



Roadrunner Report

Friday, March 6, 2026

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We have just about made it to Spring Break. Only 5 school days left, but who's counting right? Heading into a break can cause some unsettled feelings, as school is a place where students have regular routines, see their friends, and for several, eat regular meals. It is important for everyone to stay patient with each other, make sure to use our words to express our needs and feelings, and listen to understand before trying to be understood. Typically, the last week before any break, emotions run high with everyone, so we will be reminding everyone to take deep breaths to regulate our nervous system prior to reacting. If you could review this with your family around the dinner table in the coming days, that would be greatly appreciated.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar 2-6 Scholastic Book Fair
- Mar. 4 Grade 7 NorKam Visit 9am
- Mar. 6 McQueen Lake - Mr. Bourassa's class Robinson and Underwood at Residential School and Bowling
- Mar. 9 Hunter to NorKam for collaboration
- Mar. 11 Learning Updates sent home
- Mar. 12 Langford to Apex Adventure Park
- Mar. 13 Anything but a Backpack Day
- Mar. 14-29 Spring Break
- Mar. 30 School Re-Opens
- April 3 Good Friday - School is Closed**
- April 6 Easter Monday - School is Closed**
- April 7 Day of Suwentwecw
Respect Assembly 9am
- April 8 Guest Speaker (Ms. Fennell)- Hunter's Class
- April 14 PAC Meeting @4pm in Library
- April 15 Dance Effect - Hunter, Y-C, Barrow, Shull
- April 16 SPARK #1 4:30 - 5:30
- April 17 Dance Effect - Hunter, Y-C, Barrow, Shull

TIME CHANGE

Well it would seem that Spring is right around the corner, which means a time change will be happening this weekend. We will be springing forward, for the last time. Please remember to set your clocks forward one hour on Sunday.

This loss of an hour of sleep can be difficult for some to adjust to, so regular bedtime routines, good nutrition, proper hydration, and getting outside every day can help a great deal.

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



Our grade 7 students have planned a fundraiser called "The Good Luck Shamrock" to support their year-end field trip and celebrations.

These Grade 7 students will be baking shamrock-shaped sugar cookies to sell to our students. They will be taking pre-orders from **March 3rd to March 11th**. Pricing:

- Half dozen: \$8
- Full dozen: \$12

Cookies will be packaged in bakery-style boxes, sealed with a shamrock sticker, and delivered to classrooms between **March 11th-13th** (before Spring Break) for students to bring home.

Each order will include a "Scratch & Win" ticket (while supplies last). If the pot of gold reveals "Winner," the recipient will receive a student-created gift basket during the first week back after Spring Break.

Please ensure that completed order forms and money is given to their teacher by **March 11th**.

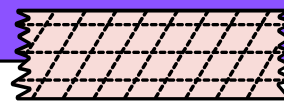
Cookies will also be sold during lunch on March 12th and 13th while supplies last.



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



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:

June Family BBQ

- Friday, June 5 from 3pm-6pm



DIVERSITY AND CULTURE CALENDAR

MARCH



- 1-31 Irish Heritage Month
- 1 Zero Discrimination Day
- 1 Disability Day of Mourning
- 2 Vasant Panchami
- 2-3 Purim
- 3 Magha Puja Day
- 4 Hola Mohalla
- 4 Holi Festival
- 8 International Women's Day
- 19 St. Joseph Day
- 19-27 Chaitra Navratri
- 20 Francophonie Day
- 20 Nowruz-Iranian (Perian) New Year
- 21 International Day for the Elimination of Discrimination
- 21 World Down Syndrome Day
- 22 World Water Day
- 25 International Day of the Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery
- 26 Purple Day - Supporting Epilepsy
- 26 Ram Navami
- 31 International Transgender Day of Visibility
- 31 National Indigenous Languages Day
- 31 Hanuman Jayanti



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.



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.

Monthly Spirit Days

- Fri. Mar. 13** - Anything But a Backpack Day
- Fri. Apr. 24** - Twin Day
- Fri. May 29** - Wacky Hair Day
- Tues. June 16** - Wacky Hat Day

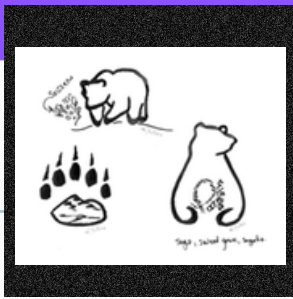


LOST AND FOUND

Our lost and found seems to grow exponentially every season. We have a large number of winter items that assuredly belong to some of you.

Starting on Monday, we will have our Lost and Found located at the front entrance to the school and we ask that families come to claim any long lost treasures that belong to you.





