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March 8&9	Early Dismissal for Parent/Teacher Interviews - students dismissed at 12:40
March 17	Last day before spring break
April 3	First day of school after spring break
April 7	Day of Suwewtwecw
April 14	Good Friday (no school)
April 17	Easter Monday (no school)
April 24	District Non-Instructional Day
May 15	District Non-Instructional Day
May 22	Victoria Day (no school)
June 29	Last day of school

Kindergarten

If you know anyone who has a child who will be attending Kindergarten for the 2017/2018 school year, please encourage them to come to the school and register their child asap, if they haven't already done so. Thank you!

Anti-Bullying Day FLASH MOB!

On Feb. 22, our school participated in a Flash mob at the RCMP detachment to say thank you to the RCMP for keeping our community safe. Our message #BeKind came from our learning around bullying and empowerment. For the month of February the students learned how to identify a bully and also the importance of getting help from a trusted adult if they, or someone they know, is in trouble. The students learned about different kinds of bullying: cyber, social, physical, and verbal and that if it is ongoing and targeted, they need to seek help. We also learned about the victim, bystander and cheerleader. Thank you for talking to your children about being safe and how important it is to report situations to an adult so we can help.

Safe Arrival Program

We have had some concerns regarding the safe arrival computerized call out system. It is **very important** that if you get a call from the system that you do not just hang up; it needs a response. If the call is not responded to, it will call back repeatedly up to 4 times. **IF** your child is going to be absent **OR** late, please call the number or download the app and report the absence ahead of time to avoid the repeated phone calls. If your child is late and the system has already begun calling families, you will get a message that your child is not in attendance that day. This can be a very scary message. If this happens, please call the school immediately. We will verify your child's attendance for you. Unfortunately, we will not be able to stop the computer from calling you even if you call the school - only you can stop the calls by responding to the computer.

IF your child has arrived to school shortly after we have submitted the attendance, we will call you and let you know that your child is at school and that you will be receiving a call from the computerized system.

Although this seems complicated, every school in the district is now part of the safe arrival program to ensure your child's safety.

To report your child's absence please call this toll free number **before 8:40am** 1-844-350-2647 or visit ktsd.schoolconnects.com Future absences can also be called in to this number. Download the FREE app for the fastest method of reporting absence/lates.

Arctic Games Day

A big thank you to our school and district Aboriginal Education team who organized the Arctic games day for the school. It was a great time had by all!

Spring Break

Reminder that Spring Break is from March 20th to March 31st, students will be back to school on Monday, April 3rd.

Welcome!

We would like to welcome Ms. Bilodeau to our school as our new secretary. Ms. Bilodeau is new to the district and she is working hard to learn all of the things about our school. Please drop by the office and introduce yourself anytime!

Progress Reports

Term 2 report cards will be going home on Thursday, March 16.

Blue Screens and Sleep:

Some children are arriving to school very tired and unable to focus. Often this is due to access to blue screens too close to bedtime. Research has proven that playing on devices up to 2 hours before bedtime can stimulate the brain in such a way that it makes it difficult to fall asleep. Students who have access to devices before bedtime, or have access to these devices during the night, often have disrupted sleep. A great strategy for parents is to have all devices placed on a charger every night in a central location (kitchen for example) and not in the child's bedroom.



Chase Fun Soccer League registration is open. Deadline is March 25th, 2017. For kids ages 2-12 (non-competitive). Registration forms have gone home with students or you can pick up a form at the school office for details. For more information please contact Kim @ 250-320-3141 or kharvey@telus.net.



Chase Minor Baseball Spring registration is now open. Deadline for registrations is March 17th. For ages 4-16. Forms have gone home with students or you can pick up a form at the school office. For more information please contact Meegan @ meegkennedy@yahoo.ca



From the Public Board Meeting of: February 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.
 - e.

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