



WELCOME TO THE 2025/26 SCHOOL YEAR!

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

I am thrilled to welcome you all to the start of a new school year here at École KLO Middle School. As many of our returning families are aware, we did spend a lot of time throughout the 2024/2025 school year gathering feedback about KLO from our students, families and staff. The information gathered from all stakeholders was used to guide the development of our Mission and Student Learning Priorities.

KLO Mission: KLO Cougars foster a culture of academic growth, belonging and community.

KLO Student Learning Priorities:

1. Designing student-centered learning experiences that are personalized, challenging and engaging;
2. Promoting a developmentally responsive learning community that fosters emotional well-being, safety and positive relationships;
3. Celebrating KLO's diversity and strengthening our inclusive culture.

In order to continue building a school culture that prioritizes academic growth, reinforces belonging and builds community, it is important that we work together. When we are working with our KLO learners and families, we will always anchor our conversations in what it means to be a KLO Cougar. It is our goal, and hope, that this will help strengthen our school community and develop independent, respectful, resilient and innovative learners who are ready to navigate the next steps in their educational journey.

We will continue to collaborate with our KLO families to improve and reflect on what we are doing well, as well as what we need to improve on. Your voices are important and valued, so please reach out to our team if you have any feedback or ideas. Another great space to share your voice is at our KLO PAC meetings. We encourage all of our parents to bring their voices and advocate for what they want to see happening at our KLO. Your feedback is invaluable, as we work together to ensure the success of every KLO student.

I look forward to a year filled with growth, achievement and memorable experiences.

Sincerely,
Nathen Elliott
Principal
École KLO Middle School
nathen.elliott@sd23.bc.ca



WEEKLY MEMO

September 2 - 5, 2025

Monday • lundi Skixʷíws	Tuesday • mardi sʔasíásq̓t	Wednesday • mercredi skaʔíásq̓t	Thursday • jeudi smasq̓t	Friday • vendredi scíkstasq̓t
September 1 1 septembre	September 2 2 septembre	September 3 3 septembre	September 4 4 septembre	September 5 5 septembre
Labour Day No School	Homeroom (Block 1)  Early Dismissal 8:55am - 11:30am	1234 Please see below for the altered First Week Bell Schedule. This schedule allows for a Homeroom Block in the morning to collect start up forms, assist students as they start their day and settle into the school routine.	15671 Please see below for the altered First Week Bell Schedule. This schedule allows for a Homeroom Block in the morning to collect start up forms, assist students as they start their day and settle into the school routine.	12345 Please see below for the altered First Week Bell Schedule. This schedule allows for a Homeroom Block in the morning to collect start up forms, assist students as they start their day and settle into the school routine.

OPENING WEEK INFORMATION:

- The first day of school is **Tuesday, September 2 from 8:55 - 11:30 AM** (School Bus pick up starts at 11:30 AM)
- There will be alphabetical student lists posted in the front of the school organized by grade. The lists will indicate the student's Homeroom teacher and room number.
- Students are asked to go to their Homeroom at the 8:55 AM bell. There will be many adults to help direct students to where they need to be.
- Students will receive their class schedule from their Homeroom teacher as well as review important information such as the Bell Schedule, Block Order, Code of Conduct, etc.
- We will start each day with a 10-minute Homeroom check in for the first week of school. Homeroom Teachers will support students with opening their lockers and finding their classes for the day to ensure everyone settles into the school routine smoothly.
- If students want to change their class schedules, they can pick up a course change request form from the office on Friday, September 12. Please note that course changes are a complex process and are not always possible. Requests will be reviewed during the third and fourth week of September.
- Our office is very busy during the opening week. We are asking families to minimize their office visits and to email all questions to KLOOffice@sd23.bc.ca

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 3		THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 4		FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 5	
Time	Block	Time	Block	Time	Block
8:55 - 9:05	Homeroom (Block 1)	8:55 - 9:05	Homeroom (Block 1)	8:55 - 9:05	Homeroom (Block 1)
<i>No transition needed</i>		9:05 - 9:08	Transition	9:05 - 9:08	Transition
9:05 - 10:14	Block 1	9:08 - 10:14	Block 5	9:08 - 10:14	Block 2
10:14 - 10:25	Break	10:14 - 10:25	Break	10:14 - 10:25	Break
10:25 - 11:43	Block 2	10:25 - 11:43	Block 6	10:25 - 11:43	Block 3
11:43 - 12:23	Lunch	11:43 - 12:23	Lunch	11:43 - 12:23	Lunch
12:23 - 1:41	Block 3	12:23 - 1:41	Block 7	12:23 - 1:41	Block 4
1:41 - 1:52	Break	1:41 - 1:52	Break	1:41 - 1:52	Break
1:52 - 3:10	Block 4	1:52 - 3:10	Block 1	1:52 - 3:10	Block 5

