



Roadrunner



REPORT

Friday, January 17, 2025

Principal's Message

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Happy New Year to you all. I hope that everyone had a restful Winter Break and that you are starting 2025 with renewed energy and positivity for the year to come. There have been several students excited to bring in the electronics that they got for Christmas, and I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of our Personal Devices Policy, which states that students are not permitted to have their personal electronic devices on their person during the school day, unless they have permission from their teacher or Principal. If students need their device to communicate with their grown-ups after school, it should be stored in a secure location during the day. Any communication during the school day should be done via the school phone.

I know it is hard to believe, but we start our planning for September now. We have Kindergarten Registration taking place the first week of February, and we begin our plans for transitioning our Grade 7 Students to High School at NorKam and Brock. Families with students in Grade 7, please keep your eyes open for some communication from the school in the coming days for information on registering your child for High School.

As we approach the month of February and Pink Shirt day, I start to get all of my pink clothes and accessories ready. Each year I challenge myself, and anyone who wants to join me, to wear a bit of pink each day during the month as a reminder that being kind doesn't only happen on Pink Shirt Day, but rather it should happen every day.

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Upcoming Events

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| January 20-24 | Kindergarten Registration for Schools of Choice |
| January 24 | Skating 10:30 am - Mrs. Hansen and Mrs. Telford's classes |
| | Grade 6s to TCC for TRU Wolfpack Basketball Game |
| January 27 | Words are Everywhere - Wear clothing with words |
| | PAC Meeting @ 4:30pm |
| January 28 | Trivia Challenge Day 1 |
| January 29 | Playing Card Fitness Day |
| | Kindergarten Information Night for Neighbourhood Schools @ 6:30pm via Zoom |
| January 30 | Poem or Joke in your Pocket Day and Trivia Challenge Day 2 |
| January 31 | Reading Rocks so Wear Funky Socks and Anything But a Backpack Day |
| | Drop Everything and Read D.E.A.R. @11:30am |
| February 3-7 | Kindergarten Registration for Neighbourhood Schools |
| February 7 | Professional Development Day for Teachers - No School for Students |
| February 14 | Grades 4/5 to Harper Mountain |
| | Valentine's Day |
| February 17 | FAMILY DAY HOLIDAY- SCHOOL IS CLOSED |
| February 19 | Skating at MacArthur Island - Mrs. Shull and Mrs Cattermole's classes |

Subscribe to the School Calendar on school website [here](#)

ANYTHING BUT A BACKPACK DAY

Our next Spirit Day will take place on Friday, January 31st. The Leadership team has decided on "Anything But a Backpack Day" as the theme for the day. This means that students are invited to bring their belongings to school that day in **anything but a backpack**. Please keep in mind that whatever your child chooses to bring must be stored in their locker or classroom for the day. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child/ren's classroom teacher. Click [here](#) for some ideas.



BASKETBALL

The 2025 Basketball Season will begin next week. A big thank you to Ms. Langford and Ms. Paddon who have worked hard to get our teams ready. Another big THANKS goes out to our community coaches, Mantaj Sawa who will be coaching our Tier 1 Boys teams, and John Shwydiuk, who will be coaching our Tier 1 Girls' team.

Permission slips with game schedules, medical forms, and player code of conduct will be coming home either today or tomorrow and need to be returned ASAP, as games begin on Tuesday January 21.

Disposable Cutlery

We have been handing out disposable cutlery to students who need it to eat some of the food in their lunch; however it is expensive and it does not promote sustainability in our environment. What we are asking is that you provide the cutlery that your child/ren will need to eat their lunch.

For those students on the lunch program, any necessary cutlery is provided on the days that it is needed, as it is a part of the program fee.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

It is hard to believe that Kindergarten Registration is right around the corner and we need your help to get the word out because the more accurate our numbers are in February, the easier it is for us to plan for the number of teachers needed and the supports needed for student success. If you, or anyone you know, has a child that was **born in 2020**, you will need to register them at their neighbourhood school the week of **February 3rd to 7th**. Kindergarten Information night will take place **Wednesday January 29th** via Zoom.

Information session for Schools of Choice will take place **Wednesday January 15th** and registration for Schools of Choice will be the week of January 20th to 24th.

