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Friday, May 6th, 2022

Weyt-kp parents, guardians, and caregivers,

According to astrology, the Spring Equinox took place on March 20th; however, that being said, Spring is certainly taking its sweet time getting to us. I had put my winter coat away after that one nice weekend in April but needed to dig it back out immediately after. I have my fingers crossed that the sun will soon start to make regular appearances and that hats, sunglasses, and sunscreen will be necessary.

With the arrival of warmer weather, a student's choice in footwear may change as well. As much as we would all love to wear flip flops to school, these are not the best choice as we encourage students to be active at recess and lunch, and flip flops can be quite dangerous to play soccer in or even play on the playground. Running shoes or sandals with a strap at the back that keep the shoe firmly in place are strongly encouraged.



May and June tend to be months laden with assessments and evaluations in order for teachers to measure what your child/ren has/have learned over the course of the year, so regular attendance is paramount. If your child/ren is/are going to be away for any reason, please make sure to communicate this with your child/ren's teacher so that they can plan accordingly.

Illness

Although COVID has more or less run its course, we are seeing a number of other illnesses (cold and flu) circulating in our school. We had 5 teachers away this week! The best way to keep both staff and students safe and healthy is to stay home when you are not well. We ask that if your child is displaying any symptoms (i.e. coughing, runny nose, fever, upset stomach) that are not typical of any underlying issues such as allergies, to keep your child home until they are feeling better and symptoms have subsided.

Presentation of Learning

Our school will be holding its first Presentation of Learning on **Wednesday, May 18th from 2pm-4pm.** This is an opportunity for parents to visit classrooms and have their child/ren share all of the good stuff that he/she/they have been working on in class. It will be an Open House format, so you are welcome to pop in and visit whenever works for your family's schedule. Student dismissal time is at 2:51, as per usual, and any students staying behind to share their learning must be accompanied by an adult. There is **no** after school supervision.

If you cannot come at this time, please connect with your child's teacher as to when you can connect for a learning update.



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TRACK AND FIELD

Our intermediate students will be participating in Track and Field this year, once again. We were fortunate to have the Kamloops Track and Field Club to our school to provide workshops in Shot Put and High Jump, which our students enjoyed. Students will participate in 4 or 5 events, with a minimum of one running event and one event being a field event (shot put, long jump, triple jump, or high jump). We had hoped to have our school track meet at Hillside Stadium; however due to the BC Lions' training camp, we are not able to do so this year. Because of our lack of space, our school track meet will be divided into two mornings: **Monday May 16th and Tuesday May 17th**. Please ensure that your child comes to school on these days with running shoes, comfortable clothing for running and jumping, water bottle, a hat, and sunscreen. We will need approximately 10 parent volunteers those days to help us measure and record results. If you would like to volunteer either one or both of those mornings, please contact Mme Clare (lclare@sd73.bc.ca) as soon as possible so that we can finalize our planning.



Our Zone Track Meet, where students compete against students from other schools within our zone (Dufferin, McGowan, Summit, Beattie, Aberdeen, and Pacific Way) will be held at the Hillside Stadium on **Thursday, May 26th from 9 - 2:30**. We will be sending out more information and permission slips to those students who qualify for the Zone Track Meet closer to the date.

Jump Rope for Heart

Our school is participating in the Jump Rope for Heart campaign to raise money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation and to encourage our students to live a happy and active life. Students are invited to raise funds online by visiting the [Jump Rope for Heart website](#) and type South Sa-Hali in the search box to register. If our school is able to raise \$2000.00 by our event day, May 25th, Mme Mabee will draw a student from each class who will be invited to dump a bucket of cold water on her head. (This will be much colder, but much less sticky than the pies in her face for our Terry Fox Fundraiser). Students can win different prizes for raising different amounts of money. Please see the attachment provided in the e-mail for more information.

