



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

January 2024

Principal's Message

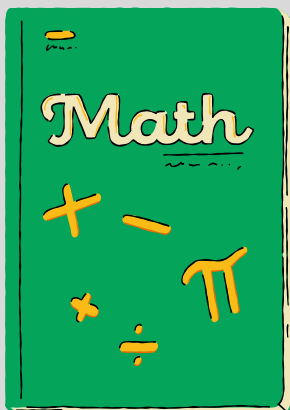
We have now reached the halfway point of the school year. With the halfway point being here, I would like to take a minute to reflect on the importance of celebrating success.

Celebrating a milestone like a good grade, completing a course, or reaching the halfway mark of a course can give students an amazing feeling. It can be even better when someone else notices one's achievements and makes an effort to acknowledge them. Celebrating achievements can boost confidence and increase motivation. One celebration can lead to more celebrations, who doesn't like that idea!

At the halfway point of the school year (although KDS is open for business in the summer as well), I want to give congratulations to all the adult learners, school-aged learners, the student's support networks, and the staff who have helped the students get to this spot.

To all you learners, make sure to take time to celebrate your successes. Keep striving in your courses and seek out those course completion awards in Brightspace.

Happy learning in 2024,
Mike Kelly
KDS Principal



Math Time!

**Are you currently enrolled in a
KDS Math Course?**

**If so, Paula Evoy is offering drop-in help
sessions at the Fernie Campus on
Tuesdays & Thursdays from 7 - 9 pm.**

December/January Winter Events



The art of building shelters at Idlewild Park
and snowshoeing in the
Cranbrook Community Forest



Snow Much Fun!

Curling Fun!

KDS' maiden high school bonspiel was a roaring success!

**New Date for Curling in Cranbrook
Monday, Feb 12th**

All grade 7-12 KDS students are invited to come curling in Cranbrook on Monday, Feb 12th (this is a make-up date for our session that was cancelled due to freezing and flooding in January). We will meet at the Cranbrook Curling Centre at 10am for a 2-hour session. This is a FREE event! If you are in Grades 7-9, please sign-up with Ms. Gilchrist (the form has already been sent to you) If you are in Grades 10 - 12 or Adult Grad, please sign up at this link:
https://bit.ly/Cranbrook_KDS_Curling

****If you're registered in PHED 10, or Active Living 11 or 12, you can claim 4 physical activity hours in your course by attending this event!**

