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Monday, January 31st, 2022

Weyt-kp parents, guardians, and caregivers,

I'm not sure about you, but January felt like it lasted about 33 weeks. We had a large number of staff and students away for extended absences, leaving us in a bit of a scramble each morning to ensure that we had a teacher in each classroom every day. I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our entire staff; each member was incredibly flexible with sudden changes to their schedule, including when they got their breaks and having their prep time postponed, sometimes for an entire week. I don't tell them enough how happy and proud I am to be working with such a supportive team. If you get a minute to extend a thank-you to your child/ren's teacher or CEA, I guarantee your kind words will mean the world to them.

On that note, each year I deem February as Kindness Month, culminating with Pink Shirt Day on Wednesday February 23rd. I do my best to wear something pink each day, whether it be a shirt or hoodie, earrings, socks or shoes as a reminder to myself and to others that we should be showing kindness to everyone, all of the time, not just on Pink Shirt Day.



For those of you who ordered pink shirts, I expect them to arrive sometime next week, and we will get them distributed to you as quickly as possible.

Daily Health Check

As hard as we are working to keep COVID-19 and other illness at bay by washing our hands frequently and wearing masks, the most effective way for us to keep them out of our school, and students and staff healthy and ready to teach and learn, is to keep children home when they are not feeling well.

Please perform a daily health check with your child/ren before they come to school every day. Take a moment to re-read the [Daily Health Check](#), access the [K-12 Health Check Website](#), or download the [App](#).

SchoolMessenger/Safe Arrival

SchoolMessenger now utilizes text messaging for parents. For parents to receive text messages, they must confirm the text messaging option by sending a message of yes (y) to the system to be enabled ([more info here](#) or find the updates on our school's [Attendance/Safe Arrival page](#)). If there are changes to your contact information, you will need to make those changes with Mme Lisa at the office, as School Messenger uses the SD73 database to contact you.

Family Day

Monday February 21st is Family Day and the school is closed. Take advantage of this day to spend some quality time with loved ones. Here's hoping that the weather is good and you can head outside for some fun in the sun and snow.





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Student Learning Survey

The [2021/22 Student Learning Survey](#) (SLS) is now available until April 29, 2022 for students in Grades 4, 7, 10, and 12, as well as parents, staff and principals/vice-principals. The student and staff surveys are available in English and French, and the parent survey is available in 18 languages.

Parents

- Please complete one survey for each child.
- Parents have two options for accessing the survey: either by using a logon provided to you by your school, or by using the Direct Access (no logon number required) Access (please select one of the options below).

With a logon number from your school	Direct Access — no logon number required
Logon # <input type="text"/>	District: 73 Kamloops
Language: English	School: South Sa-hali Elementary
Language: English	Language: English
<input type="button" value="Log On"/>	<input type="button" value="Log On"/>

It would be greatly appreciated if you could please take a moment to fill out this survey. Students will be completing the survey during class time sometime before Spring Break.

Restricted Access

Our schools and facilities are open, but with restricted access. **Visitors must call ahead to make an appointment before entering any SD73 facility.** Visitor access during school hours will be prioritized to those supporting activities that benefit student learning and well-being (this includes District staff, teacher candidates, and meals coordinators). This promotes the safety of all students and staff. We need to work together and follow the direction of the Public Health Officer of BC.



If you need to drop your child off late, they know which door to enter and how to get to their classroom on their own; however, **if you must**, you may accompany them to the front office to get them checked in, but you are **not permitted** to walk them to their class without permission from the office. Public Health Guidelines in schools do not allow for parents in the school at this time. All students make their way to their classroom and put on and take off their winter gear several times a day independently, and, thus, do not need an escort.

Volunteers are also not able to visit the school at this time either. We have a very robust list of parents who have gone through the Health and Safety training and criminal records check, but we are not permitted to invite you into our classes at the moment. I am hoping that we will soon be able to welcome you back, as your support goes a long way in helping our students be successful.

