






# FAMILY WEEKLY MEMO





February 5 - February 11, 2024

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February 5 5 fevrier	February 6 6 fevrier	February 7 7 fevrier	February 8 8 fevrier	February 9 9 fevrier
<b>7856</b>  Baking Club 3:30-5:00 pm (room 12)  Grade 10 OKM Parent Info Session - Library, 6:00 pm	<b>4321</b>	<b>DD65</b>  <b>Discovery Day</b> Field Studies (McCurdy Bowling, CNC, Gneiss Climbing, etc)   Hockey Academy 1:15 - 3:15 pm	<b>1234</b>  Grade 10 KSS Articulation Virtual Introduction and Course Request 9:15 am	<b>5678</b>   Hockey Academy 8:15 - 10:15 am   Basketball Academy 1:45 - 3:10 pm



Please check the [KLO Calendar](#) on our website for the most updated information/events.  
 Students and families are encouraged to subscribe to the online calendar on their personal devices.

Please go to the [Parents Tab](#) on our website for access to past Family Weekly Memos.

Other Upcoming Events...				
February 12 12 fevrier	February 13 13 fevrier	February 14 14 fevrier	February 15 15 fevrier	February 16 16 fevrier
 PAC Smoothie Day <i>(Bring your own cup and straw to be entered for a prize)</i>  Baking Club 3:30-5:00 pm (room 12)	<b>Discovery Day</b> Field Studies (McCurdy Bowling, CNC, Gneiss Climbing, etc)  Grade 10 Parent Info @KSS -Registration 6PM -Pre-Ap Math 7PM		KSS Articulation Course Selection in Class @ KLO (Block 5)	Professional Development Day - No School
February 19 19 fevrier	February 20 20 fevrier	February 21 21 fevrier	February 22 22 fevrier	February 23 23 fevrier
Family Day No School	Land Based Learning  Gr 9 French Immersion Quebec Exchange  Gr 8 Religions Field Study (Various Locations)	Land Based Learning  Gr 9 French Immersion Quebec Exchange   Basketball Academy 9:00 - 10:15 am   Hockey Academy 1:15 - 3:15 pm	Land Based Learning  Gr 9 French Immersion Quebec Exchange  KSS Articulation Course Selection Q&A  Exhibitions of Learning (Early Dismissal 12:45 pm)	Land Based Learning  Gr 9 French Immersion Quebec Exchange   Basketball Academy 1:45 - 3:10 pm  KSS Articulation Course Request DUE

**\*Please mark your calendar\***

KLO's next Student Learning Update (P/T Conference) will now be **February 22nd (12:45 PM early dismissal)**

Student Led Learning Update between 6:00-7:00 PM (drop-in)

Stay tuned for further information about scheduling private Parent/Guardian meetings with Teachers



## KLO Discovery Days

We've had an incredible first session of Discovery Days at KLO with new experiences, new learning and fun had by all.

Our KLO community would like to continue with this amazing program and are looking for your support with items and monetary donations to ensure opportunities are not missed for students.

- How to make a donation to KLO Discovery Days?
- Sign into [SchoolCash](#) Online and select "Make a Donation"
- Fill out information:
  - Amount of donation "\$\_\_\_"
  - Fund destination is "KLO Middle"
  - Add to Message Box to SBO "KLO Discovery Days"
- You will receive a Tax Receipt from SD23

## KLO Modular Farm Club

The KLO Modular farm produces approximately 300+ heads of lettuce per week.

Farm duties include harvesting lettuce and herbs, cleaning trays, filters, and pump bags, calibrating sensors, planting seeds, transplanting seedlings, and packing bins for our hamper subscribers.

Farm Club is run within the timetable during blocks 3, 7 & 8 (depending on the block rotation of the week).

Get involved! Students meet on Mondays at lunch in room 15 and sign up with Ms Lockwood for the week's duties.

<https://sites.google.com/learn.sd23.bc.ca/klofarm/home?authuser=0>



## **FUNDRAISING**

### **→ KLO Quebec 2024's Tru Earth fundraising campaign until April 2024**

Tru Earth is a Canadian company that sells cleaning products direct to the purchaser via the Internet and ships to the purchaser's home address in Canada or the U.S. in a dry, compact, concentrated strip formulation that dissolves in water. Their mission: to reduce wasteful, harmful packaging and transform the way we do our everyday household chores. Tru Earth sells laundry detergent, fabric softener, surface cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, and dishwasher detergent pellets, in addition to other "earth friendly" reusable products such as grocery bags, dryer balls and food wraps etc. The products come in a variety of size formats, so purchasers can give it a try without a huge expense.

