

# Kaleden Cougars



February 2012

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy February!

When I talk to parents, one of the things I often hear is how fast the days and weeks fly by. I feel the same way. February marks the half way point of the year and I can't believe how fast the time has passed. The next 6 weeks of learning are key for the students as they are really starting to hit their stride in learning. This month teachers will be working on formal assessments and will report on your child's progress during early dismissal on Feb 29<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>. As always, if you have any thoughts or concerns, please contact your teacher. The best way of supporting your child is through open communication.

Starting in February we will be initiating a "Conflict/Bully Stoppers" program. This program is designed to help students recognize the difference between conflicts and bullying. It also teaches students that conflicts are a part of everyday life and it provides them with the tools to help solve these problems on their own or with help. The timing for this is perfect as Anti-Bullying Day is February 29<sup>th</sup>. Remember to wear your pink shirt.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the KPAC for supporting our school with our ski and swim programs. Without your financial help, we would not be able to participate in these programs.

Have a super February and a great Valentines Day,

Scott Edwards



## Important Highlights and Dates

- Wednesday, February 1 Rocks & Rings
- Friday, February 3 4:00 PM - Deadline for applications for French Immersion
- Monday, February 6 Performance - Once Upon a Mattress 1:00 PM (everyone welcome)
- Thursday, February 9 Basketball Game at Kaleden
- Friday, February 10 School of the Game - Penticton Vees vs. Salmon Arm Silverbacks
- Monday, February 13 PAC Meeting 7 PM in the library
- Tuesday, February 14 Valentine's Day (don't forget your special someone ♥)
- February 15, 21 and March 7 Gr. 4/5 x-c skiing
- February 15, 22, 29, March 7 & 14 - Division 3 Swim Program
- Monday, February 20 Basketball Game (girls) @ West Bench
- Monday, February 20 Basketball Game (boys) @ Kaleden
- Wednesday, February 29 Anti-bullying Day - Wear *PINK*
- Wednesday, February 29 EARLY DISMISSAL - 1:20 PM
- Thursday, March 1 EARLY DISMISSAL - 1:20 PM
- Spring Break School closed for Spring Break last day of school  
Friday, March 16
- School Reopens Monday, April 2



# Basketball season is in full swing.

Team practices are scheduled at lunch on Mondays  
Wednesday and Thursday after school (2:30 – 3:30 PM)  
Thank you to LeeAnn Thompson and Yvonne Kohler for helping  
coach.



Games are as follows:

February 9 @ Kaleden vs. Uplands

February 20 (girls) @ West Bench

February 20 (boys) @ Kaleden

Wrap –Up Tourney – March 9 @ 12 noon – 2:00 PM

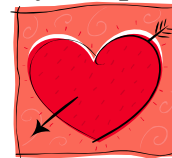
## KPAC Minutes

Next PAC Meeting, Monday, Feb 13<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 PM



## Valentine's Day February 14<sup>th</sup>

Don't forget your special someone!



School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha)

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Children born in 2007 are eligible to enter kindergarten in September 2012. Parents, who feel their child is not yet ready for kindergarten, may defer enrollment for one year. Please contact Wendy Hyer (770-7700) at the School Board Office for information on this.

Placement in your neighborhood school kindergarten is based on your address and registration date. The earlier you register, the more likely your child will attend a school close to your home.

Register at your neighborhood school during regular school hours. **A birth certificate will be required as well as proof of address.**



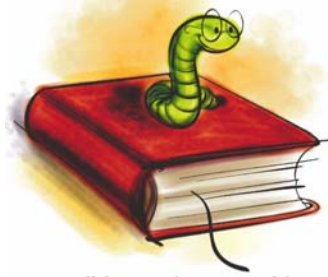
## PINK SHIRT DAY - FEBRUARY 29<sup>th</sup>

Wear Pink in support of this nation-wide day of anti-bullying awareness. We encourage all students to wear **PINK** on this day.

