

KILLAM PUBLIC SCHOOL

January 26, 2024

KPS Activity Calendar

Click the red button to access google calendar! Take a look at our upcoming events!

Staff Update

Today we bid a fond farewell to Mrs. Beaumont who has been teaching in Grade 4 while Ms. Gibb was away. Thank you, Mrs. Beaumont, for all you have done for us. It has been a pleasure to have you in our school. We are excited to welcome Ms. Gibb back on Monday, January 29.

Toilet Paper Challenge

We are still trying to fill up Mrs. Nelson's Office!! The front window is full and some of the front walls are made!! If you have not already, please bring in a package of toilet paper (no loose rolls please). Please have toilet paper in by Tuesday, January 30.



Every KPS student is encouraged to bring in a package of toilet paper (please no loose rolls) before **January 30th**. There will be a pizza party for the **WHOLE** school if we can fill Mrs. Nelson's office!



Real Time Reporting

As you have read in the recent communication, KPS will be transitioning to real-time reporting. You may be wondering what this means going forward:

- KPS will no longer be sending home printed report cards
- Parents will have real-time access to up-to-date information about their child's achievements and areas of growth through our online platform

We understand that any change may raise questions and concerns, but we want to assure you that our teachers are here to support you. Our goal is to make this transition as smooth as possible for both you and your child.

The first step in this transition is to ensure that you are signed up for PowerSchool. [This video](#) will guide you through signing into the Parent Portal for the first time. You will need to do this step through a web browser, either on your computer, tablet or phone.

Once you have signed into the Parent Portal through the web browser, you may choose to add the PowerSchool app to your mobile device. [This video](#) will walk you through signing into the app on your phone. As parents ourselves, we prefer to use the year setting to see cumulative information over the entire year.

If you have any questions, or need support please do not hesitate to contact the school or your child's teacher.

Dress for the Weather

Hopefully we are out of the cold snap that has plagued us! Please be reminded that all students go outside for recesses three times a day unless the temperature is -25 C or colder. Students need to dress appropriately for the weather including a winter coat, insulated boots, a toque and mitts/gloves. They may also wish to wear snow pants and a scarf or buff. Staff is outside on supervision and, if they feel the temperature is too cold or students are dressed inappropriately, they will send students inside.

Parent Drivers

We are grateful to our parents who have applied and been approved by the transportation department to transport students to activities and events. If you haven't submitted your paperwork this school year (23-24) you are no longer an approved driver for KPS. If you would like to apply to be an approved driver, please contact the office for an application. In addition to the application paperwork, you will require a copy of your driver's license and proof of insurance with 2 million liability. As you are aware, only parents who are approved drivers are allowed to transport students other than their own to and from school events. Thank you for all you do to keep our students safe.

Alberta Education Assurance (AEA) Survey

Alberta Education provincial satisfaction survey collection will be underway Jan. 2024 and completed by the end of March. Data being collected by the Alberta government will help to determine how well the education system is achieving its goals, ensuring that it continues to meet the needs of Albertans.

The survey will be sent to parents or guardians of students in Grades 4-9. Please see the attached [information letter](#). Your code has been mailed to you through Canada Post.

The results of this survey help our school make planning decisions for the future. To get the best perspective of our strengths and areas of improvement, we hope that all families will take the time to complete this survey. If you have any questions, or need support, please call the school.

Social Media Presentation

Jo Philips will be in the KPS Gym on Feb. 5 to present about Social Media. During the day, grade 4 - 9 students from KPS, CHSPS and Daysland will gather in the KPS gym to hear Jo's messages about Social Media.

In the evening, parents will have an opportunity to attend Starting a Social Media Conversation. This session is designed to support parents in building an understanding of how to talk with their children about Social Media and productively address any challenges that arise. If you are a parent with children any age, plan to attend to learn more about how to support your kids. The session runs from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm and is free of charge.

Thanks to FIRST for partnering with us to sponsor this event.

Starting A Social Media CONVERSATION

The most dangerous part of social media for a kid is that they can't tell an adult when things go wrong because we respond by banning, and they don't want to lose all the good stuff. So they don't tell us.



After listening to over 140K kids, there is one thing clear about the challenges they face when it comes to social media. They need to be able to talk about it. The good, the bad, the challenges and the opportunities.

Starting a Social Media Conversation is a program designed to stimulate a continuous, positive social media conversation between kids and the adults in their lives, led by the lived-experience of the kids.

Jo Phillips
BA Psychology, Certified Youth Resilience Coach

5 February 2024
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
Killam School



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Online Permission Forms (Informed Consent)

Starting February 1, 2024 all permission forms will be done online through your Rycor account. To complete these forms and pay any outstanding fees please follow these steps:

1. Go to the [KPS Website](#). Scroll down the page and click on the big, red Online Payments and Ordering button at the bottom of the home screen or find the link in the 'Quick Links' section.
2. Click on the blue button for Online Payments and Ordering.
3. If it is asking you to set-up an account, you will need to do so to proceed. As this is where fees are paid, most parents likely have already set up an account.
4. When you see the form, please enter the required information and an e-signature.
5. Click on your cart to confirm that you have signed the form.
6. Once you have confirmed that you have signed, you will receive a receipt email with a copy of the signed form.

