



# Roadrunner Report

Thursday, April 2, 2026

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Weyt-kpt,

Welcome back from what I hope was a restful and rejuvenating Spring Break. It is nice to finally see more sunshine and daylight and be able to spend more time outside.

These last few months are some of my favourite, as all of the hard work of learning that has been taking place up until now is really starting to show itself and students are feeling confident in themselves. With that, May and June are laden with a variety of field trips and assessments, so your child's attendance is important. If your child/ren are going to be absent for any reason, please let his/her teachers know well in advance so they can plan accordingly.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 3** Good Friday - School is closed
- April 6** Easter Monday - School is closed
- April 7-10 Reverse Bottle Drive - Grade 7 Fundraiser
- April 7 Day of Suwentwecw
- Truth Assembly 9am 
- April 8 Guest Speaker (Ms. Fennell)- Hunter's Class
- April 9 Telford, Knapp and Gulbransen's 4s to AH
- April 14 PAC Meeting @4pm in Library
- April 15 Dance Effect - Hunter, Y-C, Barrow, Shull
- April 16 Langford's class to Gymnastics
- SPARK #1 4:30 - 5:30 
- April 17 Dance Effect - Hunter, Y-C, Barrow, Shull
- PAC Games Night 3pm-4pm
- April 20 Hunter's class to NorKam 8:20am
- April 21 Class Photos
- April 23 Family Math Night @ 6:30pm
- April 24 Twin Day 
- April 27** Pro-D Day - No school for students
- April 28 Hunter to MacArthur Island
- April 30 Author Presentation - Robinson and Cowan

## TWIN DAY

Our next school spirit day is Twin Day and will take place on Friday April 24. Students are invited to dress like their friends and classmates.

For anyone who would like to be twins with Ms. Mabee and Mrs. Plummer, they are welcome to dress in black pants/shorts and a grey shirt/hoodie.

Keep it simple and have fun with it.



## 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

## GRADE 7 FUNDRAISER - REVERSE BOTTLE DRIVE

Our grade 7 students have planned a REVERSE BOTTLE DRIVE fundraiser to support their year-end field trip and celebrations.

You can support this initiative by bringing your returnable containers to school **April 7-10**. There will be students stationed at the steps by the blue playground on Lethbridge, and also on the front field of the school collecting containers.

We thank you in advance for your support!



## PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL - P.A.C

Our Parent Advisory Council is having their next meeting on upcoming **Tuesday, April 14 at 4:00pm** in our school library. All parents are welcome to attend. Some of the upcoming PAC Events are:

### Family Games Night

- Friday April 17 from 3pm-4pm

### June Family BBQ

- Friday, June 5 from 3pm-6pm



## DIVERSITY AND CULTURE CALENDAR APRIL

- 1 - 30 Sikh Heritage Month 
- 1 - 30 Genocide Remembrance
- 1 - 30 Autism Awareness Month 
- 1-9 Passover
- 2 World Autism Awareness Day
- 3 Good Friday
- 4 Refugee Rights Day 
- 5 Easter
- 5 - 9 National Wildlife Week
- 7 Day of Suwentwecw  
World Health Day
- 8 International Day of Pink
- 10 Day of Silence (against 2S/gbt/Q1A+)
- 11 Prevention of Violence Against Women Week
- 14 Vaisakhi
- 22 Earth Day 
- 24 Human Values Day
- 28 National Day of Mourning

## CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK



Any adult wanting to volunteer in his/her/their child/ren's class, drive students to/from athletic events, supervise on field trips, or be alone with children other than their own for any reason, will need to complete a criminal records check. This can be done easily online [here](#) Use the code **6EWCGPQXWN**. It is free of charge. Because it can take up to a couple of weeks for these checks to come back to us, if volunteering is something that you are interested in this year, I would recommend starting the process ASAP

## NO PARKING

When parent park in our staff parking lot, it becomes more congested and the chances of someone being struck, as we have a number of families who travel to school on foot, and enter the school grounds from this area. There are many smaller, not-yet-school-aged children who do not yet have the knowledge/experience of how to navigate parking lots safely. We also have a variety of District staff that visit our school to support children who need to access these parking spots. District Maintenance Vehicles also need to access our school to do minor repairs and maintenance tasks. They cannot do this if they cannot access the school. **We kindly ask that if you are arriving to the school with a vehicle, that you use Lethbridge Avenue to drop off and pick up your child/ren.**



## CHANGE OF CLOTHES

Now that we are moving into Spring, 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.



## SD73 2026-2027 BUDGET CONSULTATION

The Kamloops-Thompson Board of Education is inviting feedback from staff, parents, caregivers, students, and SD73 school communities on the 2026-2027 annual budget.