Competency-Based IEPs

Our Learning Assistance Resource Teachers, Mme Lindsay and Mme Clare will be reaching out to those of you who have a student with a Ministry Category and thus Inclusive Education Plan (IEP), to book year-end IEP review meetings. If your child has an IEP, please take the time to watch the recorded session, link below, for more information on the switch from needs-based IEPs to competency-based IEPs.

Does your child have an Inclusive Education Plan (IEP)? If so, then this session is for you! School District No.73 is rolling out competency-based IEPs in September 2022. Learn how competency-based IEPs are similar and yet different from the current IEP being used. You will also learn more about how you, the parent/guardian, will be a significant stakeholder in the development of the new competency-based IEP process.



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<https://www.sd73.bc.ca/en/community-parents-and-students/parent-resource-page.aspx>

Water Bottles



Because the water fountains have been re-opened, disposable cups are not available from the office. As the weather gets hotter, it becomes even more imperative that your child/ren bring a re-fillable water bottle that he/she/they can fill at our water filling stations. Please make sure that these water bottles are labelled with your child/ren's first and last name so that we can get them back to their rightful owners when we find them on the ground and in the gym.

Ticks

It is [tick](#) season. Along with the warmer weather of Spring, comes the arrival of these pesky insects that can be quite a nuisance. Ticks are very common in Kamloops. Ticks are generally seen as long as the daytime temperature remains above 4°C, though they are most common from February to July. Ticks can carry a variety of diseases such as Lyme disease and blood-borne diseases, but those types of ticks are not common in the Kamloops area.



Because our school is located very close to Peterson Creek Park, the ticks that usually live in the trees and tall grasses do not have far to travel to inhabit our playground. Added to that fact, we have a number of classes that visit the park frequently to do nature walks, ecological studies and DPA in the park. It is a good idea to check your child/ren's for ticks daily.

Basketball Opportunity

Hoops in the Loops is hosting its annual outdoor 3 on 3 basketball fundraiser for [KidSport](#) Kamloops on June 4 and 5. They are looking for gr. 4-12 boys and girls teams to participate in the event.

Grade 7 Year-End Fundraising

The last of the grade 7 fundraisers to raise money for their year-end trips and festivities is a Bottle Drop in our bottom parking lot in the morning during drop-off time on the remaining dates:

- Monday **May 9th** and Tuesday **May 10th**
- Tuesday **May 24th** & Wednesday **May 25th**

If you have any bottles and/or cans that you would like to donate to this group, they would be most appreciative. In addition, you can drop your bottles off at any of the three General Grants locations in Kamloops and tell them that you would like to donate them to South Sa-Hali Elementary, and we will put those funds towards our Grade 7s. General Grants is accepting milk and milk substitute drink containers (i.e. soy, almond, oat, etc. milk) but not yoghurt drinks. Please ensure that these containers have been thoroughly washed, otherwise they need to be thrown in the trash instead of collected for the refund.

Students Leaving the School Grounds



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As the weather gets warmer, students, many of which travel to and from school by bus, are tempted to leave school grounds before and after school to go to the 711 across the street to purchase energy drinks, candy, Slurpees, popsicles, etc. for either their snack during the day or at the end of the day for their ride home. It is our understanding that as soon as students step onto school property, which includes their SD73 school bus, they are under our care, and it is expected that they remain on school grounds from the time they step onto the bus in the morning until the time they step off of it in the afternoon. If you could have a conversation with your child about these expectations, it would be greatly appreciated. We will make sure to have similar conversations with our students here at the school.



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 enroll your child/ren in a new school, please call or e-mail Mme Lisa (lchave@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.

Class Placements for 2022-2023

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 **Thursday, May 26st** 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*. If you choose to complete one of these forms, it needs to be returned to the office no later than **Thursday May 26th**. You can obtain one of these forms by calling the office or sending an e-mail to Mme Lisa in the office (lchave@sd73.bc.ca), Mme Clare (lclare@sd73.bc.ca), or Mme Mabee (smabee@sd73.bc.ca).

