



School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha)

KVR

Middle School/École Intermédiaire

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March/April 2019



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 basketball, Louis Riel Day, valentines dance and kindness week / 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. Glibbery

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 10th**.
Upcoming PAC Meetings: **May 8th** and **June 12th**.



Report Cards

Term 2 Report Cards should be ready to go home with your child on **Wednesday, March 13th**. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

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, 8:00 am" and transfer requests received after April 15 may not be considered until September 2018.

Grade 8 students transferring from French Immersion to English Track in grade 9 must complete a transfer request and 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.

Spring Break 2019

Schools will be closed for spring break, beginning Monday, March 18th. Schools will re-open on **Monday, April 1st**. Enjoy your holiday!

SATISFACTION SURVEY 2019

During the month of April, KVR will be participating in the 2018/19 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 for school improvement.

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.

PAC Fundraiser



We continue to participate in the '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.

Mental Health Literacy Resource of the Month

MediaSmarts is a Canadian Centre for Digital and Media Literacy. The link below offers several articles relating to parents supporting children and youth around cyberbullying, digital citizenship, online ethics and hate, and keeping up with kids' online activities.

<http://mediasmarts.ca/cyberbullying/resources-parents-cyberbullying>

Louis Riel Day

On behalf of the grade 6 team we would like to thank all of you who volunteered for the Louis Riel Gathering. There are so many people to thank this year. We had over 100 volunteers to make this day happen for our grade 6 students and Metis



community. We would also like to thank our PAC for their generous contribution. The Louis Riel Gathering was a great success and was enjoyed by our students and community.

Thank you again for your support and help.

Last Call for Yearbooks!

Yearbooks are a great keepsake of your child's year at KVR. Our grade 8 Yearbook Committee Class is hard at work on our 2018-2019 edition. If a student wishes to have a yearbook, s/he must pre-order as there will be a very limited amount available for purchase in the spring. The cost of yearbooks is \$45 until the deadline: March 13th. Please pay online at School Cash Online, or if needed, cheques can be made 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. The Gauss Math contest will occur on Wednesday, May 15th.



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 **Tuesday March 12,**
2019 7pm Summerland Middle
School Library

Any questions? Email us at cccstewart@telus.net

Like us on Facebook:
Canadian Parents for French - Okanagan/Skaha Chapter, BC SD67

Me To We

Me to We Club would like to thank the students and families of the KVR school community.



As a result of your participation and generosity, the club was able to make a donation of 194kg of food to the Penticton Food Bank as well as raise almost \$130 for We Villages projects around the world.

Special thanks to Mr. Sherburne and Mr. Sabourin for their expertise.

Parent Information Nights

We will be hosting our information night for parents of incoming grade 6 students on Tuesday, April 30th. General information for all parents 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.

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 exist.



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. Orders will be taken online only at School Cash Online. **Deadline for orders is March 14, 2019.**

KVR Athletics

Congratulations to both the Grade 8 Girls' and Boys' basketball teams who had great seasons. Both teams went undefeated in regular league play. The girls represented KVR proudly in tournaments in Kamloops, Summerland, and Vernon. The boys performed well in tournaments in Kamloops, Kelowna, and Penticton. A special thank you to Mr. Sherburne, Mr. Mosely and Mr. Askey for coaching the boys. Ms. Tank and Mr. Schutz also get a shout out for helping the Grade 8 girls basketball team have a very successful season. Mr. Duke and Mrs. Erickson also gave up two weekends to travel with the team as chaperones.



The Grade 6 and 7 boys and girls also had some fun competition during their play days. All athletes should be congratulated for their great representation of the KVR community. Big thanks to Mrs. Erickson, Mr. Duke, Mr. Manuel, Mr. Stokker, Ms. Hannon, Mr. Sherburne, Mr. Reid, and Olivia DeVito for volunteering to coach these teams.

We would like to send a special thank you to all the supportive parents of these athletes who got them to practices and drove them to their games/tournaments. Without them, there would be no athletics available.

The Badminton Club and Rock Climbing Club are still in full swing. They meet once a week and have a committed group of students enjoying the experiences. Thank you to Mme. Sluyter, Mr. Cargin, Mr. Korvin and Mr. Sabourin for volunteering with these clubs.

Upcoming sports include Rugby, Cheerleading and Track and Field. Students are encouraged to listen to announcements if they are interested in joining these programs, and check out the athletics' bulletin board outside of the gym.

Intramurals are continuing with indoor soccer happening right now. Stay tuned for what will be next, after Spring Break. Thank you, Mr. Sherburne!

The 2018 Terry Fox School Run was a great success!