## Division 3 Swim Program

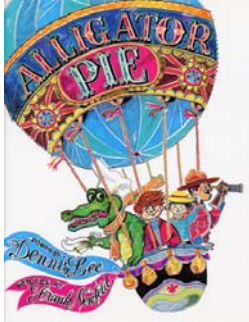
Wednesday, February 15, 22, 29 and March 7, 14

This swim program is designed to give students an opportunity to experience swimming and water safety. The focus is on participation, water safety, fitness and fun. The program consists of a 60 minute session once a week for five weeks. Permission forms have gone home.



# Kaleden Elementary School One to One Reading Program 2011/2012

We are well into winter and have survived our first cold spell. It is good to have many books and blankets ready for the cold spells. Since February is the month of love, I thought a book of poetry might be appropriate for our book of the month – even if they aren't love poems...



Book of the Month:  
**'Alligator Pie'**  
By Dennis Lee

Dennis Lee is a Canadian poet, and writer of adult and children's prose and poetry. He creates poems to relate to everyday activities and has a lot of Canadian references that can be interesting to find on a map. He also thinks poetry shouldn't be sacred and loves to hear that children are re-writing his poems to fit themselves. 'Alligator Pie' is Dennis Lee's most famous children's poem. This book, of the same name, has Alligator Pie as well as many other fun poems. The rhythm of poems is a great way to engage early readers. You might find they start chanting, "Alligator Pie, alligator pie, if I don't get some I think I'm gonna die..."

Our winter reading session started last month and we are again able to read with 9 children. We are very lucky to have some dedicated volunteers on our team. One to One Training Workshops are scheduled once every 6 – 8 weeks. We are always looking for more volunteers to help in the program. The Volunteer commitment is for 1 ½ hours one morning per week for at least one 8 to 9 week session. Please contact Audrey through the school or at 250 486 0816 if you would like more information.

"The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." - Dr. Seuss



**Grade 4 and 5 Cross Country Skiing** will be happening on the following dates: Wed. Feb 15<sup>th</sup>, Tues. Feb 21<sup>st</sup>, and Wed. March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Many thanks to KPAC for subsidizing most of the costs.



## farm bag fundraiser

Next Farm Bag delivery is Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>.

Next order deadline for March's Farm Bag is Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Visit to find out more about the program and to sign up at <http://farmbag.littlegreenbook.ca> or complete a green order form and drop it off at the school office.

### School Spirit Day!!!!

Every Friday students are encouraged to wear their Kaleden clothing or school colours.

**Go Cougars Go!!!**

**ROCKS AND RINGS**



On Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be hosting the CURL BC "Rocks and Rings" program. Each class will have an opportunity to receive introductory instruction in curling. Rocks and Rings supplies equipment specifically designed for children's indoor use and instructors are experienced in both the sport itself and working with kids. We are excited to share this popular sport with the younger generation.

# KPAC NEWS

February already! It's hard to believe the school year is half over! I guess time flies when you're having fun!

We're calling all Hockey Fans! Once again we are participating in the Penticton Vees School of the game on February 10<sup>th</sup>. This game is against the Salmon Arm Silverbacks and the Vees are on track to set a new league record for most consecutive wins. The school gets \$4.00 for every \$8.00 ticket sold and a chance at the Cannery Cup and \$1000.00 prize. Tickets are available at the school office. Be sure to bring your noise makers and come out and show your Cougar pride

Our annual tubing adventure at Apex was another fun success. The day turned out to be a good one.....not too cold and not too windy. The kids had a ton of fun tubing and just playing around in the snow. The hot dogs, hot chocolate and marshmallows were enjoyed as well.

February 1<sup>st</sup> we are learning how to curl! Not at the curling rink but right here at the school. A program called, "Rocks and Rings" is taking place to introduce kids to the sport. Although curling originated in Medieval Scotland in the early 16<sup>th</sup> century, it is now very much part of Canadian heritage. North America's oldest curling club, (that is still active today) opened in 1807 in Montreal. Who knows, maybe this will be the inspiration for a future Olympic athlete!

There are a few extra curricular activities starting in the month of February. Now that the Penticton pool is up and running again, the Division 3 class will be participating in swimming lessons starting February 15<sup>th</sup>. Living in the beautiful Okanagan, swimming is a definite life skill! The grade 4/5 class will also begin cross country ski lessons in the middle of the month.