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

We would like to extend a very heart felt "Merci" to our PAC members who have been working diligently to raise money to enhance the learning for our students/your children. Just recently our entire school population enjoyed a drumming performance and several classes participated in drumming workshops, which were all paid for by PAC. We are also very much looking forward to Eureka Science sessions in June, also paid in full by our PAC. We are truly grateful for these experiences.



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PAC News

The PAC elections are scheduled for June 16, 2022 during our Zoom meeting. The following positions are available and each has a term of one year.

★ Chair/Co-Chair ★ Treasurer ★ Secretary ★ Fundraising Coordinators (2 positions)

The District Parent Advisory Council Representative and the Canadian Parents for French Representative are appointed by the new 2022/2023 PAC Executive.

If you wish to be considered, you must be present during the election itself. The budget and calendar meeting for the 2022/2023 will take place on **June 22**.

If you have any questions about PAC or the positions please contact Allison Tremblay, SSES PAC Chair at sseskamloops@gmail.com

PAC Fundraising

The PAC has 2 remaining fundraising initiatives planned for the coming months.

3) Online 50/50 Draw (JUNE)

4) 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 and select our school.
4. Shop as normal! 20% of your purchase comes back to the PAC.

Important Upcoming Dates

Friday, May 5 th	Mme Jayme's class to Kenna Cartwright Park Mme Bauhuis class to Kamloops Wildlife Park
Monday, May 6 th	10:00 CanCODE Presentation for M. Hugues' class 1:00 CanCODE Presentation for Mme Bolster's class 2:00 PAC Plant Sale Delivery
Tuesday, May 10 th	Mme Nancy's and Mme Sarah's class to Isobel Lake 3:00 Flag Football Game @ Dufferin Elementary
Wednesday, May 11 th	9:00 Mme Vennables' class to Earl's Restaurant 11:15 1000m/1200m race for Intermediate Students
Thursday, May 12 th	9:00 Mme Jayme's class to Earl's Restaurant 4:00-5:00pm SPARK session #2
Monday, May 16 th	8:45 – 12:00 School Track and Field Meet (Volunteers NEEDED)
Tuesday, May 17 th	8:45 – 12:00 School Track and Field Meet (Volunteers NEEDED) Mme Jayme's and Mme Muraca's class to Pine Park for Salmon Release



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Wednesday, May 18 th	1:00 Junior Achievement Presentation – Mme Donas 9:00 Mme Wigness' class to Earl's for a kitchen tour 11:30 Zone 1 1000m/1200m race at Hillside Stadium
Thursday, May 19 th	2:00 – 4:00 Presentation of Learning Mme Bauhuis' and Mme Dana's classes to Isobel Lake Mme Magalie's class to McQueen Lake
Friday, May 20 th	Professional Development Day for teachers (no classes for students)
Monday, May 23 rd	Victoria Day – School is closed
Tuesday, May 24 th	Mme Wallis', Mme Sarah's, and Mme Donas' classes to Sagebrush Theatre for The Wizard of Oz CanCODE session #2 For Mme Bolster's class
Wednesday, May 25 th	Jump Rope for Heart Event 4:00 – 5:00 SPARK session #3
Thursday, May 26 th	Zone 1 Track Meet 6:30 PAC Meeting
Friday, May 27 th	9:00-11:00 Mme Bauhuis' class to MacArthur Island
Monday, May 30 th	Mme Jayme's class to McConnell Lake Mme Wigness' class to Isobel Lake
Tuesday, May 31 st	District 1000m/1200m race at Hillside Stadium
Thursday, June 2 nd	Mme Graf's and Mme Charlotte's class to Railway Museum 11:30 Grade 7s to SKSS for school tour
Friday, June 3 rd	District Track and Field Meet at Hillside Stadium

For a more detailed account of the school's events, visit our school website <https://south-sahali.sd73.bc.ca/en/index.aspx> and subscribe to the calendar to have the week's events delivered straight to your e-mail.

Thanks for staying with me to the end. As always, please reach out if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely,

Susie Mabee
Principal