If you already have a child/ren enrolled at AE Perry, and you have a child/ren starting in Kindergarten in September, please let Mrs. Ablitt or Mrs. Mc Givern know and we will send home a registration package home with the oldest sibling.

Please see information posters at the end of the newsletter for more information.

Unplug and Play Family Literacy Week

Our school will be participating once again in Unplug and Play and Family Literacy week, **Monday January 27th to Friday January 31st**. Here is the list of events that will be taking place that week.

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| Fri., Jan. 24 | Unplug and Play forms are sent home. |
| Mon., Jan. 27 | Words are Everywhere - students and staff are encouraged to wear clothing with words on it. |
| Tues., Jan. 28 | School-Wide Trivia Challenge - Day 1 |
| Wed., Jan 29 | Playing Card Fitness |
| Thurs., Jan. 30 | School-Wide Trivia Challenge - Day 2
Poem or Joke in your Pocket |
| Fri. Jan. 31 | Reading Rocks, Wear Funky Socks
Drop Everything and Read @ 11:30 |
| Thurs., Feb. 6 | All Unplug and Play forms are due back to the library to be entered into the draw for prizes. |

Read more



Loonies for Literacy

Loonies for Literacy is an incredibly important fundraiser that supports LINK (Literacy in Kamloops), an organization that supports programming in SD73 for such things like the Big Red School Bus, Big Red Bookshelf and the Come Read with Me Individual Program (Formally called One to One Reading Program). We will be collecting cash at the office, or if you would prefer to donate online, please use the QR code below or use this link <https://www.schoolcashionline.com>.



www.schoolcashionline.com



Read more

<https://aeperry.sd73.bc.ca/en/index.aspx>



STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective. This February, the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in Grades 4 and 7, and to all school staff. It is now your turn. We encourage parents, guardians, or caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province and questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues. The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at <https://www.awinfosys.com/SurveyFull1/central/main/access.asp>. Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link **without an anonymous logon** code by selecting the 73 Kamloops-Thompson and then AE Perry Elementary. The e-survey site will be open until May 2nd.

Student Learning Survey

Take the online survey

The survey is available online from January 6th to May 2nd. Please contact your school if you have difficulty using the online survey.

Students



A logon number from your school is required in order to access the appropriate online survey.

Parents



Please complete one survey for each child. Direct (logon-free) Access.

Staff



Direct (logon-free) Access.

Administrators



Direct (logon-free) Access.

E.R.A.S.E. Tool

Use Report It Tool - Scan here with your phone



Expect **R**espect and a **S**afe **E**ducation is all about building safe and caring school communities. If there is something worrying your child or your child's friends at school, encourage them to let an adult know about it so they can help to resolve it. The ERASE Report-It tool is an easy and **confidential** way to send a message to your school, who will follow up on the situation right away. They will only follow up with you directly only **IF** you provide your name.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/erase/help>

Diversity and Culture Calendar January

1-31	Tamil Heritage Month
1	New Year's Day
4	World Braille Day
4	National Ribbon Skirt Day
15	Black Excellence Day
17	Kid Inventors Day
24	International Day of Education
27	International Holocaust Remembrance Day
27	Family Literacy Day
29	Lunar New Year

Diversity and Culture Calendar February

1-28	Black History Month
7	World Read Aloud Day
7-16	Carnaval de Québec
11	Safer Internet Day
12	Lantern Festival
15	National Flag Day
17	National Random Acts of Kindness Day
17	Family Day
17	Heritage Day
17-21	Kindness Week
20	World Day of Social Justice
21	International MOTHER Language Day
21-Mar.1	Freedom to Read Week
	Pink Shirt Day

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In 2007, Berwick Nova Scotia, after a new student at their school was bullied for wearing a pink shirt, two Gr. 12 students bought 50 pink shirts and encouraged their classmates to wear pink. The next day they went to distribute the shirts and to their surprise the majority of students arrived wearing pink! **Wednesday, February 26th** is this year's "Pink Shirt Day," and as such, we are inviting students to wear a pink shirt this day to commemorate this day and to encourage kindness amongst everyone. We will be having an assembly at 10am that day and parents are invited to attend if they would like.