On February 6<sup>th</sup>, Princess Margaret students will be coming to perform, "Once Upon a Mattress". The students always enjoy these live theatre presentations and they always put on a great performance. Please feel free to come out for an afternoon of entertainment.

We are still participating in the farm fresh fruit and vegetable program. For \$25.00 you get a bag filled with great produce that is both local and organic when possible. \$5.00 from every bag sold goes directly to our school. To sign up, please go to [www.localmotive.ca](http://www.localmotive.ca) or call Sheri at 250-488-3540.

As always, there are concerns about parking before and after school. We respectfully ask that you do not park in the fire lane or in front of the houses on Linden Ave. Please use the upper parking lot and create a safer environment for all of our kids. As we all know, kids are not predictable!

I think a new record was set last month for attendance to a PAC meeting! What a turn out! Okay, even though it was more for the Q & A session with Corporal Trudeau, it was still great to see many people involved and participating in keeping our Kaleden kids safe. That being said, don't forget February 29<sup>th</sup> is Anti Bullying Day. Wear pink to show your support!

Next PAC meeting is February 13<sup>th</sup> in the library. Please come out and join us.



## TRANSFER REQUESTS

### School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha)

The deadlines for students requesting transfers from their catchment area school to another school in School District No. 67 for the September 2012/2013 school year are **8:00 AM, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 to 4:00 PM, April 15, 2012**. Transfer requests received prior to February 1<sup>st</sup> will be date/time stamped as "February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012, 8:00 AM." and transfer requests received after April 15<sup>th</sup> may not be considered until September 2012. Siblings attendance at a school should not be assumed if you live outside the school catchment area. You still need to complete a transfer request. If you are unsure, please check with your school secretary.

**Please note:** All grade 5 students who attend Kaleden Elementary are automatically assigned to Skaha Lake Middle School. If another school is requested, the transfer must be received following the above guidelines.



### *French Immersion Registration for 2012/2013*

*Application deadline date for September 2012 Grade 6 French Immersion  
4:00 PM, Friday February 3, 2012*

French Immersion application forms are available at the school office, at the Board Office and on the School District website. The program is available to all students residing in the Okanagan Skaha School District entering grade six in September of 2012. Application deadline is Friday, February 3, 2012 at 4:00 PM. Application form must be returned directly to the School Board Office at 425 Jermyn Avenue, Penticton, BC, V2A 1Z4

## PARENT WORKSHOP SERIES

**McNicoll Park Middle School** - Teacher contact – Shona Becker (Counselor)

McNicoll Park Middle School is hosting a series of parent workshops that are designed to provide pro-active strategies and ideas in dealing with concerns and issues that their children may be experiencing. Workshops occur on the third Thursday of each month from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the school library. Parents can pick and choose the topics that are most applicable to them.

Date	Topic	Presenter
February 16	Helping Your Teen with Anxiety	CYMH worker or F.O.R.C.E (Jenn Wheaton)
March 8	Cyber-bullying and how to help your teen	Daryl Meyers
April 19	Community Connections	Penticton Rec Dept



**SOYSA Youth/Mini Soccer Registration**  
***If you want to know more about the great sport of SOCCER please call:***  
**778-476-5888 or fax 778-476-5889**

website [www.soyso.net](http://www.soyso.net):  
email any inquiries to [administrator@soyso.net](mailto:administrator@soyso.net)

# Reminder of Early Dismissal on February 29 & March 1



Dismissal time for both days is 1:20 PM

The bus schedule does **NOT** change with these 2 early dismissal days. The bus will pick up students at the regular time (2:20 PM). We will arrange for supervision of **bus students only** until 2:20 both days.

If you wish to discuss your child's progress with his/her teacher, please contact the teacher directly at (250)770-7692. For those of you who prefer to contact your child's teacher via email, addresses can be found on our website at

<http://sd67.bc.ca/schools/kaleden>



## Public Service Announcements

For the month of February students in the Grade 5 class have designed another two public service announcements in conjunction with their Reading Unit, Hooked on Ads. It is another reminder of the importance of always being mindful of protecting ourselves and obeying road signage.



