



FAMILY WEEKLY MEMO

October 2 - October 8, 2023



Monday • lundi Skixwíw's	Tuesday • mardi sʔasłásq̓t	Wednesday • mercredi skaʔłásq̓t	Thursday • jeudi smasq̓t	Friday • vendredi scłkstasq̓t
October 2 2 octobre	October 3 3 octobre	October 4 4 octobre	October 5 5 octobre	October 6 6 octobre
National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (No School)	2143 Gr. 9 Bonnette/Bennett Field Studies (Gneiss Climbing)	DD87 Discovery Day Field Studies (McCurdy Bowling, Hiking, CNC, Gneiss Climbing, etc)	3412	Administrative Implementation Day (No School)



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...				
October 9 9 octobre	October 10 10 octobre	October 11 11 octobre	October 12 12 octobre	October 13 13 octobre
Thanksgiving Day (No School)		Gr. 8 Gagne/Martinson Field Studies (Kelowna Art Gallery)	Discovery Day Field Studies (McCurdy Bowling, Hiking, CNC, Gneiss Climbing, etc)	Photo Retake Day Gr. 8 Gagne/Martinson Field Studies (Kelowna Art Gallery)
October 16 16 octobre	October 17 17 octobre	October 18 18 octobre	October 19 19 octobre	October 20 20 octobre
 Hockey Academy 8:15 - 10:15 am  Basketball Academy 1:45 - 3:10 pm		Gr. 9 Pengilly Field Studies (Bamfield)	Gr. 9 Pengilly Field Studies (Bamfield) Shake Out BC	Gr. 9 Pengilly Field Studies (Bamfield) Professional Development Day (No School)

SCHOOL BUS



Please review SD23's [School Bus Rider Rules](#) if your student is taking the school bus.

DISCOVERY DAYS

Students are placed into their Discover Day courses! Students have received their assigned choices for Term 1 (October-December). Please note, some courses require fees (will be added to SchoolCashOnline), so we ask that families review their child's placement for any additional fees later this week.

- Students not yet assigned to Discovery blocks need to come to the office ASAP or see their X-Block teacher.

Our first morning of **Discovery programs is Wednesday, October 4th.**

ABSENCE / LATE / EARLY DISMISSAL REPORTING

All Absence / Late / Early Dismissal Reporting is recorded through SchoolMessenger which is School District 23's system for school attendance. Families now have 3 options on how they can report an absence, late or early departure to the school:

1. Use the "SchoolMessenger SafeArrival" App on your smartphone
2. Use the SchoolMessenger SafeArrival Website at go.schoolmessenger.ca
3. Phone the school and **push "1"** to report using the SchoolMessenger SafeArrival automated system (note: be sure to wait for your confirmation code or the absence may not be reported properly)

Visit www.sd23.bc.ca/SchoolMessenger for parent resources to help you get started with SchoolMessenger SafeArrival, and please contact the school if you have any trouble getting your account set up.

IMPORTANT NOTE: When your child is signing out for the day, they must check out at the office.

SCHOOL FEES



School Activity/Cultural Fees are \$30.00 per student for this school year. They have now been added to your child's student account by School District #23. All School District #23 fees are paid using [School Cash Online](#).

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. See more information about School Cash Online [HERE](#).

*At times, there may be additional Field Studies Fees for class trips. Please pay Field Studies Fees **before** the trip.*

You can contact 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

Grade 8 - blake.smith@sd23.bc.ca

Grade 9 - ashley.ragoonaden@sd23.bc.ca

QUESTIONS FOR YOUR STUDENT'S TEACHER?



If you have any questions or concerns about your student's learning, please keep in touch with their teachers. We aim to provide open communication between school and home to ensure a smooth year for all learners.

Teachers can most easily be reached by email. All staff emails are firstname.lastname@sd23.bc.ca. Please contact KLOOffice@sd23.bc.ca if you are having difficulty contacting a teacher.

PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

The purpose of the KLO PAC is to promote and improve the quality of education and the well being of students at KLO Middle School. **All parents/guardians welcome!** Our PAC helps decide where to allocate the gaming funds to specific needs within our school. They also run school events and fundraisers to help improve the KLO community.