Dressing for the Weather

We try to get students outside every day, even if it is only for 10-15 mins in very cold or wet weather; therefore, it is very important for your child/ren to come to school prepared for the elements. In



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In addition, teachers will continue to bring their students outside for some much needed “mask breaks,” so appropriate winter attire will be necessary.

The sliding hill will be open while we have snow and it isn't too icy. Remember in order to sled, students need to be wearing the following:

- Winter/Rain boots
- Snow pants
- Jacket
- Mittens or gloves
- Hat (optional)



Basketball

Our basketball season will be starting next week with league games against other schools. If your child is on a team, they will have come home with a permission slip this week. Please make sure to sign it and send it back to school with the \$10 to cover the cost of officials. We will need some basketball referees to officiate. If you think you might be able to spare a couple of hours, this might be just the thing that you can do to help support athletics at our school. Contact Mme Clare (iclare@sd73.bc.ca) for anything basketball related.



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School 7:00 – 8:30	Tier 1 Girls Practice		Tier 1 Girls Practice	Tier 1 Boys Practice	
Lunch 12:25 – 1:00	Tier 3 Boys Practice	Tier 1 Girls Practice	Tier 3 Girls Practice	Tier 3 Boys Practice	Grade 6 Skill development
After School 3:00 – 4:30	Tier 1 Boys Practice	Tier 1 Boys Games	Tier 3 Games (Boys and Girls)	Tier 1 Girls Games	Tier 3 Girls Practice

E.R.A.S.E. Tool

Expect Respect and a Safe Education is all about building safe and caring school communities. This includes empowering students, parents, educators and community partners who support them to get help with challenges, report concerns to schools, and learn about complex issues facing students. If there is something worrying your child or your child's friends at school, let an adult know who can help resolve the situation.

The erase Report It tool is an easy to send a message to your school or school district's safe school coordinator, who will follow-up on the situation right away. They will also follow-up with you privately, if you provide your name. **DON'T WORRY, YOU DON'T HAVE TO GIVE YOUR NAME AND THE PROBLEM WILL BE KEPT PRIVATE.**

Erase Report It Tool – Scan here with your phone

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ERASE Social Media Student Sessions (Grades 8-12) This session for students covers all things digital, from how to be a good digital citizen to the criminal consequences of cyberbullying (two time options to choose from): [February 3 from 11am – 12pm](#) or [February 3 from 6:30pm – 7:30pm](#).

PAC Fundraising

The PAC has a number of fundraising initiatives planned for the coming months.

1) Facebook Online Auction (FEBRUARY)

PAC is currently seeking donations of products or services to host a Facebook auction. All items collected will be featured in a public group where participants can bid on the items of their choice, with all proceeds going towards supplies to support outdoor learning on school grounds. Businesses who donate will receive great exposure to our school community and their friends and family. If you own a business or can donate a product to be auctioned off, or to request a letter which you can take to your employer to request a donation from them please contact Amanda at amanda.j.mckeen@gmail.com or 250-320-3641 (cell). **Deadline for donations is Feb 18**. Auction will take place **Feb 26 & 27**. Stay tuned for the link where you'll be able to place your bids! Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks so much

2) Meal Prep Workshop Fundraiser (MARCH):

Do you like the idea of meal prepping but aren't sure where to start? Does 5 o'clock ever arrive and somehow you forgot to plan dinner? Love having an easy dish ready to cook for your family's dinner? Join this fun virtual meal prep workshop! Pick-up your grocery package, then tune in to the zoom to see how to prepare 4 entrees in under 1 hour. Your registration of **\$120** includes all groceries except those listed plus Tupperware containers to freeze your meals in once complete. A portion of your registration will be donated to the school.

The meals to be prepared are:

- Slow Cooker Pepper Steak
- Asian Beef Skewers
- Bruschetta Chicken Bake
- Curried Chicken Slow Cooker Stew (can be vegan on request)

You will need to provide: 1 cup soy sauce, 1 tablespoon cooking oil, 2 tablespoons cornstarch, 1 teaspoon sugar, salt and pepper. **The rest of the groceries will be provided to you.** All recipes are gluten free (if you use gluten-free soy sauce).

