



KAY BINGHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Welcome Back!

We hope you enjoyed
Spring Break.



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Dear Parents,

Welcome back, Springtime! I hope you all had an amazing spring break, filled with relaxation and fun times with family! A little more sunshine makes the days a little more tolerable. Our school parking lot and pavement have been swept and cleaned and soon the grass will be a little greener.

As a reminder, we encourage parents to sign up for the MyEd Parent Portal, PAC MunchALunch, PAC Facebook page, and ensure your account for SchoolCash Online works well. Mrs. Bonderud is available to help with various aspects of this online learning.

As I spend my last two days here at Kay Bingham, I am overwhelmed by the hugs, the notes, cards, and well-wishes that students and families are giving me. This school community is amazing, and I know you will make the incoming Principal feel welcome. While I am sad to leave this school, I know a new challenge awaits me in opening Sníne Elementary School in Pineview. Thank you for five wonderful years!

Ms. Rosie Caputo, Principal

A MESSAGE FROM THE INCOMING PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

I am excited to introduce myself as the new principal of our Kay Bingham school community. It is a privilege to join a place where students, staff, and families work together to support learning, belonging, and well-being.

I look forward to getting to know your children and partnering with you to support our learners. Please don't hesitate to reach out, stop by, or say hello when you see me—I value open communication and building strong relationships together.

Warmly,

Ms. Laurie Fraser

DID YOU KNOW: ACCESSIBLE PARKING

We are all familiar with the physical mobility challenges that a person might face that would lead to them using accessible parking. But did you know there are other reasons why someone might need parking close to the entrance of a building?

Children in particular can qualify for support through accessible parking because of a variety of issues. This is even more important at a school, a place they are familiar with, navigate independently, and may forget to be as aware of dangers as they would be in an unfamiliar parking lot. Children with limited vision, cognitive challenges, delays in processing information, or low mobility may need the spaces for pick up and drop off.

Children with disabilities may also practice 'wayfinding' in getting from the school to their vehicle without any obstacles which keeps them safer and builds independence. All these needs can be met when the space between the school's main entrance and the accessible parking area are clear.

We have several families at our school who are very appreciative of the accessible spots. It's important that we lead by example and teach our kids that we are inclusive and respectful of individual needs by:

- not using the spots if we don't qualify
- not blocking the spots when picking up or dropping off
- not parking between the school and the accessible parking area
- leaving space for loading and unloading in those spots

Our school is a caring and safe space for all our school community. Thank you for continuing to be respectful and inclusive of all our students and their families.

STUDENT TRANSFER REQUESTS

Please note, Administrative Policy 305 4.1 reads *Each year, students and parents will be given notice that they may, starting on March 1, request transfer to another school for the upcoming school year. Such notice shall be publicized in school newsletters and on the district website. Only transfer requests submitted in writing to the receiving principal and approved by students' parents shall be considered.*

Please contact the office should you require a Transfer Request.

BIKES/SCOOTERS

With the coming of the better weather, many students may be riding bikes and scooters to school. Everyone is reminded to bring a lock to school to ensure their property is kept safe.

SAFE ARRIVAL SYSTEM

Parents are asked to please check their settings on the Safe Arrival System. The office has noticed that some parents have all email and phone numbers blocked making it very challenging for the system to contact parents. This is particularly challenging when we are short staffed. As student safety is of utmost importance to us, please ensure you review these settings at your earliest convenience.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

We are still accepting registrations for Kindergarten for this coming September. General information can be found on the [SD73 website here](#). In order for registration packages to be accepted as complete they must include birth certificate, BC Services card, and proof of address (utility bill, rental lease, house purchase).

As we prepare for Kindergarten registration, there are a few things to keep in mind:

- If you have an older child attending KBES, and would like a package, please contact the school office and a package will be sent home with them
- All completed packages must be dropped off by appointment only

- If there are any questions, please contact Mrs. Bonderud in the school office

PAC STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Once again, PAC is sponsoring a *Student of the Month* program. Each month, a student who exemplifies the ROCKS traits will be recognized from each class. Then a winner is randomly chosen from each pod. Congratulations to our class winners for March, for doing such an amazing job being **R**espectful, **O**rganized, **C**ooperative, **K**ind, and **S**afe! Pod draws will take place at our next assembly.

Div 001-Oaklee Ellis

Div 002-Logan Bear

Div 003-Hendrik Gjaltema

Div 004-Quetsia Caputo

Div 005-Matteo Webb-Helliwell

Div 006-Oliver Phaengvixay

Div 007-Trixie Mireku-Sarpong

Div 008-Carter Washington

Div 009-Hadassah Olabisi-Faleyeye

Div 010-Kaylee Clark

PAC

A big thank you to the PAC for purchasing:

- Bus transportation to various field trips
- Butterfly life cycle kits
- Lady bug life cycle kits
- Popular books for the library

Our very small, yet dedicated, PAC group works tirelessly to ensure classrooms and programs are supported through their generosity. As always, all parents/guardians of children at our school are members of our PAC and are encouraged to become involved in our school PAC. The next meeting is April 1 at 6:00 PM.

MyEdBC MESSAGES

One of the platforms that SD73 uses to send out email and other messages to parents is MyEdBC. Unfortunately, it has come to our attention that Hotmail email accounts filter out any MyEdBC messages. We would ask that if you have a Hotmail account that you currently use for school and district messaging, that you provide the school with an alternate email address to not miss out on any important messages. We have been informed that Gmail accounts work fine with this platform.

CALENDAR EVENTS

April

- 1 PAC Meeting 6pm
- 7 Day of Sucwentwe'cw
- 9 Spirit Day- Jerseys
- 10 Popcorn Day
- 16 Battle of the Books - Zones
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- 17 Aaltonen's class at Museum
- 20 Welcome to Kindergarten - Orientation Day #1
- 23 Battle of the Books - District
- 24 PAC Hot Lunch



May

- 1 Popcorn Day
- 5 Red Dress Day
- 5 Welcome to Kindergarten Session #2
- 6 PAC Meeting 6pm
- 8 PAC Hot Lunch
- 8 Young Entrepreneur Show
- 15 Non-Instructional Day
- 18 Victoria Day - School Closed
- 19 Henderson & Aaltonen at Isobel Lake