The next PAC meeting is on **Monday, October 23rd from 6:30-7:30 PM in the KLO Library Learning Commons.** Please join us!

FUNDRAISERS:



KLO PAC has an ongoing fundraiser with **Return-It Express**. Please consider supporting your PAC when returning your cans/bottles. See more information [HERE](#).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:



Any parent/guardians who are able to occasionally volunteer to help during our free Student BBQ and Smoothie Days this year, please email PAC member Stephanie Harland at saharland@shaw.ca. We could use your help!

FRESH TO YOU FUNDRAISER

The KLO Fresh to You Fundraiser through Agriculture in the Classroom BC is available for purchase through School Cash Online! <https://CentralOkanagan.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/71128/15/False/True>

40% of sales from this fundraiser go toward the [KLO Modular Farm](#).

This year's bundles are;

Bundle 1 (\$25) - 5lb Pacific Premium Potatoes, 5lbs beets, 3lbs carrots and 3lbs yellow onions

Bundle 2 (\$30) - 5lbs Pacific Premium Potatoes, 5lbs beets, 1lb parsnips and 283g shallots



Order deadline: October 18th

Delivery date: November 15th - 25th

Thank you for your support!

CLAWSCO, KLO'S SCHOOL LUNCH STORE

Clawesco is open for students to purchase food and snacks at lunch time in the Cougar Den. Payments accepted include debit or cash.



CLAWSCO MENU

Monday - Pasta and Garlic Bread \$4

Tuesday - Hot Dog \$2

Wednesday - Sushi \$5

Rolls: California, Spicy California, Yam or Veggie

Thursday - Sandwich \$4

Friday - Pizza \$2.50

If you need food support for your child, please contact Laura Wiemken to enroll in the Brown Bag Lunch program (250-870-5106 ext. 8359 or laura.wiemken@sd23.bc.ca)

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Student photos can be purchased at shop.photoexpressions.ca

Students received an Express Proof card from the school photographers. Please use this card with their access code to view photos and make orders. If any family has misplaced their card, they can contact Photo Expressions at studio@photoexpressions.ca or (604) 477-7399.

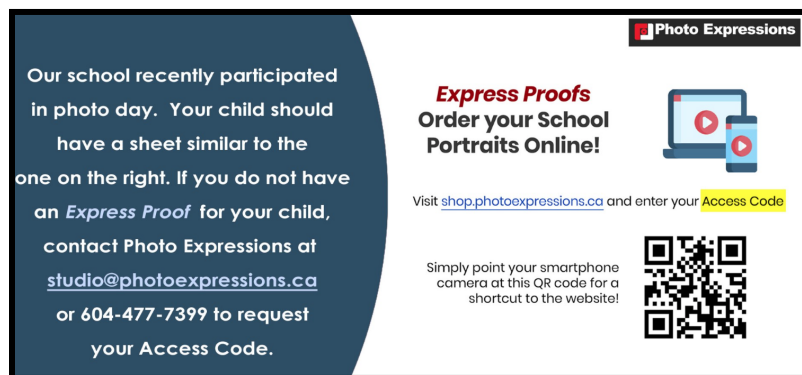


Photo Expressions has offered financial assistance for families in need. Please email laura.wiemken@sd23.bc.ca if you would like to request this financial assistance.

GRADE 7 FOUNDATION SKILLS ASSESSMENT (FSAs)

The Foundation Skills Assessment is an annual province-wide assessment of all B.C. students' academic skills in grades 4 and 7, and provides parents, teachers, schools, school districts and the ministry with important information on how well students are progressing in the foundation skills of Literacy and Numeracy. For further information, please see the info brochure ([English Version](#) and [French Version](#)).

The Grade 7 Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) will be completed in English and Math classes sometime between October 3 – November 10, 2023.

Please contact Laura Wiemken if you have any questions (250-870-5106 ext. 8359 / laura.wiemken@sd23.bc.ca)

LEARNING DEVICES



Did you know your student is allowed to bring their own laptop/chromebook to school for the purpose of learning? This is completely optional and based on student preference. Please note, the school is not liable if student property is missing or damaged. For district info about bringing your own laptop/chromebook, see [HERE](#).