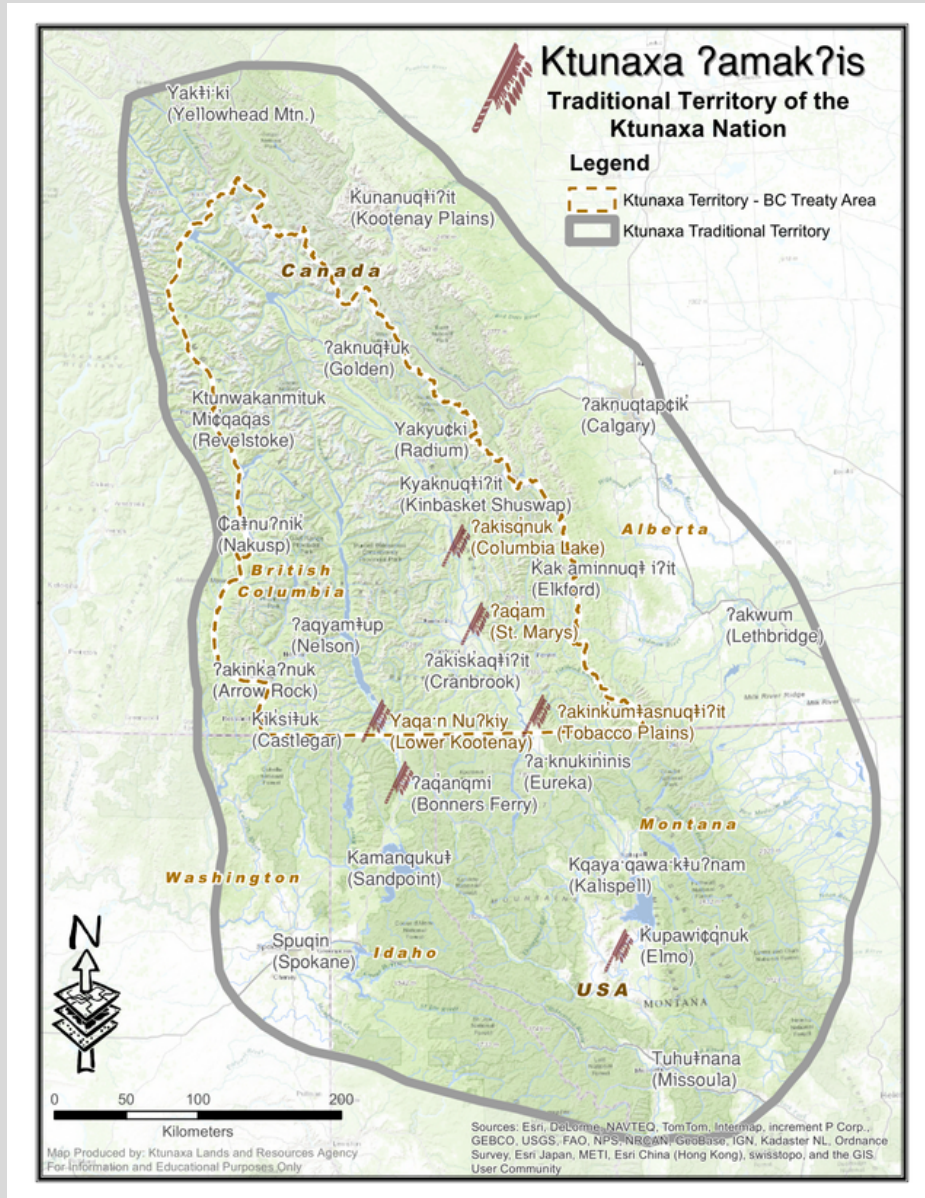


Guess who clinched the grand prize? A bunch of wicked online Physical Education students who not only slayed their teachers in the final end but also bagged double activity credits!

Ktunaxa Creation Story

Get ready for a wild, watery adventure as our elementary students took on the mighty Columbia and Kootenay River watersheds, straight from the Ktunaxa Creation Story!

Armed with their curiosity and a puzzle-like approach, Fernie's Elementary Program students listened to Joe Pierre's captivating narration and mapped out the places featured in the Ktunaxa Creation Story.





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Online and Blended Kindergarten to Grade 12+ Learning Programs (School District 5, Southeast Kootenays, unceded traditional Ktunaxa territory)
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POSTS TAGGED



KDS PAC Committee

Your PAC committee meets monthly and is equally excited about the school year. We are especially excited to launch a SAVE-ON-SPONSORED Grocery Card fundraiser. Cards purchased can be used at any Save-On location – Canada wide. And you do not need to attend KDS to purchase, so please tell all your friends. Here is how it will work:

1. Email KDSpac2022@gmail.com your desired dollar amount of cards. Please include amount, name, and contact info. Please provide this information before the end of the month.
2. At the beginning of the following month, we will notify you to e-transfer funds to: KDSpac2022@gmail.com – please use the password – GROCERY. Once we receive your funds, we will pick them up and leave them with Christine at the Front Desk at KDS/Fernie for pick up. (We will also deliver cards to Cranbrook and leave with the school.)
3. When you pick up your cards from the school, you will need to wait 48 hours for the activation to clear.

And then SAVE ON donates 8% of total cards purchased to KDS! This year, the PAC committee is using fundraising profits to support our teachers with additional supplies needed for students. Know your grocery card purchase is going to a really fantastic cause that supports both teachers and students.

Thank you for supporting KDS. The Grocery Card fundraiser is ready to go. Please take a moment to your order cards today. Cards will be ready mid-February.

Thank you.
Your PAC Committee

Feedback

We are in the process of defining our vision and mission at Kootenay Discovery School.

We need your feedback on existing programs, as well as your hopes and dreams for the future of distance and blended learning in SD5!

[Click here](#) to share your insight!

THINK IT,
WANT IT,
GET IT





KDS Senior Students!

Do you have a part-time job? Are you
volunteering or coaching?

Find out how you can earn 4 high school
credits towards your graduation.

Email paula.evoy@sd5.bc.ca to learn more
about WEX

Get ready, it's KDS Calendar time!

February 2 - Professional Development Day - No School

February 13 - KDS PAC Meeting @ 6:30 PM

February 16 - School Break

February 19 - Family Day Stat Holiday

March 1 - School Break

March 18 - 28 - Spring Break

March 29 - Good Friday Stat Holiday

April 1 - Easter Monday Stat Holiday

April 17 - Provincial Assessment Day (KDS Cranbrook)

April 18 - Provincial Assessment Day (KDS Fernie)

April 19 - School Break

April 22 - Professional Development Day - No School

May 17 - School Break

May 20 - Victoria Day Stat Holiday

June 7 - Professional Development Day - No school

June 14 - School Break

June 27 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL



**Graduation Photos are
scheduled for our Elk Valley
Students on Thursday, February
29th from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm**



Mental Health Talks

Topic: Emotional Regulation




Thursday February 8



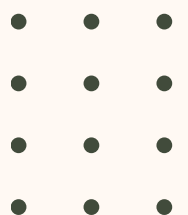
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
In the Laurie
Library

Every month, parents, students, and community members are invited to join Lauren Gruggen (counsellor), Aaron Thorn (principal) and community experts in the Laurie Middle School Library for an evening of conversation and exploration about topics that are hard to talk about.

All SD5 families are welcome !



Snacks and
Pizza provided





OUTDOOR SOCCER REGISTRATION

IS NOW OPEN
EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT
\$10 UNTIL JAN 31/24



U4 Sat 10-10:45am

U6 Sat. 10-11am

U8 Mon & Wed 5:30-6:30pm

U8 Tues & Thurs 5:30-6:30pm

U10 Mon & Wed 5:30-6:30pm

U12 Mon & Wed 6:30-7:30pm

U14 Tues & Thurs 6:30-7:30pm

U16 Tues & Thurs 6:30-7:30pm

Registration Link

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More info email ferniesoccer@gmail.com



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