



April Newsletter

Month at a Glance

April 3

Good Friday
No School

April 6

Easter Monday
No School

April 8

Class Photos

April 10

PAC Hot Lunch
Pizza Hut

April 17

Non Instructional Day
No School

April 21-23

Book Fair

April 22

PAC Hot Lunch
Taco Time

April 23

Spring Concert at 1:30 pm

April 27

Pro-D Day
No School

May 5 & 6

Early Dismissal at 12:05 pm
Student-Led Conferences



Administrator's Message

Read-A-Thon

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our families for your incredible support during our Read-A-Thon event. Your encouragement of your children's reading, along with the generous sponsorship donations, made a significant impact. We are excited to share that we raised \$8,146—wow!

These funds will be used to purchase an iPad storage cart, STEM supplies, contribute toward the playground, and add additional gym equipment. Great work, students, for spending so much time with BOOKS!

Arts in the Orchards

On the afternoons of April 9th and 10th, students will have the opportunity to sign up for an art activity of their choice for Arts in the Orchards. These activities will be led by different teachers and community members, with mixed-grade groups, in spaces that are new and exciting for students.

We are grateful to have teachers, staff, grandparents, parents, community members, and even retired teachers leading a wide variety of activities. Some of the options include pottery, nature weaving, string art, wind chime making, needle felting, rock painting, tie-dye shirts, sewing animal stuffies, dot painting, rocket launchers, and more!

Thank you to PAC for generously providing up to \$50 per classroom to help cover the cost of additional supplies.

Pedestrians, Bikes, and Traffic

We love seeing our bike racks full! With the arrival of nicer weather, we are encouraging students to walk or bike to school. Regular physical activity can help regulate emotions, improve fitness, and even support memory and learning. The [recommendation for elementary-aged students](#) is 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous activity each day, and walking or biking to school is a great way to build those active minutes.

As more students walk and bike to school, we kindly ask drivers to exercise caution and reduce their speed around the school grounds. Your cooperation in keeping our students safe is greatly appreciated.

Looking Ahead to 2026–2027

As we prepare for the 2026–2027 school year, we encourage kindergarten families who have not yet registered to do so as soon as possible. If your family is planning to move or is considering transferring to a different school, please let the office know.

If you haven't already, we also encourage you to review the District's new [Classroom Placement Policy](#). Parents who would like to provide information or input regarding their child's placement for the upcoming school year are asked to read the policy and submit [Form 358](#) to the office by **May 31**.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community.

Kind regards,
Carissa Hart

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Kootenay Orchards Read-A-Thon

We would like to give a big thank you to all our KO students that participated in the Read-A-Thon!!!! In total, our school read 55,900 minutes which equals a little over 931 hours!!! Additionally, families raised \$8,146.96 for our school. Way to go KO!!!!

Teacher/Class	Total Min	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Ms. Feltham	2295	Maxwell	Blake	Bennett / Jace
Mrs. Linardic	1123	Brighton	Barrett	Chloe
Ms. Malmberg	2155	Reuben	Sam	Brixton
Mrs. Adams	4174	Olivia	Aurelia	Dominick
Ms. Boss	3508	Ella	Elliott	Georgia
Mr. Flegel	6677	Micah	Aubree	Emma
Mrs. Reinarz	8971	Avry	Londyn	Callie
Mrs. Kingwell	8957	Brooke B	April	Talo
Mrs. Kirkpatrick	3313	Parker	Luke	Jonah
Mrs. Halldorson	7313	Jaxton	Kinley	Brixton
Mrs. Potter	7414	Omaro	Remy	Omoya



Top Fundraisers

Top Fundraiser: Reuben Schielke—Mrs. Malmberg's Class

Honorable Mentions Fundraisers: Maxwell Thacker (Mrs. Feltham), April Kemperman (Mrs. Kingwell), Madi Hoffman (Mrs. Potter), Reegan Maracle (Mrs. Adams) & Micah Kemperman (Ms. Boss)

In-School Read-A-Thon Challenge Class Pizza Party Winners

Primary: Mr. Flegel

Intermediate : Mrs. Kingwell





Dear Families,

We are excited to announce that the KO Library will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair from April 21st – 23rd.

Students will get a “sneak peek” the day before the Fair starts so that they can see what’s available and have a chance to fill out their “wish lists”. Teachers will also be creating wish lists, giving parents the option to purchase books directly for their child’s classroom library.

The fair will be open **Tuesday – Thursday from 3:00 - 4:00**. Students are also welcome to shop each day at lunchtime from **12:25 – 12:45**. Cash, cheque and credit/debit card will be accepted as forms of payment.

