



School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha)

KVR

Middle School/École Intermédiaire

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Administrators' Message

Thank you to all the parents for their participation in our Parent Teacher Interviews, volunteering for extracurricular events and teams, and being involved in our PAC. First term ends on November 30th and the target date for report cards to be sent home is December 12th. Now is the time for all students and their "support teams" at school and home to make academic success their number one priority as we plan for the end of term. Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teachers if you have any questions on progress and assessment.

Mr. DeVito and Mrs. Glibbery

PAC

The KVR PAC is looking for members...Please come out and join us. Your next Parent Advisory meeting will be held on **Wed., November 14th 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!



Nov. 14th **Jan. 9th**
April 10th **May 8th** **June 12th**

Remembrance Day

Parents and Guardians are welcome to join us on Thursday, November 8th for our annual Remembrance Day Assembly. We will begin loading the gym around 10:15 am in hopes of beginning the assembly by 10:30 am. Parents are reminded that there will be no school on Friday, November 9th due to curriculum in-service day and Monday, November 12th for Remembrance Day. Please RSVP to Mrs. Glibbery if you plan on attending.



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.



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 November 29, 2018 7pm
KVR Middle School Library

Any questions? Email us at cccstewart@telus.net

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

Fall Sports at KVR

Our cross-country team had a great season. Although we were a small team we had a lot of spirit and enthusiasm. Thank you to Mr. Papineau for volunteering his time to coach and for encouraging our team.

Volleyball season is well underway.



A special thanks to Mme. Taylor and Mme. Cousins for all their hard work with our Grade 8 girls' team. As well a big thank you to Mr. Sherburne, Mr. Moseley, and Mr. Askey for giving up their family time to coach our Grade 8 boys' team.

Gr. 6 & 7 volleyball team members' final play days are scheduled for...

Gr. 7 Girls – November 7th at KVR
Gr. 6 Girls – November 7th at Summerland Middle
Gr. 7 Boys – November 8th at KVR
Gr. 6 Boys – November 7th at Skaha Lake Middle

Thanks to the following coaches for their hard work and dedication to our grade 6 and 7 volleyball teams: Mr. Sherburne, Mr. Schutz and Mr. Korvin (Gr. 6 girls)

Mrs. Walliser (Gr. 6 boys)
Cam Glibbery and Spencer Toneatto (Mrs. Glibbery & Mr. McGrady teacher sponsors) (Gr. 7 boys)
Shelby Sturko and Mrs. Pirillo (Gr. 7 girls)

Winter Sports

Now that the fall season sports teams are wrapping up the winter basketball season follows close behind. Students are reminded to listen to announcements or check the athletic bulletin board for information on grades 6, 7, and 8 basketball.



KVR Yearbooks 2018/19

There are some memories Snapchat can keep. For everything else there's the yearbook. Buy one today at the EARLY BIRD price of \$40.00. This special deal ends on December 7th, 2018. You may purchase them through the school's cash online system, or if needed, from Ms. Tank in room 206.

Cannabis and Your Teen:

With the legalization of cannabis, this teenmentalhealth.org resource may be useful for parents who wish to improve their knowledge of cannabis and today's cannabis terminology. <http://teenmentalhealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/FINAL-Cannabis-One-Page-for-Caregivers.pdf>

KVR IS A CLOSED CAMPUS

As stated in our planners, and in accordance with School District #67 policy, KVR Middle School is a **closed campus**. All students in grades 6-8 are expected to remain on campus unless signed out by a parent or guardian. Sign in and sign out procedures are in place to ensure student safety.

Also, in light of our closed campus policy, we do not allow students to order and have food delivered at lunch time. If parents would like to have food dropped off, they may do so at the front office. We do remind families that we provide Subway and pizza services on Tuesdays and Fridays which are fundraisers for our school initiatives.

See Mr. DeVito or Mrs. Glibbery if you have any questions.

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. 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.

Student Threat Assessment: Fair Notice and Process

School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha) is committed to creating and maintaining school environments in which students, staff, parents and others feel safe. Schools cannot ignore any threat of violence and are expected to investigate all such incidents and concerns.

The model present in this document reflects the thinking and work of J. Kevin Cameron, Director of the Canadian Centre for Threat Assessment and Trauma Response.

Vision

While threats and acts of violence in a school setting are generally few in number, these types of incidents have the potential for physical harm and psychological trauma to both students and staff. Having a clear process for appropriately responding to threat related behaviors, or other behaviors of concern, helps ensure a safe working and learning environment for all.

What is a threat?

A threat is an expression of intent to do harm or act out violently against someone or something. Threats may be verbal, written, drawn, posted on the Internet or made by gesture.

Duty to report

To keep school communities safe, staff, parents, students and community members have a duty to report all threat related behaviors to the principal and/or the appropriate authority – usually the RCMP. Every threat must be taken seriously, investigated and responded to.

What is a Threat Assessment Team?

Each school has a multi-disciplinary Threat Assessment Team. The team typically includes the principal, vice principal, school counselor and RCMP, as well as, in some cases district staff. In addition, Ministry of Children and Family Development, Child & Youth Mental Health, Probation and any other community partner or individuals with relevant insight/input may be a member of the assessment team on an as-needed basis.

What behaviours warrant a student threat assessment?

A Student Threat Assessment will be initiated when behaviours include, but are not limited to:

- Serious violence or violence with intent to harm or kill
- Verbal/written threats to harm or kill others/self
- Internet website/MSN/Facebook threats to harm or kill others/self
- Possession of weapons, including replicas
- Bomb threats and fire setting

What is the purpose of a student threat assessment?

