



JANUARY NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME BACK!

Mark Your Calendar

January 5 - School Re-Opens
January 29 - Grade 6 Immunizations (Consent forms are required prior to immunization with Interior Health on site as emailed in Dec., or available via paper in January)
January 25 - February 1 - Family Literacy Week
February 12 - Jensen / Peters Fieldtrip
February 13 - No School / Teacher Pro.D. Day
February 26 - Bullying Awareness / Pink Shirt Day
February 26 / 27 - Student-Led Conferences
March 12 - Second Written Learning Update
March 16-27 - Spring Break
April 3-6 - Easter Weekend
April 15-16 - Spring Musical
May 14 - Élöiz Performance Field Trip for French Immersion Students
May 18 - Victoria Day
May 20-21-21 - Gardom Lake for Grade 6 French Immersion and Grade 5 English Program Students
May 25 - Sailing Lessons Begin
June 9 - District Track & Field Day (for qualifiers)
June 25 - Last Day of School for Students / Final Written Learning Updates Distributed
June 26 - Administrative Day

Safety Reminder

Please **DO NOT** enter our **staff parking lot** between 8am-3pm. Students are often crossing the parking lot before / after school. **We have had several near-misses!**



ARRIVING TO SCHOOL ON TIME

Our school places an emphasis on being on time. It is very helpful and adds success to each child's day when all students are seated by the second bell and classroom instruction can begin without interruption. Arriving on time sets up all our students for success. Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation with this goal. **If your child arrives late, please ensure that they report in at the school office before going to their classroom.**

Please also remember school ends at 2:25pm and there is supervision outdoors until 2:40pm.

Personal Devices at School

We want to remind parents and guardians that students are not permitted to use their personal devices at school (this INCLUDES texting with smart watches).

During school time, including lunch and recesses, personal devices should be in backpacks and smart watches should not be used for any other purpose than to tell time. If a student needs to contact their family, or receive an important message, this should be done via the office.

Information for families with children starting Kindergarten in September: Enrollment for our sister school, École Bellevue Creek Elementary (Kindergarten - Grade 2)



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**
Together We Learn

French Immersion Kindergarten
Informational Session: Tuesday, January 13, 2026
@ 6:00-7:00 pm Zoom Link: sd23.org/french
This meeting will be recorded and posted on the
District website

**ONLINE APPLICATION for STUDENT ENROLLMENT begins on
Monday, February 2, 2026, at 7:00 am for 2026 - 2027 School Year
(for kindergarten, new students, and school of choice for K – 12)**

Schools will be open at 7:00 am to provide support to parents that require assistance.
Documentation Submission Deadline: Friday, March 13, 2026

If you are new to Canada, please contact the Welcome Centre for enrollment information at (250)870-5155

HOW TO APPLY

PLEASE NOTE: The application process is online only. You are required to have a valid email account.

In your web browser type: <https://www.sd23.bc.ca/school-enrollment>

No internet access? Please contact your school for assistance.

Online applications begin on **Monday, February 2, 2026 at 7:00 am**. Applications will be assigned a date-time stamp on a first-come, first-served basis, which will factor into a student's placement priority.

Complete the online application as early as possible, and provide the required documents listed below directly to the school in by email or in person by **Friday, March 13, 2026**.

1. Student's Birth Certificate or other government issued proof of age and citizenship.
2. Proof of Parent/Guardian B.C. Residency
 - a. Combination BC Driver's License and Services Card (copy of both sides); or,
 - b. BC Services Card (copy of both sides) and one item from the list of Supporting Documentation (3.) below; or,
 - c. Proof of application for BC Medical Services Plan and one item from the list of Supporting Documentation below.
3. Supporting Documentation/Proof of Parent/Guardian Living Address
 - Ownership of a dwelling or long-term lease or rental of a dwelling;
 - Documentation indicating British Columbia residence (i.e. utility bill);
 - British Columbia registration of an automobile;
 - British Columbia Driver's License (copy of both sides); or,
 - A current income tax return filed as a British Columbia resident.