We will be putting in an order of SD73 bee kind t-shirts. The shirt was designed by a Grade 12 Student at KSA. You can order the shirts by clicking [here](#). The T-shirts are \$15-\$19 and the hoodies are \$40-\$44.

SPIRIT DAYS



Our Student Leadership Club has planned some fun spirit-building days for the year. Upcoming spirit days are:

- **Friday, January 31** - Anything But A Backpack Day
- **Friday, February 28** - Opposite Day
- **Friday, March 14** - Beach Day
- **Wednesday, April 30** - Favourite Character Day
- **Friday, May 30** - Wacky Hair and Sock Day and Rainbow Day
- **Friday, June 13** - Twin Day



CHANGE OF CLOTHES

With winter not being able to make up its mind about what weather it would like to share with us, it is a very good idea for students to have a change of clothes at school, ESPECIALLY SOCKS, in case they get wet or dirty at recess or lunch, or they have some sort of accident (spilling their lunch, bathroom, etc.). Having a clean and dry change of clothes already at school will mitigate the need for us to call you at home or work to get a set of dry clothes.



PARKING AND RESPECTING OUR NEIGHBOURS

Imagine living in the neighbourhood in which an elementary school is located. The volume of people who arrive and depart the vicinity from 8:15am-8:30am and 2:30pm-2:50pm is astounding. To add to that, imagine having your driveway blocked two times a day and needing to leave to get to work or an appointment. This would be pretty frustrating, and this is exactly what is happening with our neighbours.

We are fortunate enough to be situated in a very walkable neighbourhood, and yet there are still a number of families who are opting to drive their children to school. This wouldn't be an issue if everyone abided by Kamloops City by-laws and only parked in areas that did not obstruct driveways or fire lanes. In addition to this, I continue to see some parent vehicles entering the staff parking lot before and after school to drop off or pick-up their child/ren, which creates a dangerous environment for all the the families walking to school.

I am politely asking you, and anyone who is driving your child/ren (grandparents, caregivers, etc.) to respect our neighbours by not parking in front of their driveways and to stay out of the staff parking lot.



1. In front of driveways
2. In the staff parking lot

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (P.A.C)

Our Parent Advisory Council is having their next meeting **Monday, January 27th at 4:30pm** in our school library. All parents are welcome to attend.

Our PAC also has a Facebook Group that parents can join to stay informed of all of the events that PAC has planned. It is called **A.E. Perry Family**.

Our PAC executive for 2024-2025 is:

Chairperson: Jade Sallows
Vice-Chairperson: Malcolm Atkin
Secretary: Christopher Dale
Treasurer: Krystyna Smoch



SCENTS AND PERFUMES



We have a number of staff members who are very sensitive to artificial scents, such as perfume and scented lotions and hair products. When our staff works closely with students who are wearing these scents, it causes them to have migraine headaches and take time off of work, often leaving us short-staffed for the day. We are asking you to refrain from spraying your children with these scented products before sending them to school.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter and keeping everyone at school safe and healthy.



SD73 Kindergarten Information Session

January 29, 2025

REGISTER NOW!

6:30 - 7:30 PM



Virtually on Zoom



ZOOM LINK

Passcode: 339136

Join us to learn more about Kindergarten registration and ask questions to the SD73 Early Learning team.



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73
(Kamloops-Thompson)



Early Learning and Child Care
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73

PARENT INFORMATION ZOOM:
JANUARY 23, 2025 AT 6PM

DAY IN THE ARTS AT KSA:
JANUARY 28, 2025 - AFTERNOON

**WHAT IS KAMLOOPS
SCHOOL**

**OF THE
ARTS?**

[HTTPS://CA01WEB.ZOOM.US/J/62788005511](https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/62788005511)

STUDENTS AND PARENTS FROM GRADE 6-12 ARE
WELCOME TO JOIN US ON OUR PARENT INFORMATION
EVENING AND A SCHOOL VISIT AND TOUR. WE LOOK
FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

February Lunch Program Menu

[Forms are due to office January 22nd](#)