Please join us for the 2026-2027 Budget Preview Online Information Session:

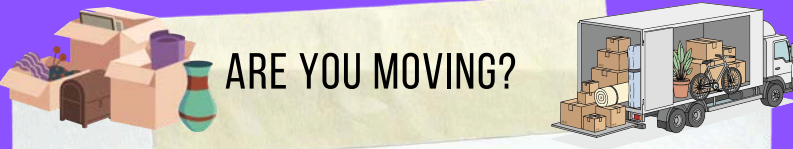
- Date: **Monday, April 20, 2026**
- Time: 6:30 PM
- Online Access: Join the webinar on Zoom [here](#) (Passcode: **954087**)
- What to Expect: An overview of the 2026-2027 budget priorities that will go before the Board for initial approval on April 27, 2026, followed by information on how to provide further feedback.

Learn more and share your budget feedback at [sd73.bc.ca/budget](https://sd73.bc.ca/budget).



## PARENT INPUT FOR CLASS PLACEMENT

Each May and June, teachers meet to begin organizing classes for the following school year. Consideration is given to gender balance, learning needs, teaching styles, social dynamics, class size limits, and when possible and appropriate, parent input. Tentative class lists are made through staff conversations before parent input is considered. However, for those families who have significant concerns about their child's educational placement, we welcome you to fill out the **Parent Input for Class Placement Form** and return it to school by Friday, June 5th at the very latest. While this form gives families the opportunity to advocate for their child's educational needs, it by no means guarantees that their request will be honoured. Ultimately, the School Act, gives the principal the final decision on any child's placement in their school. Please complete one form per child, and please note that **name requesting a particular teacher you want or do not want is not the intent of this process and these requests will NOT be considered**. If you choose to complete one of these forms, it needs to be returned to the office no later than Friday, June 5th. You can obtain one of these forms by calling the office or sending an e-mail to the Principal Ms. Mabee [smabee@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:smabee@sd73.bc.ca), the VP, Mrs. Plummer [cplummer@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:cplummer@sd73.bc.ca), or either one of our secretaries Mrs. McGivern [mmacgivern@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:mmacgivern@sd73.bc.ca) or Mrs. Ablitt [sablitt@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:sablitt@sd73.bc.ca).




## ARE YOU MOVING?

I cannot believe that we have already begun our plans for September. Time flies when you're having fun. If you are moving over the summer months and it is your intention to enrol your child/ren in a new school, please call or e-mail Mrs. Ablitt ([sablitt@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:sablitt@sd73.bc.ca)) or Mrs. Macgovern ([mmagovern@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:mmagovern@sd73.bc.ca)) in the office. It makes for a much smoother start up for students and staff if we have a clear picture of how many students will be attending our school prior to the summer break. This holds true as well if you are moving houses and intend to have your children continue to attend SSES, as we will need to have up-to-date contact information.



## SCHOOL SPIRIT DAYS

Our Leadership Group will be planning some fun events and days to make our school year a little more enjoyable. Here is a list of days for you to put in your calendar to help with your family planning. We do our best to choose spirit days that can be accomplished with items you can find at home, so be creative and try not to buy anything extra. As always, it is only an invitation to participate, so if your child does not want to participate, that is OK.



### Upcoming Spirit Days

**Fri. Apr. 24** - Twin Day

**Fri. May 29** - Wacky Hair Day

**Tues. June 16** - Wacky Hat Day



## FAMILY MATH NIGHT

We have our final Family Math Night coming up on Thursday, April 23 from 6:30-7:30 in our Library. This will be a fun evening full of easy activities and games you can do at home to help your child's numeracy skills. To ensure that we have enough materials and snacks for everyone in attendance, we ask that you sign up for this evening by clicking on this link:

<https://forms.gle/sSy8D6zag3zaWV686>

We are looking forward to seeing you all there!



## BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

SD73 strives to provide high-quality, accessible, and affordable child care that is essential to the well-being of children, their families, and the broader community. The District acknowledges the financial support of the Province of British Columbia through the Ministry of Education and Child Care. This funding allows us to offer a wide range of early learning and childcare programs.