AFTER Thursday, September 3, 2026

New in-catchment area enrollments: Parents will be notified by a confirmation email when the school has accepted the student's application for enrollment. Board Policy 405R – Student Placement (Regulations), will be used to determine student placement and priority.

New out-of-catchment area enrollments: Parents will not be notified until after the summer enrollment period is over and all in-catchment area students have been placed.

Qualifying age: The School Act requires that a child must be five years of age by December 31, 2026, to qualify for school enrollment in September 2026. No exceptions.

For further information, please visit the School District website www.sd23.bc.ca or call (250) 860-8888.

Welcome

We would like to warmly welcome the following staff members to our DWE Community!

- **Mrs. April Katayama** is here as our Inclusion Teacher while Mrs. Alisa Foster is away until March Break. Welcome!
- **Miss Meadow Arcand-Squakin** now joins us every Monday in Room 16 as our Indigenous Advocate! We are very excited to have Miss Meadow at DWE.
- **Miss Tai** (pronounced 'tye') joined us in December as our Crosswalk Attendant. We are thrilled to have her help us keep students safe!

KSAN BRIGHT COLOURS Winter Lantern Parade

Sunday, January 18,
Meet at 4pm, Parade at 4:30 PM

Rowcliffe Park
All Lanterns Welcome!
Hot Chocolate to Follow



Lantern Making Workshop:

Monday, January 12
4pm--8pm

St. Michael's Cathedral
603 Sutherland Ave

All Supplies Provided
Register at ksan.ca



Junior Coyotes WINTER PROGRAMS



WINTER 3ON3

Gr 1-9 Boys & Girls
Sundays | Jan 4 - Mar 8

MICROBALLERS

Boys & Girls | Ages 3-5
Sundays | Jan 4 - Mar 8

WINTER 5ON5

Gr 6-8 Boys | Jan 10 - Mar 8
Saturdays & Sundays



CHRISTMAS CAMP

Gr 1-12 Boys & Girls | December 27-28

WWW.GOCOYOTES.CA

NOURISH CONNECTION

FOR PARENTS WITH CHILDREN 6-13 YEARS OLD

THE PROGRAM

Join us for a free, community-based parenting program inspired by the work of Dr. Deborah MacNamara. Each week features a short video or podcast clip from Dr. MacNamara, followed by guided discussion and practical strategies to support connection, emotional development, and confidence in parenting.

This program is available for any Central Okanagan parents, with children between 6-13 years old. Weekly attendance is expected.

Content is inspired by the publicly available work of Dr. Deborah MacNamara; she is not participating in or overseeing this group.

DATES AND INFO

Fridays from 12:30pm-2pm, beginning January 9th.

To register, please visit our website or scan the QR code.

THE GOAL

To help parents strengthen connection, understand behaviour, and support their child's emotional development.

THE TOPICS

- Understanding Attachment & Connection
- Guiding Big Emotions & Frustration
- The Power of Play in Development
- Separation, Anxiety & Emotional Safety
- Tears, Tantrums & Emotional Expression
- Boundaries, Leadership & Gentle Discipline
- Creating Restful, Calm Family Environments
- Resilience, Repair & Belonging



The Strong Roots Centre

Childhood Connections

www.childhoodconnections.ca

A PRESENTATION FOR PARENTS WITH PAUL DAVIS

TOPICS INCLUDE
SOCIAL MEDIA
SMARTPHONES
AI & EDUCATION
CYBERBULLYING
INTIMATE MESSAGING
ONLINE GAMING
ONLINE GROOMING
PRIVACY



**ÉCOLE KLO
MIDDLE SCHOOL
JANUARY 19, 2026
6:30PM**

I need help

You're not alone – everyone
needs to ask for help sometimes



Talk to someone

Get in touch with a counsellor or a trained professional to talk about things you or someone you know may be dealing with.



**Report it
anonymously**

The **erase** Report It tool is an easy way to send a message to your school safety team, who can help.



Call 911

If you aren't sure if your situation is an emergency, you can still call. Help is available.

Learn about **erase**
and access the
Report It tool



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