Don't miss out on the Action! **Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**  
'School of the Game'

Penticton Vees vs. Salmon Arm Silverbacks

This is an opportunity to watch some great hockey and fundraise for school activities at the same time.

- For every \$8 ticket sold for our game night Feb 10<sup>th</sup> our school will receive 50% of the ticket price (\$4).
- At the game we are encouraged to bring noisemakers, face paint etc. in an attempt to win the Cannery Cup as 'School of the Game' champions
- Winners of the Cannery Cup will receive \$1000 for school activities and will be invited back (at no charge) for the Vees final regular season game.
- Tickets can be purchased from the office. Invite all your family and friends

Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

# Ready, Set, Learn!

An Introduction to School for 3 and 4 Year Olds



If you have children aged 3 or 4, (or know parents of children in the community who are aged 3 and 4), please contact the school so that we can invite them to learn about school and experience many of the exciting learning activities first hand. **We will be offering our “*Ready, Set, Learn!*” session on Tues. April 24<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 – 12 noon at Kaleden Elementary School.**



## KVFD Safety Tip for Families

No one ever wants to have to use Emergency Services, but it is good to be prepared in the event someone should need help. As parents and caregivers, you can provide your children with the tools and confidence they will need if required to ever phone 911 or seek help in the

community. Talk to your children about what might be considered an “Emergency,” and that **911** is the number that is always called for help in an Emergency situation.

Ensure that your children know their Phone Number and House Address.

Have your children practice saying the Parent’s first and last names.

Can your children tell you what they would do if they needed help in a public place?

It is also the community’s responsibility to ensure the safety of all children. Let your child know that the Fire Hall, Library, Post Office and Store are all safe places to go if they felt they needed adult help.

**Talk regularly to your children about keeping safe in all situations including: in the home, at school and in the community.** Review your “get out alive” plan for your home in case of a fire.

## COME PLAY LACROSSE FOR FREE

Get an introduction to the game of lacrosse over 4 sessions of learning skills through fun games.

FREE OF CHARGE

Ages 4 to 12 years

Feb 9 – Mar 1

For Information & to register:

Call the Community Centre @ 490-2426

**Fastest Game on Two Feet**

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



**INDOOR SHOES** We encourage everyone to wear appropriate winter foot wear outside on the snowy and icy days of winter. We need students to change into their inside shoes during the day. Please check with your child to make sure they have and keep inside shoes at school. Thank you.



# February 2012

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
		<b>1</b> Rocks & Rings	<b>2</b> French Immersion deadline 4 PM	<b>3</b> Hot Lunch - Ham & Cheese Veggie Wrap	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Performance "Once Upon a Mattress 1 PM Everyone Welcome	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Basketball Game @ Kaleden vs Uplands	<b>10</b> School of the Game Penticton Vees vs Salmon Arm Hot Lunch Cheesy Potato with ham & Caesar salad
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> PAC Meeting 7 PM	<b>14</b>  x-c Ski Gr 4/5  swim program Div 3 9:30-10:30	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Hot Lunch - Pizza
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> B-Ball (girls) @ West Bench B-Ball (boys) @ Kaleden	<b>21</b> Gr 4/5 x-c Ski	<b>22</b> Div 3 swim 9:30 AM	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Hot Lunch Cheese Quesadilla
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  <b>Anti-bullying Day Wear Pink</b> Div 3 swim 9:30 AM <b>EARLY DISMISSAL 1:20 PM</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>MARCH 1</b>  <b>EARLY DISMISSAL 1:20 PM</b>	

Safe Arrival (250)770-7692



**PLEASE SLOWDOWN** We remind drivers that many of our students walk to and from school and that children and other community members walk along the road after school hours. The speed limit along Linden Avenue is 30km/hour. Please help us keep our students safe by slowing down. Parents please use upper parking lot to drop off and pick up your child(ren). Linden Avenue in front of the school gets very congested and dangerous with vehicles and students. Thanks for your assistance.