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Administrators' Message

And here we are in March! Once this time of year arrives, we seem to be on a steep slope downhill to June! The next 4 months are going to go so quickly and be so busy that it's hard to even imagine!

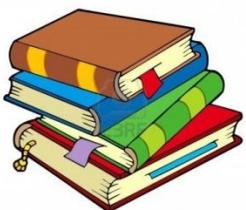
A couple of reminders to everyone:

1. This year, Spring Break is still 2 weeks long. Our final day of school will be Friday, March 17th. The first day back is Monday, April 3rd. Term 2 report cards will come home on Thursday, March 16th.
2. Daylight Savings Time for 2017 begins on Sunday, March 12th. Set your clocks ahead one hour before bed on Saturday night!
3. Easter weekend is later this year; Good Friday is April 14th, and Easter Monday is April 17th. Both of these dates are part of the long Easter weekend, and are statutory holiday, so there is no school on those dates.

Parent Surveys

At the back of this newsletter, you will find a parent survey. We are using the information from these to help us develop our School Learning Plan and School Vision. Please take a few minutes and fill the page out and send it back to school with your child. If you fill in the bottom part of the form with your name and number, you will be entered into a prize draw which will happen just after Spring Break. Alternatively, you can enter this URL: goo.gl/jhzQtS into your address bar, and do the survey online. Those who complete it this way will also be entered into the prize draw.

Thanks for your help!



Battle of the Books

Practices continue in preparation for our competitions in April, and our teams have been chosen.

Young Authors' Conference

The Young Authors' Conference is an annual event bringing together the best authors in SD 73 to work with professional authors and writers. 2017 will mark the 38th anniversary of the conference.

Students in grades 4 through 12 are eligible to participate. To enter, a student would submit a manuscript of prose or poetry (up to 1,000 words) to their school's selection committee. This committee would select outstanding pieces for entry into the conference. Each year about 150 to 200 students participate in the conference.

The Conference Committee reads each manuscript and includes it in an anthology. Recent Anthologies are posted on the Young Authors' website.

The Conference is held each year at Thompson Rivers University. The date for this year's Conference is Friday, May 5th. Parents will be notified in April for permission for students who have been selected by the school.

Young Artists' Conference

The Young Artists' Conference is an annual event for aspiring artists in elementary schools to showcase their artwork and take part in a series of workshops. The school district has offered this unique opportunity to our students since 1987.

Over 120 students, from grades 4 to 7, are selected to participate in the Young Artists' Conference. Each school has a selection committee which reviews a variety of 2-dimensional artwork submitted by students. Based on a set of criteria, the selection committee would choose between 2 and 6 students to represent their school at the Young Artists' Conference.

In recent years, the Young Artists' Conference has been held at Thompson Rivers University with many workshops held in the university's art studios. Students choose from a variety of workshops and receive instruction from community professional artists and outstanding art educators. The date for this year's conference is Thursday, May 4th, 2017. Ms. Ross is the school rep for this event, and is busy gathering artwork for the committee to review. More information about this will be sent home after Spring Break with those students whose work has been chosen.

PAC Family Dance

On Thursday, March 9th the PAC is hosting a Family Dance in the gym at Arthur Hatton Elementary. Doors will open at 4:30pm, and a concession with pizza will be available (first come, first served until the pizza is gone). Tickets bought in advance are \$2 each, at the door they will be \$3. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The doors will close at 6:30, and the dance will end at 7:30. Other concession items will also be available:

- Pizza \$2/slice
- Popcorn \$1
- Chips \$.50
- Candy Bags \$1.50
- Water \$1
- Pop \$1





Walk to Embrace Cultural Diversity

On March 21st, 2017 TRU's School of Social Work and Human Services is organizing a walk to recognize, International Day for the Elimination of Racial

Discrimination. This "Walk to Embrace Cultural Diversity" will start at 11am at the Wilson Heritage House on 115 Tranquille Road. Participants will walk 1km to Kamloops Immigrant Services where there will be an Open House from 12:30pm to 2:00pm. All Arthur Hatton students and parents are invited to take part in this worthwhile cause.