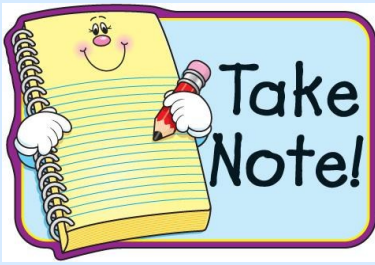
Scholastic sends us a set number of Book Fair items, so we often run out of popular titles and products. Anything that “sells out” will be re-ordered at the end of the fair and delivered to the school the following week.

We hope you will join us in celebrating the love of reading!

All purchases help to grow our school and classroom Libraries.

Thanks for your support!





Student-Led Conferences

All students will have early dismissal on **Tuesday, May 5th & Wednesday, May 6th** for Student-Led Conferences. On these days, students will be dismissed at 12:05 pm. Teachers will be sending home more information with students closer to those dates.

For families that have bus students, it is highly encouraged that alternate arrangements are made for both these days. For those that cannot make alternate arrangements, please kindly contact our office (250) 426-8551.



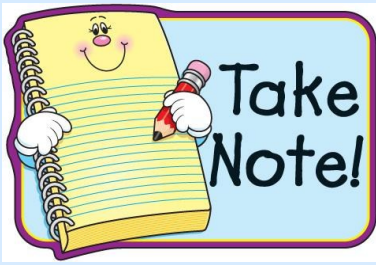
The **Kootenay Orchards Running Club** is back up and running for spring!! Intermediate students who have completed a permission form can run a loop around the neighborhood with their class. If your child would like to participate and has not completed a permission form, please have them ask their classroom teacher.



As we begin planning for the upcoming school year, we ask that any families planning to relocating to another community for September to please let the school office know.

This information allows us to plan classes accordingly and prepare your student's file for transfer.





Spring Concert

A stylized tree with a brown trunk and branches, covered in vibrant pink and red blossoms, positioned to the right of the "Spring Concert" text.

Students in Mrs. Malmberg, Mrs. Adams, Ms. Boss, Mr. Flegel, Mrs. Reinarz & Mrs. Kingwell's classes will be performing in the Spring Music Concert taking place on Thursday, April 23rd.

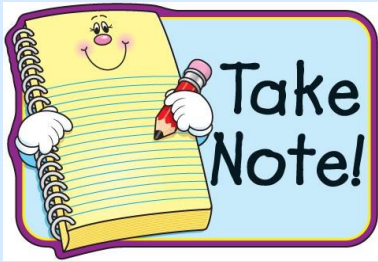
We welcome Parents/Guardians to come watch the performance. Doors will open at 1:00 pm and performance will take place at 1:30.



Science Fair 2026

Mrs. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Halldorson & Mrs. Potter





Grade 6 Year-End Trip Homestead Candle Company Fundraiser

In June, Grade 6 students will be visiting Around the Bend Creekside Farms. To help with the costs, they are excited to have partnered with Homestead Candle Co., a local business, for a special candle fundraiser.

These candles make beautiful Mother's Day gifts or a cozy addition to your home. Homestead Candle Co. is proudly owned and operated by a Cranbrook husband-and-wife team, alongside their three daughters.

The candles are 11 oz and have an approximate burn time of 90 hours. Each candle is thoughtfully handcrafted using premium soy wax, a cotton wick, and high-quality fragrance oils that are free from harsh chemicals like phthalates and parabens—creating a clean, long-lasting burn.

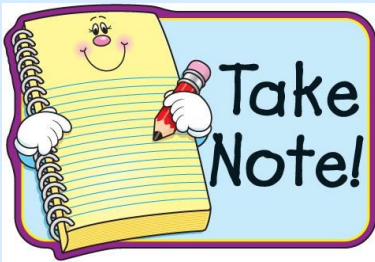
There are 8 scents to choose from and sample candles will be available to smell in the school office before ordering.

Candles are \$31.50 and for every purchase made, the Grade 6 class receives \$8.00!! To place an order, please visit [School Cash Online](#). Orders can be placed from April 1-21 and will be sent home the week of May 4th.

Thank you in advance for supporting the
Grade 6 Year-End Field Trip!!

Thank you!
for your support





YOU'RE INVITED TO:

READY, SET, LEARN CRANBROOK

INTENDED FOR FAMILIES AND THEIR CHILDREN, BIRTH TO FIVE-YEARS-OLD. THIS EVENT PROVIDES A FUN, FAMILY-ORIENTED ATMOSPHERE WITH THE INTENT OF SUPPORTING CHILDREN'S TRANSITIONS INTO SCHOOL.

