



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This is a vibrant learning community, and it is exciting to hear young voices filtering out of classes around the school as ideas are discussed. Exciting developments in the last few weeks include:

- Hiring Angela Kelly into a 0.5 teacher position to support co-teaching opportunities and literacy programming.
- Facility upgrades include new stairs outside the kindergarten hallway and the completion of siding and roofing on the portables.
- Early winter field trips including a kindergarten field trip to the post office and grade 3 field trips to Selkirk Secondary to work with Leadership students.
- The growth of our food programs with as many as 20 students each morning gathering in the second portable for breakfast. At lunch, many students use the lunch tray to add a cucumber, rice cracker or yogurt to their lunch.

Recently, the sounds of festive songs have been filtering out into the halls as students prepare for our Winter Variety Show. The weeks of December are a blur with report cards coming home, a variety of PAC events, and some holiday fun as well. Mark your calendars for:

- Recycled shopping on December 8th
- Poinsettia order pick up 2 – 5 pm on Wed. Dec. 13th
- **Winter Variety Show at Mckim Theatre on Tuesday December 19th at 5:00pm.**

On behalf of all of our staff, we wish you a wonderful holiday season and some quality time with family and friends.

All the best,

Dan Clark

WINTER VARIETY SHOW MARKET

HAND CRAFTED ITEMS FOR SALE AS A FUNDRAISER

Our students have been putting their creativity to work and crafting beautiful ornaments and Christmas goodies for a special cause. We're thrilled to announce that they'll be selling these delightful items at our upcoming Winter Variety Show at McKim. We invite you to arrive early before the concert to browse and purchase these handcrafted treasures. All the proceeds from the sales will be donated to our Ktunaxa fundraiser, supporting a meaningful cause in our community.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

In the spirit of giving, we would also appreciate if you could bring a non-perishable food item to contribute to our local food bank. Your generosity will make a difference during this festive season.

We are proud of our students for their hard work and commitment to making a positive impact. Your support is invaluable, and we look forward to sharing the holiday spirit with you at our Winter Variety Show.



COMMUNITY DONATIONS

We have a variety of community partners who have generously donated to our students and families in advance of Winter Break. These donations include everything from winter boots to gift cards for groceries and toys. The support of our community is much appreciated. Our donors this holiday season include:

- Talaria Footwear
- CUPE 440
- Kimberley Baptist Church
- Rotary Club of Kimberley

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration applications for children born in 2019, turning 5 in 2024, will take place between January 22 and February 2, 2024.

Registration will be an online form and will be available on our Registration Page on January 22. If you are unable to complete this online form at home, laptops will be made available for legal parents/guardians at schools.

To register your child, the parent or legal guardian must provide the school with the following:

- Your child's original birth certificate, any applicable immigration documents, and/or proof of Canadian citizenship for both you and your child.
- Your child's BC Health Care Card or proof of a submitted application if you are new to the province of BC.
- Proof of your residence address (a document such as your current year property tax receipt, current month rental receipt, or a purchase/rental agreement).

Note: Parents are required to have their children registered for school or homeschooling by the calendar year in which they turn six. If parents choose to defer school enrolment for their five-year-old, they should discuss this choice with the school principal in order to determine the best placement for their child.

LIBRARY BOOKS

Library books need to be returned by Dec 22nd and no new books will be sent home starting the week of Dec. 11th. We will be sending home overdue notes and reminders starting next week. Please help by returning library books that your child may have at home.



EARLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

WHO SAYS PICNICS ARE FOR SUMMER?

Ready, Set, Learn!

Ministry of Education and Child Care

Rocky Mountain

GINGERBREAD PICNIC

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27 10:00 - 12:00
Blarchmont Learning Centre
1850 WARREN AVENUE, KIMBERLEY

FOOD!

ACCESS LOCAL SERVICES!

FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AGED 0-5 YEARS

FREE GIFT BAG!

LOCAL SERVICE PROVIDERS WILL HAVE FUN ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN. HAVE FUN AND LEARN ABOUT THE SUPPORTS AND SERVICES AVAILABLE!

Join other families and caregivers with pre-school aged children at a FREE Ministry of Education and Child Care funded family-oriented event. Receive information about FREE local early learning programming and services available for you and your child!

DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER

- Thur. Dec. 7th – Child Protection Training at 3:30pm in library or via Teams
- Fri. Dec. 8th – Recycled Shopping event in gym
- Wed. Dec. 13th – Poinsettia order pick up 2 – 5 pm
- Mon. Dec. 18th – Winter Variety Practice at McKim 11:00 am
- Mon. Dec. 18th – Term 1 Report Cards go home
- Tues. Dec. 19th – Winter Variety Show at McKim Theatre 5:00pm
- Wed. Dec. 20th – Child Protection Training 5:45 pm in library
- Wed. Dec. 20th – PAC Meeting 6:00pm in library
- Thurs. Dec. 21th – Hot Lunch
- Fri. Dec. 22nd – Last day of school before Winter Break

JANUARY

- Mon Jan. 8th – School Reopens
- Wed. Jan. 17th – PAC Meeting 6:00pm in library
- Thurs. Jan. 18th – Hot Lunch
- Mon. Jan 22nd – Kindergarten Registration Opens for 2024

PAC NEWS

Our next PAC Meeting is Wednesday, December 20th at 6:00 pm in our library – all parents and caregivers are welcome! Please use the front entrance. You may also join us virtually here: [Click here to join the meeting](#)
Meeting ID: 272 292 790 853 and Passcode: qKJUAE