To check out their products or place an order to support our Quebec travels, see link: [tru-earth.sjv.io/KLOtoQuebecGroup](https://tru-earth.sjv.io/KLOtoQuebecGroup)

### **→ Chocolate for Easter? YES!**

#### **Please consider supporting our French Immersion students!**

Consider supporting Quebec 2024 and ordering some Purdy's. Order by February 28<sup>th</sup>. Delivery Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. Treat yourself! Treat your children! Thank you!

Here is the link to order and pay online: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1921704-114892>

### **→ Fundraising for KLO's Modular Farm**

We have an ideal opportunity for anyone considering planting a vegetable or flower garden (large or small!) to purchase various seeds and support (add your group's name) simultaneously. It will be running the program from Feb 1 to Feb 29, 2024. MIS only uses high-quality seeds and stands behind its products with 100% guaranteed satisfaction. They do not supply GMO seeds and only use germination-tested sources ideal for Canadian climates. Interested in gardening, or are you simply interested in getting a head start on your spring planting supplies?

Online order page and pay link is, <https://makeitsow.com/shop/#code-submission> and the entry code is: **KLO\_2024**

Would you please submit your orders no later than February 29, 2024

The Make, It Sow Bonus program will also plant trees on our behalf. For every ten packages we sell, they will plant one tree in Canada on our behalf with the certificate, so if we sell 200 packages, they will plant 20 trees.

Happy Growing

Any Questions – please contact Stephanie – [saharland@shaw.ca](mailto:saharland@shaw.ca) or 250-859-3603

→ **Veendam 2024 - Organics Plant Sale**



Hello KLO families,

We are trying to do a more environmentally friendly plant sale that is being used to raise money for our students going to Veendam in 2024. All these plants will be started in soil blocks with organic soil mixture made by optimize organics. All the seeds are organic and come from west coast seeds. The 4 inch plants will be potted into a growing medium when ready to pick up. They will also be fertilized weekly with organic fertilizer from optimize organics. Plants will come in recycled containers helping to save the planet and are growing right here in Kelowna. 50% of the money goes to Veendam students so please email [saharland@shaw.ca](mailto:saharland@shaw.ca) or call 250-859-3603 to place an order and let us know which student you want the money to go to.

We are making it simple!!

Single Strawberry Plant- \$5.00

Herb pack -\$30.00 (will include an assortment of parsley, basil, cilantro etc)

Veggie pack- \$24.00 (will include an assortment of gourds, nightshades and cucumbers etc.)

Flower pack -\$30.00 (will include an assortment of Echinacea, chamomile, bergamot, chrysanthemums, marigold and calendula etc.)

Order by March 17, 2024 -we accept cash and e-transfer

Order pick up: May 20-21 – KLO school



Thank you for your ongoing support



## **GRADE 9 KSS ARTICULATION**



**February 13:** Incoming Grade 10 Parent Course Request Information Session at **6:00 p.m.** and then following is Pre-AP Math 10 Parent Information Session at **7:00 p.m.** in KSS MPR. No need to RSVP.

Further information is on the KSS Website - [HERE](#).

## **GRADE 9 OKM ARTICULATION**



**February 5:** There will be an information session for families at OKM who have KLO Grade 9 students attending OKM next year for Grade 10. The session is scheduled for **Monday, February 5th @ 6:00 PM** in the OKM Library Learning Commons.

Here is a link to the [OKM Articulation Timeline for Students & Families](#)

## **PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)**

Ecole KLO Middle School Parent Advisory Council

Email: [klo.pac@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:klo.pac@sd23.bc.ca)

The PAC is made up of ALL the Parents/Guardians with students at Ecole KLO Middle School. YOU ARE THE P.A.C. and needed at these meetings to ensure KLO has a Parent Advisory Council that is representative of our whole school community. The Executive handles the business in between general PAC meetings at the direction of you the PAC membership.

PAC Meetings are in person in the KLO library; you can also join via zoom. All meetings are advertised in the KLO electronic Weekly Memos.