Paper forms will no longer be sent home, so please ensure you are regularly checking your Rycor account. When a new form is added to your account, you will be notified via School Messenger. If you need support with this new process, please contact the school.

Family Literacy Day

Jan. 27 is Family Literacy Day and BRSD is excited to celebrate 25 years of family literacy with ABC Life Literacy Canada and our BRSD families.

There are many ways to explore literacy: Share and read stories together, promote interactive storytelling sessions, encourage book exchanges, foster a love for learning through educational games and support local literacy initiatives. It is important to spend time having fun together as a family, so this is a perfect opportunity to learn about [family literacy](#).

Our KPS students will be spending time reading together on Friday, Jan. 26 to celebrate in school.



Kougar Athletics

Basketball

Mini-Dunkers

Reminder practices on Monday, Wednesday and Friday Lunch times. There are no after school commitments!!

Upcoming Tournament

March 13, 2024 in Forestburg - Times TBA

Junior High Boys

Congratulations to the Jr. High Boys team on winning both of their exhibition games against New Norway!! Great job!!

Upcoming Games

Monday, January 29th against Forestburg! - Game in Killam

Junior High Girls

Congratulations to the Jr. High Girls Team for bringing home gold at the Forestburg Tournament last weekend!!!... heard it was a nail biter!! Great job!

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Skating

All grades (Kindergarten to grade 9) will be going skating for three days in March. If your child does not have skates, we have a limited supply of extra skates at the school. All students will be responsible for supplying their own CSA approved skating or winter sport helmet (bike helmets are not allowed). If you have extra helmets at home that are **not expired** or extra skates that you are willing to lend or donate, please let the office know. We also appreciate any parents that are able to volunteer to tie skates that day. The permission form will have a checkbox to indicate if you have a helmet, if you need skates and if you are able to volunteer.



Killam Parent Council News

NEW President and Vice President

Heidi Pierce is the new President of School Council and the Parent Advisory Society and Sherisse Cameron is the new Vice President of School Council and the Parent Advisory Society. Thank you ladies for stepping up and helping our school! Next Meeting will be Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 7 p.m. at the School.

2024 Flower Fundraiser

Our Annual Flower Fundraiser was launched on Wednesday! Check out some of our fun new colour combinations, and if you don't see something that catches your eye, consider purchasing a gift certificate instead!

Please note we will be collecting orders through the hot lunch platform, and orders will close on Feb 8. Please keep track of your individual orders- we will have no way to see each customer's order in the online system. All we will see are your order totals.

Please reach out to Candace MacKinnon with any questions. Thank you for supporting your school, and happy selling!



Mini Vista
Ultra Marine



Strawberry



Vista Bubblegum



Cherry Tomato



Bees Knees



Bobcat Tomato

PIC•COLLAGE



Bright & Early Mix



Charleston Mix



Black & White Mix



Cheery Pink Mix



Purple Fountain Grass



Creeping Charlie Vine

PIC•COLLAGE

What has KPS been up to?

The JH Foods students challenged themselves to a great Killam dessert-off! Groups competed to win 1 of 4 categories: presentation, creativity, taste, and the "Buckley's" award. The challenge was a lot of fun and the desserts were great! The first Foods option will come to an end on January 30th, and the students have been putting the Foods Lab to good use.

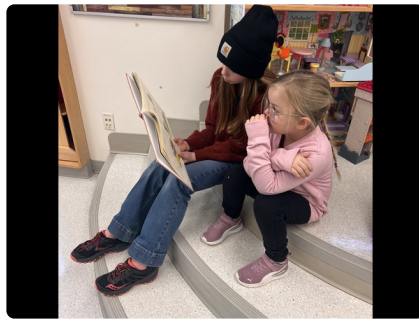


Welcome to our new student teacher, Miss Megan Kryz. She will be starting her final practicum on February 6th with both the grade 2 and grade 3 class. We look forward to having her with us as she learns to become a certified teacher!

Kindergarten students have been learning alphabet sounds through food! This week we reinforced the letters a, m, s, and t with Taco Salad with Avocados, Meat, Salad and Tacos!



The Grade 6 students spent some time reading and colouring with their Kindergarten buddies over the past few weeks.



Upcoming Events

- January 30 - Toilet Paper Due
- January 31-Semester Break (No School)
- February 8-Early Dismissal (11:56 am) Theme: 80's Day
- February 15/16-Teachers Convention (No School)
- February 19 - Family Day (No School)
- March 8 - Grade 4 - 9 Ski Trip

Yearly School Calendars

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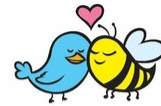
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Extras You May be Interested In



Its more than birds and bees.



HOW TO TALK TO OUR CHILDREN ABOUT SEXUAL HEALTH



Join Tracey Burnett; Sexual Health Consultant

It's common to feel nervous about talking to your children about sexual health; but its easier then you think and it doesn't have to be awkward.

Join Tracey Burnett from AHS as we discuss the why, when, what and how to talk to your children about sexual health

Registration Required

Join online - evening program

Tuesday, January 30th ~ 8:00-9:00pm

Link will be provided through Zoom.



To register go to www.parentsforfuninflagstaff.com or call 780-385-2346

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