Please note that laptops/chromebooks brought from home are for the purpose of in-class learning. Access may be revoked at admin discretion if a student is misusing their laptop/chromebook.

Families without technology access at home who would like support to borrow a device, please call (250) 870-5106 ext. 8359 or email laura.wiemken@sd23.bc.ca.

NOON HOUR SUPERVISORS NEEDED



We are hiring Noon Hour Supervisors to help students during our daily lunch break. If you are committed to working one hour per day and ensuring KLO students are safe and well taken care of, please contact laura.wiemken@sd23.bc.ca for more information.

STUDENT ATHLETICS:

Current KLO Sports at a Glance

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

Rugby - Grade 7/8

Contact: Mr. Bennett (paul.bennett@sd23.bc.ca)

Cross Country Running

Contact: Mr. Williams (james.williams@sd23.bc.ca)

Volleyball - Girls Grade 9

Contact: Ms. Goutier (michole.goutier@sd23.bc.ca)

Volleyball - Boys Grade 9

Contact: Mr. Ragoonaden (ashley.ragoonaden@sd23.bc.ca)

Volleyball - Girls Grade 8

Contact: Ms. Blatchford (claire.blatchford@sd23.bc.ca)

Volleyball - Boys Grade 8

Contact: Mr. Vieweg-Cyr (kyle.vieweg-cyr@sd.23.bc.ca)

Volleyball - Girls Grade 7

Contact: Ms. Piche (andrea.piche@sd23.bc.ca)

Any interested volunteers can contact our Athletic Director at garth.dupre@sd23.bc.ca

KLO LUNCHTIME CLUBS

Lunch Time Clubs				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Diversity Club Portable 1 Bailey / Martinson	Diversity Club Portable 1 Bailey / Martinson	Diversity Club Portable 1 Bailey / Martinson	Diversity Club Portable 1 Bailey / Martinson	Diversity Club Portable 1 Bailey / Martinson
Games Club LLC Dumont	Games Club LLC Dumont	Games Club LLC Dumont	Games Club LLC Dumont	Games Club LLC Dumont
	Champions League / Europa Cup Live Streams Rm 17 Bennett	Multicultural Club Rm 26A Gingera	Champions League / Europa Cup Live Streams Rm 17 Bennett	
	Magic Card Club Rm 9 Racine	History / Geography Club The Boardwalk Daponte		
	Uno Club Rm 28 Rootes			



COMMUNITY EVENTS AND INFORMATION

-  **Babysitter Training and Home Alone Courses 2023.jpg**
-  **New Vintage Theatre Company - ELF The Musical.pdf**
-  **Fall Youth Ultimate Frisbee.png**
-  **Okanagan Symphony Orchestra - New Discoveries.pdf**
-  **Partners for Inclusive Education flyer.pdf**
- [Digital Family Wellness Resources](#)

SD23 Appeals Procedure/Financial Hardship Language/Sanctuary Schools Policy

The Central Okanagan School District's Appeals Process Board Policy 460

Appeals states that, "A student or a parent of a student who is entitled to an educational program in the Central Okanagan Public Schools may appeal a decision of an employee of the Board of Education which significantly affects the education, health or safety of the student". For a complete description of the Appeals Policy, along with the recommended steps to follow in attempting to solve a problem, please refer to Policy 460 – Appeals, that can be accessed from the 'Policies' link under the Board of Education heading on the School District homepage (www.sd23.bc.ca).

The Central Okanagan School District's Financial Hardship Clause Within Board Regulation 425R

Student Fees (see www.sd23.bc.ca), the Board of Education has indicated "that a student will not be excluded from any educational program due to financial hardship". Clause 8.5 in the Regulations states: "Principals are directed to establish a procedure in each school which will allow for the private and confidential consideration of financial circumstances of individual students and families. Such procedures will preserve the dignity of families who may be unable to pay". Please contact the school Principal if you are facing a financial hardship that may restrict the ability of your child to access a school program.