**To ensure you are on the PAC parent emailing list to receive zoom links/agendas or other important info, PLEASE EMAIL: [klo.pac@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:klo.pac@sd23.bc.ca) along with the name of your student and grade to be added to list.**

*If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas to be addressed at a PAC meeting, please email [klo.pac@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:klo.pac@sd23.bc.ca) so that it may be added to a future PAC meeting agenda. (Please reach out to your child's Teacher or our Principal for family specific concerns).*



BEVERAGE BOTTLE & CONTAINER

### **Return-It Fundraiser**

Please consider supporting KLO PAC when returning your cans/bottles. To print labels please enter the school phone number: (250) 870-5106.

**NEXT PAC MEETING**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>**  
**6:30-7:30PM**



**2023/2024 PAC Executive**  
*thanks for volunteering for the PAC!*

**Co-Presidents:**

Adrian Neer & Irma Castaneda Lima

**Vice President:** Jennifer Blais

**Secretary:** Michelle Crossley

**Treasurer/COPAC Rep:** Deannie Zahara

**Members at Large:** Abbey Westbury,  
Fundraising-Stephanie Harland,  
Student Voice-Vacant

**PAC events & News shared**  
**in KLO Weekly Memos**

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Any parent /guardians who can occasionally volunteer to help during our free Student BBQ and Smoothie Days, **please email**

PAC Member-at-Large  
Stephanie Harland at  
[saharland@shaw.ca](mailto:saharland@shaw.ca).

**The upcoming PAC meetings are: February 26, April 22 and May 27, 2024.** The meetings run from **6:30-7:30 PM** in the KLO Library Learning Commons. Please join us in person or on zoom.



zoom

Click this link to join: <https://sd23.zoom.us/j/3325033240> or enter this Meeting ID: 332 503 3240

Problems joining? Email [klo.pacpresident@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:klo.pacpresident@sd23.bc.ca)

### Opinion: Top 5 Benefits of Being Involved in Your Child's School PAC



*"Involvement in your PAC will help you stay connected with your kids and the school," says PAC volunteer Nicola Baker.*

With another school year already upon us, here are 5 reasons to consider getting involved with your school's Parent Advisory Council (PAC):

1. **HAVE A SEAT AT THE TABLE:** Whether you are an elected member or a participating parent, you get a vote and can give voice to school budgets, decisions, and programs that directly impact your children.
2. **EXERCISE YOUR PASSION:** Whether it's building an outdoor learning centre, launching a new sports academy, or adopting a school-based healthy eating program, the possibilities are endless to contribute to projects that will enhance your child's educational experience.
3. **STAY IN THE KNOW:** When you participate in your PAC, you're at the front-end of decisions, ideas, and events coming from the school principal. Advance knowledge gives you the opportunity to influence the direction of decisions that might impact your children.
4. **SUPPORT THOSE WHO SUPPORT YOUR CHILDREN:** We're so fortunate in the Okanagan to have teachers, principals, support workers, and administrative staff all working together to provide a world-class public education experience. Parents who support and recognize staff contribute to students' educational experiences and outcomes.
5. **BE A ROLE MODEL FOR YOUR CHILD:** By showing up as a parent volunteer — even for an hour or two a month — you model powerful values such as community service, democratic participation, and civic duty. Your children get to see you at your best...building a stronger school community for them!

It's never too late to join your school PAC. Whether it's mid-year or your child's last year of high school, PACs are a welcoming place that will embrace your unique talents. Joining your PAC is straightforward- contact your current PAC Leadership or reach out to your school principal to express your interest.

*Nicola Baker is parent of 2 elementary school students in Kelowna and volunteer President of the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council.*

For more information on PAC Leadership resources  
and supports for students and families visit the COPAC website.



## SCHOOL FEES



All School District #23 fees are paid using [School Cash Online](#) or debit payments at the school office between 9:00am-2:30pm. If you are having difficulties with School Cash Online, please contact the parent support line at 1-866-961-1803 or email [parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com](mailto:parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com). See more information about School Cash Online [HERE](#).

Please contact [tania.mchale@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:tania.mchale@sd23.bc.ca) if you have any questions about your child's school fees.

