



School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha)

**KVR**

**Middle School/École Intermédiaire**

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**October 2018**



## 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. Glibbery**

### 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 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the library. PAC meetings normally occur on the second Wednesday of every month; however, this month there is a conflict with a parent presentation (See *Raising Digitally Responsible Youth*) at this time. PAC meetings are generally less than an hour long. Please put this year's PAC meetings on your calendar!



**Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>**    **Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>**    **Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>**    **Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**April 10<sup>th</sup>**    **May 8<sup>th</sup>**    **June 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Volunteers needed:** We are looking for parent volunteers to help with handing out juice and snacks at our Gr. 6 immunization day on Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> all day from 8:30 -11:00. If you can help please e-mail Mr. DeVito at [sdevito@summer.com](mailto:sdevito@summer.com).

CPF Canadian Parents for French



**Everyone welcome!**

Your local Canadian Parents for French (CPF) Chapter is hard at work providing school trips, bursaries, scholarships, classroom resources and activities to enhance French learning for our French Immersion and Core French students.

Minimal time commitment and enhance your kid's French learning experience.

Come out and see what we are all about...no French skills required ☺

Our next meeting is

**Thursday October 25, 2018 7pm**  
**Summerland Middle School Library**

Any questions? Email us at [cccstewart@telus.net](mailto:cccstewart@telus.net)

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Canadian Parents for French – Okanagan/Skaha Chapter, BC SD67

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will be on Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<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.

## Photo Re-takes

Our School Photo day was held on Sept 18<sup>th</sup>. Proofs were sent home the week of Sep 24-28<sup>th</sup> and the deadline for photo orders is Oct 5<sup>th</sup>. Re-takes will occur on **October 18<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. Retake envelopes will be available for pick up from the office on Oct 8<sup>th</sup>.



## 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 Wednesday 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.



## 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](mailto:ismith@summer.com)) and provide her with date completed and file number. If you have already completed one with our district in the last 4 years please check with Mrs. Smith so she can add you to our school listing and also let you know when another one is required. Please consider completing this if you have a child at KVR, and thank you, in advance, for volunteering with our students.

## Quebec Trip 2019



The dates of the trip are February 14-20, 2019. There was a great turn out at the information meeting on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Applications for the trip plus \$250.00 must be turned in to Madame Cornett-Ching at KVR or Madame Haddow at Summerland Middle School on or before October 5, 2018. 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 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>. You will receive a brief progress report on the work habits of your child for his/her academic subjects. This progress report may include a self-evaluation as well as a list of any tasks your child may be missing. This report will not include letter grades or term marks.

Parent-Teacher interviews will be held on Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2-6pm and Wednesday October 24<sup>th</sup> from 2-6 pm in the teacher's classroom. Students will be dismissed at 12:55 pm on both Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>. Busses will run at regular times both days.

We are using an online booking system for the Parent-Teacher Interviews to enable parents to schedule their teacher meetings. The online booking system will be available beginning at 4pm Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> and will close at 12 pm on Tuesday October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please enter the following web address or find the link on our KVR website to access the online booking system: [www.kvr.schoolappointments.com](http://www.kvr.schoolappointments.com) We did use this system last year; however, parents will need to reregister as the system gets renewed each school year.

## 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.



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

### **October, 2018**

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 "Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) Administration Instructions 2018" 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:*
  - *2009 write Grade 4 level*
  - *2006 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.*

## 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 was handed out September 25, 2018. 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, so please check carefully that we have the correct email address. Thank you.

## 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. For the past two years, some of the produce grown in the community garden has been donated to the Soupateria.

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

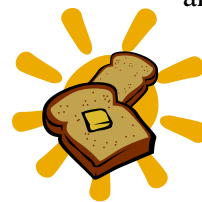
- The program season length will be three months total (Oct. through Dec. 2018)
- Cost for participation is \$120 (\$40/month). Each participant receives around 25 lbs of fresh, local, and organic produce at their monthly pick up.
- Paypal surcharge is 3% or \$3.60
- Participants must sign up online, choose a group, and pay in full by Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>.
- KVR's first pick up date is 3:00-4:00 pm on Tuesday Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Multipurpose Room.
- KVR's Farm Bag contact is Mme Sluyter, [jsluyter@summer.com](mailto:jsluyter@summer.com).

## 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.

## 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 phone or text our volunteer coordinator: Cheryl Sturko at (250) 809-3401.

## Halloween at KVR

Halloween activities will occur at KVR on Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Many classes incorporate this theme in their lessons and activities for the day. As well, we have some fun, school-wide events that our Leadership classes have organized,



including a dance in the afternoon. For students who do not wish to participate in the dance there will be alternate activities set up throughout the school.

Students are encouraged to choose one that suits them. Students are permitted to wear costumes on Halloween but we do have expectations. Students are not permitted to bring replica weapons to school. Also, costumes that promote drug or alcohol use, sexualization, exploitation, racism or are culturally insensitive will not be permitted. Please encourage your child to wear a costume that is 'middle school appropriate' or not at all.

## 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

## Mental Health Literacy

As part of the renewed curriculum, students at KVR will have more opportunities to increase their mental health literacy! Through instruction, discussions and activities, students will improve their understanding of how to foster and maintain good mental health, seek help effectively when needed, and decrease stigma.