We are proud to announce that **K.V.R. Middle** has generously donated **\$492.25** for cancer research. 39 years ago, determined to make a difference in the lives of those living with cancer, Terry ignited a fundraising movement that cannot be stopped. Today, because of schools like yours, his message of hope echoes loudly in the voices of students and families everywhere.

The Terry Fox Foundation extends a heartfelt thank you for your wonderful generosity to continue Terry's legacy. Be proud and know that together, we are making a difference.

Breakfast Program

Our Breakfast Program coordinator, Mrs. Cheryl Sturko, has announced that she will be retiring from volunteering here at KVR. We are sad to see her leave, and thank her for her many years of work in this treasured school program. We are looking for a new program coordinator(s) who will handle duties such as grocery shopping, COBS bread pick up and slicing, and volunteer coordination. For more information and to discuss the position, please contact Cheryl at 250-809-3401. All of us at KVR wish Mrs. Sturko the very best!

Grade 7 Team

The grade 7's were able to experience a fun team building experience as they were able to enjoy the beautiful weather above the clouds at the Apex Tubing Park. Fun was had by all.

All Grade 7 classes just completed a 3 class presentation on drugs and alcohol that was put on by the Youth Outreach Coordinator from the Pathways Addictions Resource Centre. Lots of information was shared and the students were active, respectful participants.

Planning for the 2019-20 School Year

Believe it or not we are already planning for September 2019! 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.



MENTAL HEALTH LITERACY WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOP: DR. BLACK – NON-SUICIDAL SELF INJURY
DATE AND TIME: MARCH 11, 2019 – 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
WHERE: IMC

REGISTER with leonard@summer.com

Dr. Tyler Black is the Medical Director of the CAPE (Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Emergency) Unit at BC Children's Hospital and BC Mental Health and Substance Use Services and part of the Child and Youth Mental Health team in the South Okanagan.

He is a Suicidologist and specialist in Pediatric Emergency Psychiatry. He speaks internationally on subjects such as Suicide and Suicide Risk Assessment, Pediatric Emergency Psychiatry, Video Game / Technology Addiction and Bullying / Cyberbullying.

In his spare time Dr. Black likes to vacation in Japan. He also enjoys video gaming and getting out on the court to shoot a few hoops to help him relax.

WORKSHOP: KEVIN LEFEBVRE – CHILD AND YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH
DATE AND TIME: MAY 10, 17 and 24, 2019 – 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.
WHERE: IMC

REGISTER with leonard@summer.com

We at Child and Youth Mental Health are pleased to offer the **Parenting Anxious Kids workshop in Penticton in May.**

This is a well-received workshop for parents or care givers who need support and information around anxiety management. Participants will leave with accurate information on anxiety, strategies in approaching common parenting dilemmas, and tools to try at home to help with worries and problem behaviours. They will also relate and benefit from questions other participants pose in the workshop.

Canadian Parents for French presents

Carnaval D'Hiver 2019

Sunday Mar 3, 2019
2:30pm-5:30pm
Apex Mountain Resort Tube Park

Unlimited Tubing! Feast on Hotdogs!
Warm up with Hot Chocolate!
Scavenger Hunt! Meet BonHomme!
RoCh, the Maple Man!

Fun for the Whole Family!!
Just \$5 per person

Please see your French Teacher
for a registration form

Everyone Welcome!!

Presented with support from the CPF Regional Branch and the BC Ministry of Education



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 Sun., April 7th from 4:30-6:30pm at Penticton Community Centre. Find out more at <http://www.pentictonpikes.com>

Upcoming Dates to Remember!



Life Over the Influence

A FREE 6-week group for parents and caregivers who have been negatively impacted by an adolescent's problematic use of substances.

Increase your understanding of problematic substance use, enhance your wellbeing, and decrease your isolation tendencies.

Where: Pathways Addictions Resource Centre
When: March 13, 20, 27, and April 3, 10, 17
Time: 5:30pm to 7:30pm

A SCREENING INTERVIEW is required. Please call 250-492-0400 ext. 207 to schedule.

Pathways Addiction Resource Centre
1-996 Main Street, Penticton, B.C., V2A 5E4
Phone (250) 492-0400 Fax (250) 492-4058
Email: info@pathwaysaddictions.ca
www.pathwaysaddictions.ca

- March 3rd CPF Carnaval D'Hiver 2018– 3:00 – 5:30 Apex Mountain Resort
- March 13th – Term 2 Report Cards issued
- March 14th – Deadline to pre-order Yearbooks and clothing
- March 15th – Last day prior to Spring Break.
- April 1st (Monday) School's Re-open
- April 3rd – Theatre La Sezieme presentation for French Immersion Students
- April 10th - Arts Starts performance for all students
- April 11th and 12th Jazz Band Festival
- April 15th Pro-D Day No School
- April 19th Good Friday No School
- April 22nd Easter Monday No School



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