 raised is required to receive a cheque and funds cannot be carried forward to the next year. Running totals can be provided to let you know how much you are contributing back to your school.

We at COBS Bread are extremely excited about supporting KVR Middle School and wish you every success with this fundraising effort.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me directly at 250-492-8670 or contact a member of the KVR PAC.

Yours sincerely,

Lorie Hansen  
COBS Bread Riverside Village  
Assistant Manager

## Subway lunches!

The KVR Leadership program is pleased to offer Subway sandwiches as an additional option at KVR this year. Subway orders are done on a monthly basis only and will be delivered each Tuesday 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!



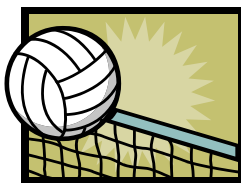
Order forms will be available in Advisory classes and at the office.

Please ensure that orders are placed prior to monthly deadline as **NO** late orders will be accepted.

## 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)
- Gr. 7/8 Girls Field Hockey



KVR 2017 – FALL PRACTICE SCHEDULE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7:15-8:15am		Jazz Band 8 (Mr. Sabourin)	Gr. 7 Girls V-ball (Mrs. Miranda Halladay)	Badminton Club (Sluyter)	Jazz Band 8 (Mr. Sabourin) Gr. 6 Boys V-ball (Mr. McGrady)
Lunch	Gr. 8 Girls V-ball (Mrs. Toneatto, Mrs. Hannon)	Gr. 6 Girls V-ball (Mrs. Rutton)	Intramurals	Intramurals	Intramurals
3:15-4:30	Gr. 7 Girls V-ball (Mrs. Miranda Halladay) Gr. 6 Boys V-ball (Mr. McGrady) (Outside)	Gr. 8 Boys V-ball (Barry Say) Jazz Band 7 (Mr. Sabourin)	Gr. 7 Boys V-ball (Mr. Sherburne, Mr. Moseley)	Gr. 6 Girls V-ball (Mrs. Rutton)	Gr. 7 Boys V-ball (Mr. Sherburne, Mr. Moseley)
4:30-6:00		Gr. 8 Girls V-ball (Mrs. Toneatto, Mrs. Hannon)		Gr. 8 Girls V-ball (Mrs. Toneatto, Mrs. Hannon)	
6:00-7:30				Gr. 8 Boys V-ball (Barry Say)	

Monday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> 4:30 - 5:30 Gr 7-8 Girls Field Hockey

Wednesday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> and October 4<sup>th</sup> 3:30 - 4:30 Gr 7 - 8 Girls Field Hockey

## WE Day 2017

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 2017 is on October 18th. Applications to attend were given to students who attended a meeting, and the applications were due on September 28<sup>th</sup>. All applicants will be notified by October 3rd as to whether or not they were successful. Please note that, while anyone could 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. Order forms are available in the office. **Deadline for Fall orders is October 20<sup>th</sup>**

## 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 re-fillable water bottle. Our PAC generously purchased a water bottle fill station for our students last year which dispenses filtered, chilled water.





## **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 integral 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.



## **October Dates to Remember!**

Sept 29	Professional Development Day
Oct. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 6 Swim
Oct. 9 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving – No School
Oct. 11 <sup>h</sup>	PAC Meeting 6:00 pm library
Oct. 18 <sup>th</sup>	WE Day
Oct. 16-19	Interim Report Week
Oct. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Professional Development Day
Oct 24/25	Parent Teacher Interviews Early Dismissal
Oct. 31 <sup>st</sup>	Halloween Activities
Nov. 1st	Grade 6 Swim
Nov. 9 <sup>th</sup>	KVR Remembrance Day Assembly 10:30 am
Nov. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Curriculum Implementation Day (no school for students)
Nov. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Stat Holiday for Rem. Day (no school)

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