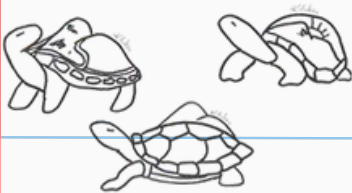
AE Perry is one of the sites that offers this great service. If this is something that you might be interested in, please don't hesitate to e-mail the Early Learning Team here: [elcc@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:elcc@sd73.bc.ca)

You can also put yourself on the waitlist by clicking this link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1k1-FHIV9EAATXj-](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1k1-FHIV9EAATXj-9hRZaBzMSdPN4qIE7tVII9xBhTx0/viewform?ts=66f59e4e&edit_requested=true)

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## 7 GRANDFATHER TEACHINGS TRUTH AND TURTLE

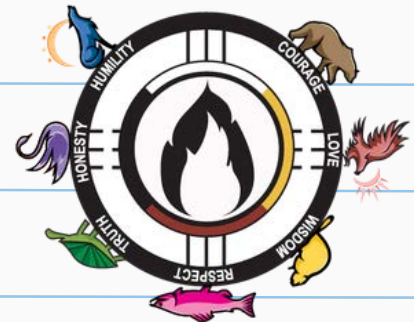


This year, as a school, we have been working on the 7 Grandfather Teachings outlined in the SD73 District Plan. This month's focus is **Turtle spelqwéqs** and represents **Truth wenécwem** and is known to represent the sacred lands we live on known as Turtle Island. Mount Peter and Mount Paul are depicted on the back of turtle to show how she is carrying us and holding us and the earth on her back.

At our assembly on Tuesday, we will speak about what truth means to us and how we can show it at school.

What is Truth?

- Knowing that we are all in this together
- Knowing that we are all connected
- Knowing that we are all apart of the circle
- Knowing that we are more similar than we are different
- Taking responsibility for our actions
- Being true to ourselves



We are also continuing our work on the Emotional Schools Framework. The element we are highlighting in APRIL is WORKING TOGETHER as a team. We will be using the following guiding question in conversations with our students "Are you being a good teammate?"



At our assembly on Tuesday, we will also recognize the Day of Suwentewec. The Day of Suwentwécw (Acknowledging One Another) is an annual initiative held on April 7 each year, to recognize and celebrate the Secwépemc People (Secwepemcúl'ecw) and other Indigenous people residing within the Secwépemc Territory.

This year's theme, "Wenecwtsín - Speaking Our Truths," is based on the First Peoples Principles of Learning and Indigenous Worldviews and Perspectives. This is an opportunity for all schools to continue to embed the First People's Principles of Learning, and to address the Calls to Action as outlined in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

# LIBRARY NEWS

From Ms. Pereversoff

## THIS MONTH

**It's read & grow month!**

March was a short month due to Book Fair & spring break, so we will continue with some activities but have changed others.

### I Spy



Can you find them all?

Spring objects

### Sensory Table



Make spring words

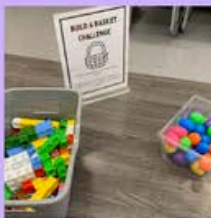
### Table Activities



Magnetic Poetry



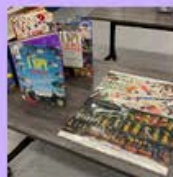
Spring coloring and wordsearches



Build a Basket Challenge. How many eggs can you fit?



Spring tic-tac-toe and I Spy.



## MAR/APR CONTEST

Guess how many treats are in the jar!



## FEBRUARY READERS OF THE MONTH

Each month, teachers nominate students who show enthusiasm for reading in a variety of ways! Of those students, 1 primary and 1 intermediate are selected and celebrated each month.

### Congratulations...



Maia, Grade 3  
(Jacobson)



Ranveer, Grade 6  
(Bourassa)

## READING CLUB



Reading Club meets on Mondays at lunch! Here, students enjoy a quiet, cozy space to relax with a book and silently read.



April 13 - Grade 2/3

April 20 - Intermediates

April 27 - Pro D Day (No School)



## Upcoming Event



### Author Visit for Cowan & Robinson

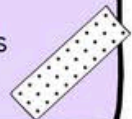
As part of Canadian Children's Book Week, author Megan Clendenan will visit AEP on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Students will explore her engaging nonfiction books! Her website is: <https://www.meganclendenan.com/>



## WEBSITE

<http://msplibrary.weebly.com>

Visit the AE Perry Library website to explore student friendly resources, as well as district programs that encourage learning and discovery at school and at home.



# KAMLOOPS BMX



Join The Fun!



★ Monday Practices \$2  
6-7pm Open Gates  
7-8pm Coaching

★ Thursday Races \$7  
5:45-6:30 Registration  
Racing to Follow



Weekly Rider Prizes From  
**Red** Tomato Pies

★ Local season runs from mid April to mid October- Watch our Facebook & Instagram for up to date information!

1550 Ord rd

# BCG @ John Tod (150 Wood St)

## YOUTH DROP IN

HOURS: SEPTEMBER TO JUNE

FOR AGES 11-24, NOON TO 3PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

FOR AGES 11-18, 3PM TO 6PM, MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY.