## Mental Health Resource of the Month:

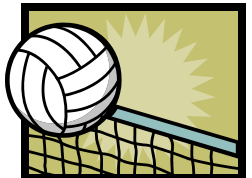
[www.keltymentalhealth.ca](http://www.keltymentalhealth.ca)

Kelty Mental Health Resource Centre is a provincial resource centre that provides mental health and substance use information, resources and peer support to children, youth, families, educators and professionals across BC. Kelty Mental Health Resource Centre is located inside BC Children's Hospital and has an extensive online resource.

## 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 2018 – FALL PRACTICE SCHEDULE

|             | MONDAY   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY                                     |
|-------------|--|---|---|--|--|
| 7:15-8:15am |  | Grade 7 Girls Volleyball<br>Shelby                                    | Badminton Club<br>Ms. Floyer & Mr. Gargin<br>Jazz Band 8<br>7:30-8:30<br>(Mr. Sabourin) |  | Jazz Band 8<br>7:30-8:30<br>(Mr. Sabourin) |
| DPA         | Cross Country<br>Mr. Papineau                                      |   |   |  | Cross Country<br>Mr. Papineau              |
| Lunch       |  | Grade 6 Boys Volleyball<br>Mrs. Walliser                              | Grade 6 Girls Volleyball<br>Mr. Sherburne   |  |  |
| 3:15-4:30   | Grade 6 Girls Volleyball<br>Mr. Sherburne                          | Grade 8 Boys Volleyball<br>Jazz Band 7<br>3:10-4:00<br>(Mr. Sabourin) | Grade 8 Girls Volleyball<br>Ms. Taylor & Ms. Cousins                                    | Grade 7 Boys Volleyball<br>Cam & Spencer                           | Grade 6 Boys Volleyball<br>Mrs. Walliser   |
| 4:30-6:00   | Grade 8 Girls Volleyball<br>Ms. Taylor & Ms. Cousins               | Grade 7 Boys Volleyball<br>Cam & Spencer                              | Grade 7 Girls Volleyball<br>Shelby  | Grade 8 Boys Volleyball<br>Mr. Sherburne, Mr. Mosely,<br>Mr. Askey |  |
| 6:00-7:30   | Grade 8 Boys Volleyball<br>Mr. Sherburne,<br>Mr. Mosely, Mr. Askey |   |   |  |  |



## 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 the monthly deadlines as **NO** late orders will be accepted.

## KVR CLOTHING

Please check out our display case in the school entrance for a variety of clothing items available to order. KVR hoodies, t-shirts, and sweatpants are very popular. Items are available to purchase on School Cash Online. Order forms for paying cash or cheque are also available in the office. **Deadline for fall orders is November 7<sup>th</sup>**

## 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, and put 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.



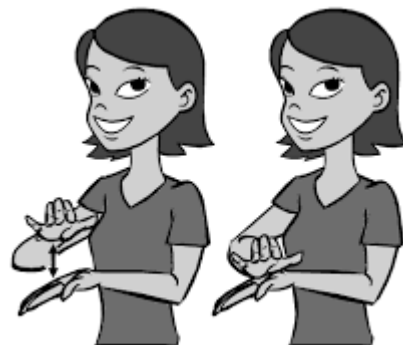
## KVR Learns Sign Language

Did you know that sign language isn't universal? Different sign languages are used based upon the geographical location and the spoken language used in that area.

In North America, the most commonly used sign language is American Sign Language (ASL). In Canada, Langue des signes du Québec (LSQ) is the sign language used predominantly by the francophone community, while ASL is typically used by English speakers.

ASL is a true language that originated within its user base, has its own grammar, syntax and vocabulary, and grows and evolves with its community.

At KVR, we have dedicated the bulletin board near the Breakfast Club to our "Sign of the Week" program, which aids in exposing our KVR community to ASL, and teaches every day signs that students can use to communicate with one of our KVR students, who is a native ASL user.



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## Raising Digitally Responsible Youth – Parent Presentation

With society heading in a direction of being constantly connected to technology, what do you need to know as parents to protect your kids and teach them responsible and appropriate use of technology?

Please join us for an informative presentation which will cover many topics associated with technology and youth.

- Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm Center Stage Theatre (Summerland Secondary). Free admission.



## Upcoming Dates to Remember!

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|--------------------------|---|
| Oct. 8 <sup>th</sup>     | Thanksgiving – No School  |
| Oct. 10 <sup>th</sup>    | Safer Schools Presentation to students  |
| Oct. 10 <sup>th</sup>    | Raising Digitally Responsible Youth - Parent Presentation 6:30 Center Stage at Summerland Secondary |
| Oct. 17 <sup>th</sup>    | Grade 6s swimming all morning   |
| Oct. 17 <sup>th</sup>    | PAC Meeting   |
| Oct. 15-18               | Interim Report Week   |
| Oct. 18 <sup>th</sup>    | Photo Re-takes  |
| Oct. 19 <sup>th</sup>    | Professional Development Day  |
| Oct 23/24 <sup>th</sup>  | Parent Teacher Interviews Early Dismissal   |
| Oct. 26-29 <sup>th</sup> | Gr. 6 Immunizations   |
| Oct. 31 <sup>st</sup>    | Halloween Activities  |
| Nov. 8 <sup>th</sup>     | KVR Remembrance Day Ceremony  |
| Nov. 9 <sup>th</sup>     | Curriculum Implementation Day (no school for students)  |
| Nov. 12 <sup>th</sup>    | Stat Holiday for Rem. Day (no school)   |
| Nov. 21 <sup>st</sup>    | Grade 6s swimming all morning   |

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