The Central Okanagan School District's Sanctuary Schools Policy Board Policy 421

Sanctuary Schools upholds the Board's commitment to providing educational opportunities for all students who are ordinarily residents in the Central Okanagan, including those with precarious immigration status or no immigration status. Student registrations that pertain to Policy 421 – Sanctuary Schools will be processed through the Welcome Centre.

Policy 421 – Sanctuary Schools <http://www.sd23.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Section%204%20%20Students/421.pdf>

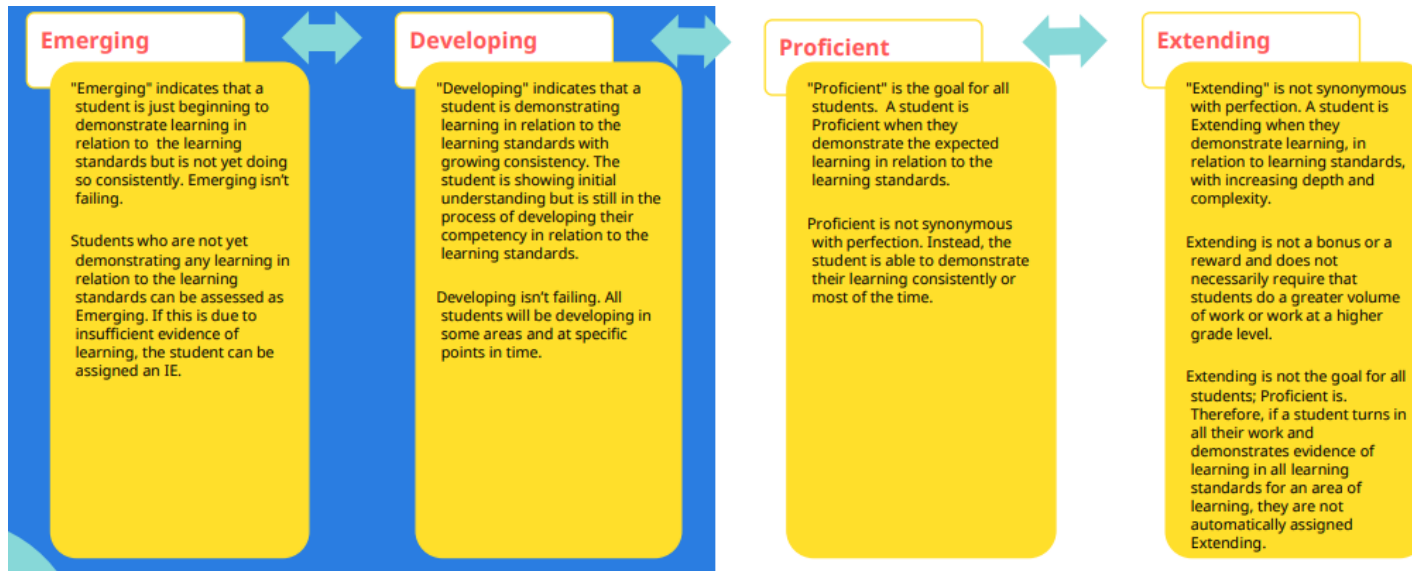
Welcome Centre <http://www.welcomecentre.sd23.bc.ca/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

Accident Insurance

Central Okanagan Public Schools does not insure expenses for student injuries that occur on school grounds or during school activities. Parents and guardians can voluntarily purchase private accident insurance. The Kids Plus Accident Insurance Program that was previously offered to our students was discontinued in 2019. The IA Financial Group now offers the Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FARP) which is a voluntary plan that provides coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses, and critical illness. To apply for the Family Accident Reimbursement Plan or to find out more, visit the IA Financial Group website – Family Accident Reimbursement Plan.

Provincial Assessment Language and Policy Update

A reminder that the language we use to assess students' learning has changed this year in the province. The Provincial Proficiency Scale will be used to describe your child's progress on the learning standards. The link to the full Ministry document can be found [here](#).



This language does not equate to letter grades, so it is important to know that the goal for children is **not** "Extending". If a student is demonstrating complete competency in a learning standard they are considered proficient.

Students will always be encouraged to take personal initiative to extend their learning. This looks like students reaching out to mentors and community members to follow a passion, researching and applying concepts outside of class, and innovating ideas out of empathy.