The purposes of a student threat assessment are:

- To ensure the safety of students, staff, parents and others.
- To ensure a full understanding of the context of the threat.
- To understand factors contributing to the threat makers' behaviour.
- To be proactive in developing an intervention plan that addresses the emotional and physical safety of the threat maker.
- To promote the emotional and physical safety of all.

What happens in a student threat assessment?

All threat making behaviour by a student shall be reported to the principal who will follow the guidelines outlined in the “*Community Threat Assessment Protocol*”. Once the Threat Assessment Team has been activated, interviews may be held with the student(s), the threat maker, parents and staff to determine the level of risk and develop and appropriate response to the incident. Intervention plans will be developed and shared with parents, staff and students as required.

Can I refuse to participate in a threat assessment process?

It is important for all parties to engage in the process. If for some reason, however, there is a reluctance to participate in the process by the threat maker or parent/guardian, the threat assessment process will continue in order to promote a safe and caring environment.

Mental Health Literacy: Mental Distress vs Mental Disorder

This information is part of our “Go-to Educator” program, which is a resource that our staff is working through to increase our mental health knowledge and competency.

Do you know the difference between mental distress and mental disorder? **Mental distress** is common and expected; it is the stress and discomfort we feel after common stressors like missed appointments, relationship break ups, or obtaining low marks on assignments or exams. Mental distress is everywhere and unavoidable! It is the necessary and healthy stress that helps us build life skills and resiliency. In recent years the term “bubble wrapped kids” was coined to describe efforts to shield kids from mental distress and stress, but learning to view stress as necessary and healthy (with the exception of toxic stress) is essential to growth and development! A **mental problem** results when we experience greater stress responses to environmental stressors. While we cope we may feel overwhelmed for a time, but it generally passes on its own or with some support. A **mental disorder**, or **mental illness**, is a disruption in usual brain function. It is caused by a complex interplay between genetic and environmental factors. Mental disorders are diagnosed by professionals, and are treated with medication and/or therapy.

Mental Health Resource of the Month: Stan Kutcher’s “How Do I Parent My Teen?” has a wealth of information for parents.

FARM BAG FUNDRAISER

KVR’s Farm Bag Fundraiser upcoming pick-up dates

- Friday, November 2nd 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- Thursday November 30th 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Thank you to all subscribers! If you cannot make the pick-up day, contact KVR’s Farm Bag coordinator, Mme Sluyter at jsluyter@summer.com



Warm Up The Winter Initiative

In support of those who need our help, our leadership classes are proud to sponsor a KVR warm clothing and blanket drive. If you wish to donate, please send warm clothes or footwear, blankets or sleeping bags to school with your child. The donation bin will be located in the foyer of our school until Nov. 23.



Halloween Costumes

Donate any old Halloween costumes and props to our Drama program! Help fill our closet!

Subway lunches!

The KVR Leadership program is pleased to offer Subway sandwiches as an additional option at KVR this year. Subway orders are ordered on a monthly basis only and are 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 are 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.



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.

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



SD67 Métis Family Gathering

Thursday, Nov. 15th, 2018

Shatford Center

(760 Main St, Penticton, BC V2A 5E2)
5:30pm – 7:30pm

- > SD67 Métis students and immediate family members are welcome to attend
- > A light dinner and refreshments will be provided
- > Doors will open at 5:15pm

This is an opportunity to meet school district Indigenous Education staff as well as our local Métis community representatives. Guest Speakers and our own SD67 student entertainers will highlight our evening.

To RSVP or for more information, please contact your KVR ABED staff member:

Fiona Anthony fanthony@summer.com
or Vicki Rogall vroqall@summer.com
250-770-7600 ext 6446

or Pam Spooner -District Principal of Aboriginal Education
at Pspooner@summer.com



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 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.



10 000 Tonight Food Drive

For the second year, KVR will be partnering with Pen High in the annual 10,000 Tonight Food Drive. Princess Margaret will be partnering with SLMS as well, and in the end, we will report a grand total for all four schools. This event occurs on **Thursday, November 29th from 4:30 - 8:30 pm.** We invite any parents and students to put a group together and canvas on this impactful evening. Information on how to sign up and further details of the event will be distributed to students soon. Also, find information posted on the Penticton Secondary School Web site. Thank you for considering getting involved in this great community event! Information regarding sign up will be emailed in November.

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 and City By-Law officers 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.



RADAR

RADAR provides a safe and accepting environment where LGBTQ+ youth and their allies can meet, talk, ask questions, be active, build relationships and understand themselves better. RADAR is sponsored by Foundry Penticton and OneSky (formerly PDCRS) and is geared towards youth who are 12-18 years old. Meetings are Wednesdays after school, from 3:15-5:00 and are held at Foundry Penticton: 501 Main Street.

November Dates to Remember!

Nov. 8 th	KVR Remembrance Day Assembly 10:30 am
Nov. 9 th	Curriculum Implementation Day (no school for students)
Nov. 12 th	Stat Holiday for Rem. Day (no school)
Nov. 14 th	Gr. 7 presentation 9am Multipurpose Room
Nov. 14 th	PAC Meeting
Nov. 21 st	Grade 6 Swim in morning
Nov. 29 th	Canadian Parents for French Meeting
Nov. 29 th	10,000 Tonight Food Drive
Nov. 30 th	Term 1 Ends
Dec. 12 th	Term 1 Report Cards Issued
Dec. 19 th	Winter Fine Arts Night
Dec. 21 st	Last Day of Classes before Winter Break

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