*Please contact the KLO Admin team if you are facing a financial hardship that may restrict the ability of your child to access a school program so we can help with financial matters.*

Grade 7 - [laura.wiemken@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:laura.wiemken@sd23.bc.ca) Grade 8 - [blake.smith@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:blake.smith@sd23.bc.ca) Grade 9 - [ashley.ragoonaden@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:ashley.ragoonaden@sd23.bc.ca)

**CLAWSCO, THE SCHOOL LUNCH STORE** - CLAWSCO (Lunch Programs) Link [HERE](#)

**LUNCHTIME CLUBS** - Clubs Link [HERE](#)

**STUDENT ATHLETICS** - Athletics Link [HERE](#)

### Student Athletics – Current KLO Sports at a Glance

*For detailed athletics information, please see the [KLO Athletics Website](#)*

#### Grade 9 Girls

Contact: [eric.moisan@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:eric.moisan@sd23.bc.ca)

#### Grade 9 Boys

Contact: [justin.boersma@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:justin.boersma@sd23.bc.ca) ("Team Seminiuk") and [ryan.scorgie@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:ryan.scorgie@sd23.bc.ca) ("Team Scorgie")

#### Grade 8 Girls

Contact: [callie.miller@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:callie.miller@sd23.bc.ca)

#### Grade 8 Boys

Contact: [garth.dupre@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:garth.dupre@sd23.bc.ca)

#### Grade 7 Boys

Any boys wanting to play Gr 7 basketball, Google classroom code: **rfeck6m**

**Practice moved to Thursday 7:30 AM - 8:45 AM**

Open Gym Friday @ Lunch for all Grade 7 Basketball Players (No Food in GYM eat before or after please)

Contact: [garth.dupre@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:garth.dupre@sd23.bc.ca)

Any interested volunteers can contact our Athletic Director at [garth.dupre@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:garth.dupre@sd23.bc.ca)



Central Okanagan  
Public Schools  
Together We Learn

French Immersion Kindergarten  
Informational Session:  
Tuesday, January 16, 2024  
@ 6:00-7:00 pm  
[sd23.org/french-immersion-session](https://sd23.org/french-immersion-session)

**ONLINE APPLICATION for STUDENT ENROLLMENT begins on  
Monday, January 29, 2024, at 7:00 am for 2024 - 2025 School Year**  
(for kindergarten, new students, and Programs of Choice for K – 12)

Schools will be open at 7:00 am to provide telephone support to parents that require assistance.  
Documentation Submission Deadline: Friday, March 15, 2024

If you are new to Canada, please contact the Welcome Centre for enrollment information at (250)470-3258

**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://enrollment.sd23.bc.ca>

No internet access? Please contact your school for assistance.

Online applications begin on Monday, January 29, 2024 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 person or by email by Friday, March 15, 2024.

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 below; or,
  - c. Proof of application for BC Medical Services Plan and one item from the list of supporting documentation below.
3. Proof of Parent/Guardian Living Address/Supporting Documentation
  - 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, August 29, 2024**

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 may 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, 2024, to qualify for school enrollment in September 2024. No exceptions.

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



## The School Bus Transportation Application for September 2024 Opens 7:00 AM January 29, 2024

### IMPORTANT

Although school bus transportation applications are accepted throughout the school year, priority seating for the 2024–2025 school year is given to those applicants who have applied before end of day on **May 31, 2024**

Use the link below to submit a school bus transportation application for the 2024-2025 school year.  
<https://busconnect.sd23.bc.ca/application?year=2024>

Students must be registered to ride on the school bus, for detailed information regarding student eligibility for transportation please visit our website:  
[http://www.sd23.bc.ca/ProgramsServices/transportation/Pages/default.aspx#/=](http://www.sd23.bc.ca/ProgramsServices/transportation/Pages/default.aspx#/)

470R – Transportation Services Management – Guiding Principles for Transportation in Central Okanagan Public Schools.  
<http://www.sd23.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Section%204%20%20Students/470R.pdf>

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Safety is everyone's responsibility

## **UPDATES TO GOOGLE WORKSPACE FOR EDUCATION PRIVACY**

Please read [HERE](#) for more information about updates to privacy for SD23 Google Workspace for Education.

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS AND INFORMATION**

- ** Sustainable Development Challenge 23-24.pdf**
- ** Sustainable Development Challenge Art for Social Change.pdf**
- ** Learn to Dive with Kelowna Springboard Diving Club.pdf**
- ** Okanagan Symphony Orchestra - Kindred Spirits.pdf**
- ** Canada Safety Council Courses - Spring Break 2024.pdf**
- [Digital Family Wellness Resources](#)