Day	Date	Menu	Snack <u>w</u> Lunch	Check your selection
Mon	3	Hot Dog	Yogurt and Granola	
Mon	3	Veggie Dog	Yogurt and Granola	
Tue	4	Beef & Bean Burrito	Carrots and Dip	
Tue	4	Cheese Burrito	Carrots and Dip	
Wed	5	Veggie Stir-Fry on Rice	Fresh Fruit	
Wed	5	Teriyaki Stir-Fry on Rice	Fresh Fruit	
Thurs	6	Broccoli Mac and Cheese	Celery and Dip	
Fri	7	NON INSTRUCTIONAL DAY – NO SCHOOL		
Mon	10	Pizza Pretzel	Apple Slices	
Tue	11	Penne Alfredo w/Garlic Toast	Yogurt and Granola	
Wed	12	Cauliflower Curry on Rice	Carrots and Dip	
Wed	12	Chicken Curry on Rice	Carrots and Dip	
Thur	13	Veggie Nuggets	Cucumber slices	
Thur	13	Chicken Nuggets	Cucumber slices	
Fri	14	Crunchy Chicken Caesar Wrap	Fresh Fruit	
Fri	14	Chickpea Caesar Wrap	Fresh Fruit	
Mon	17	FAMILY DAY – NO SCHOOL		
Tues	18	Cheese Pizza Bagel	Apple Slices	
Wed	19	Cheese Burger	Celery and Dip	
Wed	19	Veggie Burger	Celery and Dip	
Thur	20	Three Cheese Pizza	Fresh Fruit	
Fri	21	Pita & Tzatziki	Veggies	
Mon	24	Pancakes w/ Bacon	Yogurt and Granola	
Mon	24	Pancakes w/Fruit	Yogurt and Granola	
Tue	25	Perogies	Carrots and Dip	
Wed	26	Veggie Burger	Celery and Dip	
Wed	26	Chicken Burger	Celery and Dip	
Thur	27	Spaghetti with Tomato Sauce	Fresh Fruit	
Thur	27	Spaghetti with Meat Sauce	Fresh Fruit	
Fri	28	Chickpea Patty Caesar Salad	Fruit Cup	
Fri	28	Chicken Caesar Salad	Fruit Cup	

Grade 7 Fundraising

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community food centre

Weekly Programming

Mondays	Community Meal
Tuesdays	The Market; Community Pantry, Produce Boxes Meals on Wheels** Garden Drop In (Seasonal)
Wednesdays	Youth Food Skills Food Skills*
Thursdays	Community Meal The Market; Community Pantry, Produce Boxes Meals on Wheels** Garden Drop In (Seasonal)
Fridays	Farmers Market Coupon Program (Seasonal)**

* indicates a registration is required ** indicates seniors' programming

All programs are offered at the Community Food Centre, 140 Laburnum Street, P: 236-421-1011

Join us on social media  @icsfoodcentre  @mountpaulcfc

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Weekly Programming

Community Meal - Everyone is welcome for this no-cost, dine-in meal. Mondays and Thursdays, 12-1pm

The Market - Affordable produce market featuring locally sourced vegetables and fruits. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10-2 pm.

Produce Boxes - Pre-packed local produce boxes available during the Market. A \$25 value for \$10 fee.

Youth Food Skills - Space to help foster a positive relationship with food for youth aged 13 – 19 years old. Registration required. Wednesdays, 4-6pm.

Food Skills Classes - Enhance kitchen skills, increase social connections and nutritional information. Registration required.

Garden Drop In (Seasonal) - Planting, pruning and harvesting organic produce every week. Learn different growing methods in the local environment. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9-12pm.

Meals on Wheels - Premade frozen meals available for purchase, delivery by volunteers. Registration required. Tuesdays and Thursdays

Food Hamper Delivery - Seniors living with accessibility barriers can have hampers delivered by volunteers. Registration required.

Farmer's Market Coupon Program (Seasonal) - Seniors receive 16 weeks of coupons through the provincial Farmer's Market Coupon Program. Registration required.

Better at Home - Non medical supports for seniors who are over 65 years. Registration required.

Community Connector - Looking for more information on seniors focused programming in town? Ask our Community Connector

Community Gardens - Garden plots available for yearly lease in 9 locations throughout the city.