7 GRANDFATHER TEACHINGS COURAGE AND BEAR



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 Bear **skéřncis** who represents Courage **crelreláłttse** and is known to be the medicine keeper who guides communities with the knowledge held in the medicines. The picture of Mount Peter and Mount Paul inside Bear's paw represents how Bear holds the knowledge of Mother Earth in his steps and he has the courage to assist those in need by carrying medicines to them.

At our assembly we spoke about what courage is and how we can show it at school.

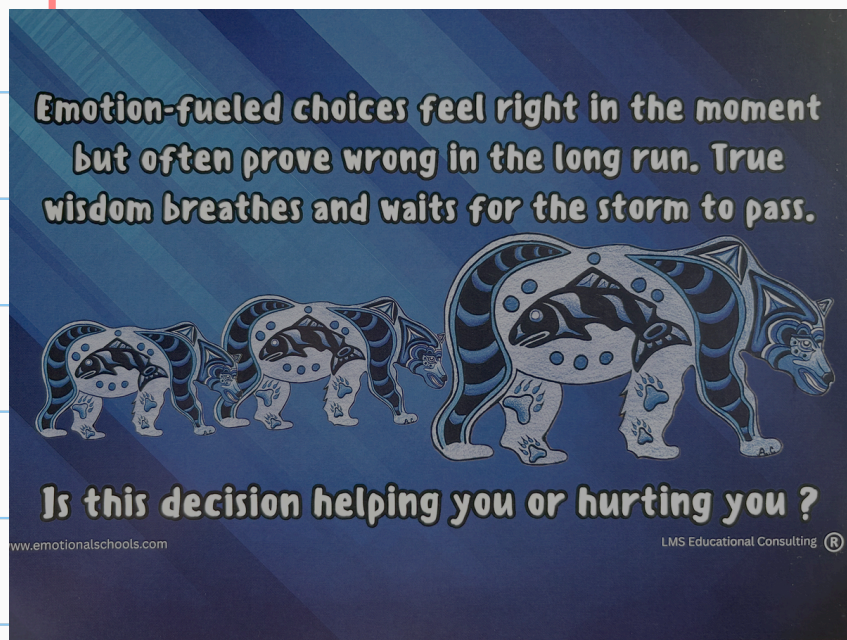
What is Courage?

- Being scared and doing it anyways
 - Trying new things that seem difficult or impossible
 - Doing the right thing in a difficult situation
 - Admitting to your mistakes
 - Taking responsibility for your actions
 - Standing up for yourself



In classes, students are recording their acts of courage on a bear paw and we are displaying them on bulletin boards around the school.

We are also continuing our work on the Emotional Schools Framework. The element we are highlighting in MARCH is DECISION MAKING. We will be using the following guiding question in conversations with our students "Is this decision helping you or hurting you?"



LIBRARY NEWS

From Ms. Pereversoff

THIS MONTH

It's read & grow month!
We will be celebrating spring and National Poetry Month!

I Spy



Can you find them all?

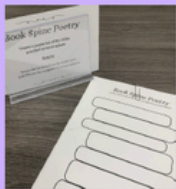
Spring objects

Sensory Table



Make spring words

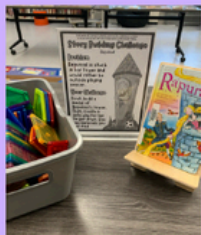
Table Activities



Book Spine Poetry



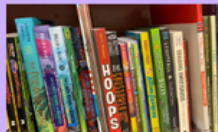
Spring coloring and wordsearches



Build Rapunzel's castle and a way for her to get down!



Blackout poetry



Enjoy new books! We've added 303 books to our collection so far.

MAR/APR CONTEST

Guess how many treats are in the jar!



JANUARY 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.

Mar 9 - Jacobson, Anderson, & Hansen

Mar 30 - Langford, Underwood, & Robinson

Apr 13 - Bourassa, Gulbrandsen/Carmichael, & Selski

Upcoming Event

Scholastic Book Fair

March 2-6th in the library

After-school purchases will be available on March 3, 4, & 5 from 2:35-3:30 PM. We accept cash, debit, and credit payments. Proceeds go back to our library!



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.

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 here: <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 from **January 5th until May 1st**. We encourage all parents to take a few moments to complete this survey.

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.

Use Report-It Tool - Scan here with your phone



Expect **Respect** and a **Safe Education** 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>

YOUTH INTENSIVE DAY TREATMENT PROGRAM

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

PROGRAM DATES:

17 March – April 10

Schedule: Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays

SNACKS & GOOD VIBES INCLUDED.

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

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

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

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

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