JULY & AUGUST: FOR AGES 11-19, 11AM – 4PM MONDAY – FRIDAY

- WEEKDAY DROP IN PROGRAM FOR YOUTH BETWEEN AGES 11-24
- VARIETY OF OPPORTUNITIES AND ACTIVITIES, YOUTH ALSO HAVE ACCESS TO GYMNASIUM & EQUIPMENT, A KITCHEN, POOL, PING PONG, FOOSBALL TABLES, BOARD GAMES, VIDEOS GAMES, TV, ART SUPPLIES, AND MORE!
- HOME-COOKED MEALS AND SNACKS ARE PROVIDED DAILY BY YOUTH RESOURCE WORKERS
- ALL YOUTH ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE CLUB AND COME AND GO AS THEY LIKE. HOMEWORK HELP AND AN AFTERSCHOOL SNACK ARE PROVIDED

\*\*FOLLOW LINK TO REGISTER: [HTTPS://WWW.BGCKAMLOOPS.COM/YOUTH-PROGRAMS](https://www.bgckamloops.com/youth-programs)

## NIGHTS ALIVE

- NIGHTS ALIVE IS A DRUG, ALCOHOL AND HARASSMENT-FREE PLACE FOR YOUTH BETWEEN 13 AND 21 YEARS OLD TO PARTICIPATE IN A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES IN A WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT
- A MEAL IS PROVIDED, **SAFE RIDES HOME ARE AVAILABLE** FOR YOUTH WHO LIVE IN THE NORTH SHORE, BROCKLEHURST, AND SOUTH SHORE

\*\*FOR REGISTRATION DETAILS, GO TO [HTTPS://WWW.BGCKAMLOOPS.COM/YOUTH-PROGRAMS](https://www.bgckamloops.com/youth-programs)

## YOUTH LIFE SKILLS & DROP-IN WELLNESS (YOUTH ROOM @ JOHN TOD CENTRE)

- A FREE PROGRAM THAT TEACHES YOUTH BETWEEN 11 AND 24 YEARS OLD VALUABLE LIFE SKILLS SUCH AS HEALTHY COOKING AND EATING, MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS, TEAM BUILDING, EMPLOYMENT SKILLS, AND PREPARING THEM FOR LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

\*\*FOR REGISTRATION DETAILS, GO TO [HTTPS://WWW.BGCKAMLOOPS.COM/YOUTH-PROGRAMS](https://www.bgckamloops.com/youth-programs)

## YOUTH NECESSITY NOOK

MONDAYS TO THURSDAYS FROM NOON TO 6:00PM

FRIDAYS FROM 9:00AM TO 6:00PM

- A FREE SERVICE FOR YOUTH AGES 11-24 ONCE A WEEK, YOUTH CAN RECEIVE NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS, PERSONAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS, AND HOUSEHOLD CLEANING SUPPLIES
- FORMAL REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BUT THEY DO NEED NAME AND BIRTHDATE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT BRITTANY AT [B.FERGUSON@BGCKWL.COM](mailto:B.FERGUSON@BGCKWL.COM)

## NEED VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR GRADUATION??

- YOUTH CAN VOLUNTEER AT BGC KAMLOOPS BY COMMITTING TO A MINIMUM OF 10 HOURS TO 100 HOURS
- OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE ASSISTING WITH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS SUCH AS PREPARING YOUTH ROOM SNACKS, RESTOCKING THE NECESSITIES NOOK, OR HELPING WITH MAINTENANCE AROUND THE CENTRE. YOUTH CAN ALSO DEVELOP LEADERSHIP SKILLS BY ASSISTING WITH LIFE SKILLS PROGRAMS

\*\*FOR MORE DETAILS AND HOW TO REGISTER, EMAIL DEZARAE AT [D.LUCE@BGCKWL.COM](mailto:D.LUCE@BGCKWL.COM)

# YOUTH INTENSIVE DAY TREATMENT PROGRAM

---- Support that meets you where you're at

## PROGRAM DATES:

📅 March – April 10

Schedule: Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays

## WHAT YOU'LL FIND HERE:

- A supportive group environment
- Space to talk about substance use and mental health
- Practical tools for coping and daily life
- Engaging activities that build connection and confidence

## ACTIVITIES MAY INCLUDE

- Bowling
- Horseback riding
- Creative activities like paint & sip
- Group outings and hands-on activities

## SNACKS & GOOD VIBES INCLUDED.

*Change doesn't have to be rushed. Sometimes it starts with connection.*

## LOCATION:

235 Lansdowne Street,  
Kamloops, BC

Hours:  
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

To learn more or join:  
310-MHSU (6478) or 250-377-6500  
Ask for ACCESS