TAKE PART IN PLAY-BASED ACTIVITIES WHILE LEARNING ABOUT THE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OFFERED BY YOUR LOCAL EARLY LEARNING PARTNERS, ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, AND OUR COMMUNITY. IT IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE CONNECTIONS AND HAVE SOME FUN!

There will be music, treats, bubble machine, activity stations, and more!

WHERE: Rotary Park (134 - 10th Avenue S.)

DATE: Wednesday, May 27

TIME: 10:00 - 11:30am

REGISTER WITH YOUR CATCHMENT SCHOOL AND RECEIVE A CHILD'S GIFT BAG WHEN YOU ATTEND.

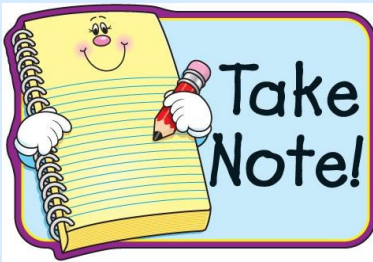


SCHOOL BUS ON SITE!



To register for Ready, Set, Learn, please contact the school office by calling (250) 426-8551 or emailing Mrs. Gaudord

koes.mailing@sd5.bc.ca



The Student Learning Survey (SLS) is an opportunity for parents to provide feedback about curriculum changes, learning environment, student wellness and satisfaction, student belonging and engagement and career preparation. The parent and guardian / caregiving survey is available until Friday May 2nd; it takes approximately 30 minutes to complete. Your responses are voluntary and anonymous. Schools and school districts use this information to make informed decisions around long-term planning and goal setting. For more information, please see the attached letter from the Ministry of Education and Child Care. To access the survey, please click the following link:

<https://www.awinfosys.com/SurveyFull1/central/main/access.asp>

January 8, 2025



Dear Parents and Guardians/Caregivers,

The Student Learning Survey (SLS) has been administered every year in B.C. public schools since 2001. Prior to 2016-17 it was known as the Student Satisfaction Survey. The SLS provides feedback on the implementation of the curriculum changes, learning environment, student wellness and satisfaction, student belonging and engagement, and career preparation. The SLS is the only source of province-wide information about students' learning experiences through the perspectives of students, parents, guardians/caregivers, and school staff. Schools and districts use the SLS to make informed decisions around long-term planning and goal-setting, and in providing individual students personalized support.

The parent and guardian/caregiver survey is now available online and is available in 18 different languages. The survey will be available until Friday, May 2nd, and will take approximately 30 minutes to complete. Your responses are voluntary and anonymous, and your child will not be identified as a result of your participation in the survey. Any personal or identifying information will be deleted before results are stored. Data will be stored and accessible only within Canada.

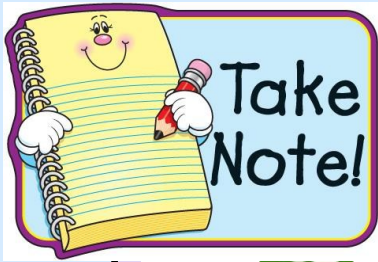
To complete the survey:

1. Go to any computer that has an up-to-date internet browser access at home, work, or school.
2. Go to www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm
3. Click on the Parents icon for Direct (logon-free) Access
 - District: the name of your child's district
 - School: the name of your child's school
 - Language: the language of your choice
4. Complete the survey by clicking on the appropriate circle to answer each question and click "NEXT".
5. When you are finished the survey, you will get a message "Thank you for sharing your views".
6. Once complete, your school will have the results immediately.

Please contact the web survey provider (AWIS) if you have technical difficulties; call toll free: 1-866-558- 5339 or email support@awinfosys.com. If you have questions about the survey, you can email EDUC.ReportingUnit@gov.bc.ca
We greatly appreciate your input and thank-you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,

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Southeast Kootenay School District 2026-2027 Annual School Calendar



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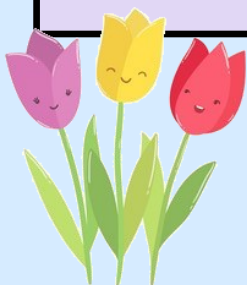
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- School Breaks
- Professional Development Day
- Stat Holidays
- Administrative Day



Celebrate the Ktunaxa Language!!

Scan the QR codes below with your phone's camera to hear the word in Ktuanxa.



kakmi

April



watak

Frog



watukkukut

Rain



ɛikku

Robin



We would like to acknowledge that we learn, play and work on the Homelands of the Ktunaxa people.