



School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha)

KVR

Middle School/École Intermédiaire

300 Jermyn Avenue, Penticton, B. C. V2A2E1

Phone: (250) 770-7600 Fax (250) 770-7610

Principal: Steve DeVito Vice-Principal: Michelle Glibbery



January 2019

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 2018/19 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 12th. 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. We have many exciting events coming in the next while, including the Quebec Trip, Louis Riel Day, and Winter Carnival to name a few. 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 2019!

- Mr. Steve DeVito and Mrs. Michelle Glibbery

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 on **January 9th**.
Upcoming PAC Meetings: **Feb 13th, April 10th, May 8th, and June 12th.**



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 cannot 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.

KVR Yearbooks 2018/19

Yearbooks are still being pre-sold for \$45. Payments can be made on-line at School Cash Online or by cheque to Ms. Tank. Please make cheques payable to KVR Middle School.

Bike Security

Students are reminded to lock bikes at the bike rack daily to avoid theft. Register your bike at Garage 529 for added security. This is a free anti-theft program that is sponsored and endorsed by our Penticton RCMP detachment.

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 Transitioning to Pen High

Our grade 8 students will begin the process of transitioning to high school at the end of January. Counsellors will be visiting our grade 8 classes to discuss course planning and options for next year. On January 28th our students will have the opportunity to visit elective classes at Penticton Secondary School. 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.

Grade 8 Parent Information Night

On Tuesday, January 29th at 7:00 pm there will be a Gr. 8 parent information session held **at Penticton Secondary School**. The session will cover Gr. 9 required courses; elective choices; the various support programs offered; extracurricular choices; and 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!

KVR Athletics

Basketball season is underway - practices have been going for a couple weeks and grade 8 league games have started. All players are having fun and enjoying the court time. Grade 6 and 7 play dates will be determined soon - usually the end of January and a second in the beginning of February. A special thanks to the following volunteer coaches: Mr. Sherburne, Mr. Mosely, Mr. Schutz, Ms. Hannon, Mrs. Erickson, Mr. Manuel, Mr. Stokker

Also, the Badminton club is continuing to practice Wednesday mornings - they are having a lot of fun smashing the birdies and improving every week. A special thanks to Ms. Sluyter and Mr. Cargin.

Canadian Parents For French



The next meeting for the Canadian Parents for French is set for Tuesday, January 15th at 7:00 pm at Summerland Middle School. We will be planning for our annual Carnaval D'Hiver and are looking for volunteers!

French Immersion Information Night

There will be a French Immersion Information Night for new registrants (grade 6 next year) on Thursday, January 24th, 2019 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 24th at all elementary schools and the Board Office (425 Jermyn Ave., Penticton), or on the district website at www.sd67.bc.ca. Deadline for applications is noon on Feb 1st, 2019

Transfer Requests Reminder 2019

The window for students requesting transfers from their catchment/current school to another school in School District No. 67 for the September 2019/2020 school year is **8:00 am, February 1, 2019 to 4:00 pm, April 15, 2019**. Transfer requests received prior to February 1 will be date / time stamped as "February 1, 2019, 8:00am" and transfer requests received after April 15 may not be considered until September 2019.

Upcoming Dates to Remember!

- **Jan. 9th – January PAC Meeting**
- **Jan. 24th – French Immersion Registration parent information night 7:00 pm**
- **Jan. 25th – Feb.1st Gr. 8s Course Planning for Pen High in September**
- **Jan 28th – Grade 8s visit Pen High for elective tour**
- **Jan 29th - Gr. 8 Parent Info Meeting regarding Gr. 9 course planning 7:00 at Pen High**
- **Feb 1st (Noon) - Deadline for French Immersion Applications**
- **Feb 4-8th Interim Report Week**
- **Feb 8th – Louis Riel Day – Gr. 6 Activities**
- **Feb. 14th - 20th Quebec Trip**
- **Feb 15th - Professional Development Day (Students not at school)**
- **Feb. 18th – Family Day Holiday – no school**
- **Feb 19th & 20th - Early Dismissal Days / Parent Teacher Interviews**
- **March 13th – Term 2 Report Cards issued**
- **March 15th – Last day prior to Spring Break.**