Grocery pick-up:

Option 1 - Sunday, March 6, 4 pm-9pm at 465 Gleneagles Drive

Option 2 - Monday, March 7, 2 pm-3:30 pm at the school



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Then join the zoom class on Monday, March 7 at 7pm for a one-hour workshop where we will prep all our entrees and you'll learn a ton of meal prep tips and tricks! Register at this link:

<https://forms.gle/iqdisZ65DJZTCQh69> or contact Amanda at amanda.j.mckeen@gmail.com or call/text 250-320-3641 if you have any questions. Registration deadline Friday, March 4.

3) Value Village FunDRIVE (APRIL):

Are you ready to do some spring cleaning? Our PAC has a Value Village FunDrive coming up in April where you can donate clothing and small household items and PAC will receive a donation from Value Village for them! Start organizing those closets! **We will not be collecting books or household items larger than a microwave, including furniture.**

4) Plant Sale (APRIL/MAY)

Orders are due in April with delivery of plants in early May.

5) Online 50/50 Draw (JUNE)

6) Mabel's Labels (ongoing)

1. https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/by-occasion/school-labels.html
2. Click support a fundraiser
3. Search for South Sahali. Select our school.
4. Shop as normal! 20% of your purchase comes back to the PAC.

PAC Meeting and PAC FB page

Our next PAC meeting will take place **Thursday February 17th at 6:30pm** via Zoom. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Our PAC also has a [Facebook page](#) (South Sa-Hali Elementary PAC-Ecole South Sa-Hali PAC) that you might want to consider joining. In order to be granted access, you will need to answer the questions posted.

Important Upcoming Dates

Monday, Jan. 31 st	Earth Rangers Presentation (Grades 1-6)
Tuesday, Feb. 1 st	Tier 1 Boys Basketball Game @ Kamloops Christian School @ 3pm
Wednesday, Feb. 2 nd	Tier 3 Girls Basketball Game vs. École Lloyd George @home @3pm
Thursday, Feb. 3 rd	Tier 1 Girls Basketball Game vs Brock Middle School @home @3pm Kindergarten Round Up Virtual Session @6pm
Thursday, Feb. 3 rd	Report Cards Go Home and are published in MyEd
Friday, Feb. 4th	Professional Development Day (no school for students)
Tuesday, Feb. 8 th	Mme Funk and Mme Sarah's classes to Stake Lake Tier 1 Boys Basketball Game vs Juniper Ridge Elementary @home @3pm
Wednesday, Feb. 9 th	Tier 3 Boys Basketball Game vs. École Lloyd George @home @3pm Tier 3 Girls Basketball Game @ RLC @ 3pm



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Thursday, Feb. 10th

Awesome Escape Room Presentation – Mme Jayme @9am
Awesome Escape Room Presentation – Mme Sarah @10am
Tier 1 Girls Basketball Game @ Barriere Elementary @ 3pm

Tuesday, Feb. 15th

Tier 1 Boys Basketball Game @ Dallas Elementary @3pm

Wednesday, Feb. 16th

Tier 3 Girls Basketball Game @ Westmount Elementary @ 3pm

Thursday, Feb. 17th

Tier 3 Boys Basketball Game @ Rayleigh Elementary @ 3pm

Tier 1 Girls Basketball Game vs RLC @home @ 3pm

PAC Meeting (via Zoom) @ 6:30pm

Monday, Feb. 21st

Family Day Holiday – School is Closed

Tuesday, Feb. 22nd

Tier 1 Boys Basketball Game vs Arthur Stevenson @home @3pm

Wednesday, Feb. 23rd

Tier 3 Boys Basketball Game @ Westmount @3pm

Tier 3 Girls Basketball Game vs KSA @home @3pm

Thursday, Feb. 24th

Mme Jayme's class to MacArthur Island 9am – 12:30pm

Tier 1 Girls Basketball Game vs Arthur Stevenson @home @ 3pm

As always, if you have any questions or have any concerns that you would like to discuss, please don't hesitate to call the office.

Sincerely,

Susie Mabee
Principal