



DALLAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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January 2026 Newsletter

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration for the 2026-2027 school year will take place February 2-6. Registration packages for students with a sibling at the school can be sent home prior to registration week. Please advise the office if you need forms sent home.

Here is a [link](#) to our website with information on Kindergarten Information Night, January 28th, and links to the Welcome to Kindergarten Handbook and more.

Unplug and Play Family Literacy Week

January 26-31 is Unplug and Play Week. The goal is to get students to “unplug” to help promote a healthy balance between active family time and recreational screen time. Watch for student challenge forms to come home along with a list of community events and activities families can attend.

Raise a Reader

During **Unplug and Play Family Literacy Week** (January 26-31), our school is supporting Raise a Reader through a Loonies for Literacy campaign. Families are invited to send a donation to the school or donate online to support local family literacy programs such as *Parent Child Mover Goose*, *Come Read With Me*, and *the Bright Red Book Bus*. Donations are matched and contribute to Raise a Reader 2026. We will have a donation bin in the office for cash donations or you can donate online at:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/42475> or see the attached flyer for the QR code.

Basketball

Basketball season begins soon. League play starts on January 20th and ends on March 3rd. Thank you to the coaches and teacher sponsors who volunteered their time to make this happen.

Girls Grade 6-7- Coach Mrs. Russett (Teacher Sponsor- Mrs. Isakson)

Boys Grade 7- Coach Mr. Cound (Teacher Sponsor- Mr. Cartie)

Boys Grade 6- Coach Mrs. Archibald & Mrs. Park (Teacher Sponsor- Mrs. Kolasa)

Boys Grade 5- Mr. Orr

Skating

Skating is starting for all students. Each class will have 1 or 2 sessions between November and March to go skating with their class. Please make sure your child(ren) are prepared on their day with skates, helmet, gloves etc. We have a limited number of skates to borrow. Please let your child's teacher know if you need to arrange to borrow skates ahead of their skating day.

Inside Shoes

Students are expected to have a pair of inside shoes to put on when they come in from the outside. With the winter weather, all staff and students (and parents) should be removing their outside footwear at the front entrances. Children should not be in sock feet in the building as this poses a risk for slip and fall injuries. Also, in the event of an emergency, students will not be prepared to head outdoors.

Dallas Merchandise

School clothing, hats, water bottles and more are available to order anytime throughout the year. Go to [OvertimeApparel](#) to order online.



Weather Reminders

Students spend time outdoors at recess and lunch each day. It is important that they are dressed for the colder weather and have coats, mitts, toques and appropriate footwear. Indoor shoes are also required at this time.

Safe Arrival

Please remember that all student absences and late arrivals must be reported by either calling, **1-844-350-2647**, or using the **school messenger app**, or online at **go.schoolmessenger.ca**. Please do not call the school directly. All absences or late arrivals that have not been reported before 8:40 am will initiate the School District's safe arrival system to call both home and cell phone numbers up to 5 times until a parent is reached and a response given.

Hot Lunches



Our PAC organizes Hot Lunches **every second Wednesday**. Ordering is only done online through the MunchaLunch program. First time users must go to the [link](#) through the [Dallas website](#) under the PAC tab. Orders are due by 9:00 am the week prior to the lunch. Cancelled orders must also be done by 9:00 am the week prior in order to receive a credit.

Milk

Milk is available at lunch daily for students to purchase from the snack shack. You can either pre-purchase a punch card for your child to use, or it can be purchased individually for \$1.50 cash.

Popcorn

Popcorn is available every second Friday (typically) and is made available to all students for a dollar a bag. This is a school initiative made possible with the help of staff members. Proceeds go toward replacing or repairing equipment, such as Chromebooks.

Upcoming Dates/Events:

January 13 th	Gymnastics – Pearson/Inkster
January 14 th	Skating – Thompson/Collins
January 15 th	Stake Lake – Pearson/Sutherland
January 15 th	Gymnastics – Reid/Watson
January 15 th	Gymnastics – O’Neil/Chapman
January 20 th	Gymnastics – Pearson/Inkster
January 21 st	Skating – Pearson/Cartie
January 21 st	Hot Lunch - Pizza
January 22 nd	Gymnastics – Reid/Watson
January 23 rd	Stake Lake – Thompson/Collins
January 27 th	Gymnastics – Pearson/Inkster
January 29 th	Gymnastics – Reid/Watson
January 29 th	Gymnastics – O’Neil/Chapman
January 29 th	Booster Juice
January 30 th	TNRD Library - Pearson
February 4 th	Skating – Ruddick/Linton/Sutherland
February 4 th	Hot Lunch – The Pond (soup)
February 6 th	Professional Development Day – there is no school for students
February 13 th	Art Starts Performance
February 16 th	Family Day – school closed
February 18 th	Hot Lunch - Subway
February 18 th	Skating – Reid/Watson
February 26 th	Booster Juice
March 4 th	Hot Lunch – Hot Dogs
March 12 th	Booster Juice
March 13 th	Last Day before Spring Break
March 16-27	Spring Break
March 30 th	Return to school
April 1 st	Hot Lunch – The Pond (soup)
April 3 rd	Good Friday – school closed
April 6 th	Easter Monday – school closed
April 15 th	Hot Lunch – Senor Froggy’s – Tacos
April 23 rd	Booster Juice
April 27 th	Professional Development Day – there is no school for students
April 29 th	Hot Lunch – Pizza
May 6 th	Hot Lunch - DQ
May 15 th	Professional Development Day – there is no school for students
May 18 th	Victoria Day – school closed
May 20 th	Hot Lunch – Subway
May 28 th	Booster Juice
June 3 rd	Hot Lunch – Hot Dogs
June 17 th	Hot Lunch – Senor Froggy’s - Pasta
June 25 th	Last day of school – 12:34 dismissal



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.73 TOGETHER, SUPPORTING LITERACY!



Loonies for Literacy



January 26th -31st

Donate online to support local literacy programs like:

- Come Read With Me Tutoring
- Bright Red Bookshelves
- Parent-Child Mother Goose.

www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/42475



Come Read with Me



Family Reading Partnership



Enter to win a prize with
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Literacy in Kamloops



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KINDERGARTEN

IT TAKES A VILLAGE CONNECTING FAMILIES TO KINDERGARTEN

A Parent/Caregiver-focused event:
Learn about local community supports
and programs that can help your child
transition smoothly into Kindergarten.



February 18, 2026

TIME: 5:30PM - 7:30PM

John Tod Early Years Center

150 Wood St, Kamloops, BC





Important Dates

- Schools of Choice Information Night - January 14, 2026
- Schools of Choice K Reg Dates - January 19-23, 2026
- Catchment K Information Night- January 28, 2026
- Neighborhood Schools K Reg Dates - February 2-6, 2026

FAMILY Support Nights:

John Tod/ EYC - Feb 18th, 2026

It Takes a Village: Connecting Families to Kindergarten **5:30-7:30pm**

Henry Grube - Feb 24th, 2026

Community Supports for Children & Youth **4:00-7:00pm**



Kamloops School of the Arts

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RE: KSA Secondary School (Grade 8-12) for 2026-2027

Dear Families of Grade 6 and 7 students:

We are excited to inform interested students in grades 6 and 7 of two information sessions that will be taking place in the near future.

Firstly, KSA will be hosting a virtual family information zoom session on January 22nd at 6 pm. In our 30 minute session our school administration will lead you through our school program and provide valuable insights about Kamloops School of the Arts. We will also review the registration process to enroll in the KSA secondary division.

The zoom link for the session is: <https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/63016579375>

Secondly, following the zoom session, we invite any interested students to come to Kamloops School of the Arts on January 27th for an 'in person' tour of the school. The 'Day in the Arts' visit will give interested students the opportunity to meet the high school staff, participate in Art rotations and learn more about the programs at KSA. Any interested students not currently enrolled at KSA are asked to call the school at 250-374-3200 to confirm attendance in the Day in the Arts on January 27th.

Please find an introductory video about KSA Secondary [HERE](#). Interested students can apply [HERE](#).

We look forward to seeing you at the information sessions!

Blair Lloyd
Principal, Kamloops School of the Arts

January 27th Agenda

12:30 pm	Students meet at the front of the school (by the flagpole). A leader will walk students into the school.
12:40-1pm	Elementary Art room <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We will go over secondary expectations and course schedule planning• Students will be paired with 2 high school student leaders to head off to see secondary classrooms and meet the teachers
1:00	Students will rotate to 6 stations, meeting the high school teachers and getting a better idea of the KSA secondary division
2:40	Report back to their elementary classroom or leave school.