Adult Learning: Learners and Tutors Needed

If you are interested in helping adults with reading, writing or math, or have a need to get help in these areas, there is a service that is available. Please call Liz at 778-257-9223 or email Kamloopspal@gmail.com for more information.

Risk and Resilience Drug Awareness Evening

On Monday, March 6th, SD#73 will be hosting presentations by the RCMP, The Phoenix Centre and SD 73 personnel around the topic of drug awareness. This will be a panel discussion followed by a question period. Parents are invited to bring their questions and learn about school and community based resources and programs. The evening will take place at the Henry Grube Education Centre in Room 1A from 6:30-8:30pm.

Upcoming Events

- March 6th - Drug Awareness Evening
- March 9th - PAC Family Dance
- March 16th - Report Cards home with students
- March 18th - SD#73 Spring Break starts
- March 21st - Walk to Embrace Cultural Diversity
- April 3rd - First day back after Spring Break
- April 7th - Day of Suwentwecw :
Assembly in the gym - 9:30 am
- April 13th - Battle of the Books Zones
- April 14th - Good Friday
- April 17th - Easter Monday
- April 20st - Battle of the Books Districts
- April 28th - Young Artists' Conference
- April 29th - Young Authors' Conference



Board Notes

From the Public Board Meeting of: Feb 27, 2017

1. The Board approved the Consent Agenda which contained the following reports/information:
 - a. Ministry of Education Rural Education Engagement
 - b. Projected Enrolment Update
 - c. Student Learning Grant
 - d. Lieutenant Governor of BC Visit
 - e. Notice of Motion - Policy 200.1 Board Meetings
2. The Board enjoyed a presentation on the Leadership Development Program (LDP). Several first-year LDP candidates were introduced to the Board. TRU Professor Tory Handford provided an overview of the educational portion of the program while Principal Walt Kirschner and LDP candidate Domenic Comita from South Kamloops Secondary School shared their own experiences with the program.
3. Superintendent Sidow provided a response to the Kamloops Thompson Teachers' Association's presentation made at the Public Board Meeting on February 6, 2017.
4. The Board approved the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for 2016-2017.
5. The Board adopted the use of the Consent Agenda as part of their order of business in the Regular Public School Board Meeting Agenda.
6. The Board adopted the following policies:
 - a. Revised Policy 301.1 Ordinarily Resident;
 - b. New Policy 543.1 Physical Restraint and Seclusion in School Settings;
 - c. Revised Policy 903.1 Bullying, Cyberbullying, Intimidation, Harassment, and Discrimination – Universal;
 - d. Revised Policy 903.2 Bullying, Cyberbullying, Intimidation, Harassment, and Discrimination - Employee Specific.

The next Regular Public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, March 13, 2017 at the School Board Office, 1383 Ninth Avenue, Kamloops, BC.

Let us raise children to be considerate of themselves, others, and the world in which they live, with sound reasons for the things they say and do...from this, all else will follow.

~Wilson McCaskill- founder of "Play is the Way"



School District No. 73
(Kamloops/Thompson)

Student Absence Reporting

To report your child's absence
please call this toll free number
before 8:30am

1-844-350-2647

or visit ktsd.schoolconnects.com



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Safe ARRIVAL

Connecting Learners to their Future

1.

What kind of person do you want your child/children to be when they graduate from school?	What kind of a student do you believe the middle school and high schools want us to send them?
What kind of person does an employer want to hire?	What kind of citizen does a community want to have as a member?

2. Please consider the following list as attributes of a successful learner, and number the top 3 in order of importance:

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| Problem Solver <input type="checkbox"/> | Responsible <input type="checkbox"/> | Critical Thinker <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cooperative <input type="checkbox"/> | Creative <input type="checkbox"/> | Empathetic <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Literate <input type="checkbox"/> | Independent <input type="checkbox"/> | Resilient <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Motivated <input type="checkbox"/> | Respectful <input type="checkbox"/> | Good Communicator <input type="checkbox"/> |

3. Do you have any thoughts that you would like to add for the staff at Arthur Hatton to consider, as they work toward creating a learning vision for our students?

Please put your name and phone number on the line, and return this paper to the school to be entered for a chance to win a prize. Only completed forms will be eligible to win!

Thank you for your help!

Name and number: _____