Notable Dates in September				
Wednesday • mercredi skaʔhlásq̓t	Thursday • jeudi smasq̓t	Monday & Tuesday lundi & mardi skixʷíw̓s & sʔasíásq̓t	Monday • lundi skixʷíw̓s	Tuesday • mardi sʔasíásq̓t
September 17 17 septembre	September 18 18 septembre	September 22/23 22/23 septembre	September 29 29 septembre	September 30 30 septembre
Welcome Back BBQ 5:30 - 6:30 pm KLO Front Breezeway PAC AGM 6:30 - 7:30 pm Library Learning Commons All caregivers welcome!	School Photo Day  <i>(Photo retakes on Oct 21)</i>	 MALICOUNDA TEAM BUILDING & EVENTS Malicounda Drumming (French Immersion 9 classes)	 Orange Shirt Day	 No School

WEEKLY MEMO

→ The Family Weekly Memo is usually emailed to KLO Families at the end of the school week. You can view the Family Weekly Memo on our KLO website under the [Parents Tab](#) (including past memos). This is our main form of weekly communication so please check it regularly for school updates.

SCHOOL BUS



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

SCHOOL SUPPLIES



- 1-2 Binders (zippered binder recommended)
- Dividers
- Lined paper (250 sheets minimum)
- Pencils (recommended number is 24)
- Ruler
- Scientific calculator
- Scissors
- Glue
- Pencil sharpener
- 2 Erasers
- Highlighter
- Box of pencil crayons
- Box of felt markers
- Pack of 5 exercise notebooks
- Pack of 5 duotangs
- Whiteout
- One grid paper notebook

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](#).

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.

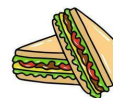
See more information about School Cash Online [HERE](#).

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

KLO'S SCHOOL LUNCH STORE

Our school lunch store received a major renovation over the summer and will remain closed until the completion of the project. In the meantime, please pack a nutritious lunch. We will notify families of the updated timeline when we receive it.

LUNCH MENU



Monday - Pasta and Garlic Bread \$5

Tuesday - Burrito \$5

Options: Chicken or Veggie

Wednesday - Sushi \$5

Options: California, Spicy California, Yam or Veggie

Thursday - Sandwich \$5

Options: Ham, Turkey or Veggie

Friday - Pizza \$2.50 / slice

Options: Cheese, Pepperoni, Ham & Pineapple or Veggie

This menu may change as the year progresses.



We strive to ensure all our students are well-fed and ready to learn. Any families who need food support can email laura.wiemken@sd23.bc.ca to be added to our free lunch list (previously called “Brown Bag Lunch”).

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. 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 first PAC meeting is on **Wednesday, September 17th at 6:30PM** after the September Welcome + Meet the Teacher BBQ. All KLO parents / guardians are invited and encouraged to attend! The KLO PAC usually meets the last Monday of the month at 6:30-7:30pm in the KLO Library Learning Commons.

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](#).

SCHOOL MAP



IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

École KLO Middle School

3130 Gordon Drive
Kelowna, BC V1W 3M4
Phone: 250-870-5106
Email: KLO@sd23.bc.ca



The best way to stay informed about events at École KLO Middle School is to visit our website at klo.sd23.bc.ca

The office will also send out weekly emails with the "Family Weekly Memo" which includes upcoming calendar events and updates.

On occasion we will send out emergency information (such as school closures) or other time sensitive communications.

Please ensure that your phone number, address and email contact information are correct in our system through the verification sheets sent home at the beginning of the year or by contacting the office.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Principal	Nathen Elliott	nathen.elliott@sd23.bc.ca
Vice-Principal (last name A-K)	Ty Nelson	ty.nelson@sd23.bc.ca
Vice-Principal (last name L-Z)	Laura Wiemken	laura.wiemken@sd23.bc.ca
Head Secretary (Student Fees)	Ginger Johnson	ginger.johnson@sd23.bc.ca
Registration (Student Records)	Collin Whyte	collin.whyte@sd23.bc.ca
ELL Teacher	Emily Gingera	emily.gingera@sd23.bc.ca
Counsellor	Kelli Rootes	kelli.rootes@sd23.bc.ca
Student Support Teacher	Jayna Bailey	jayna.bailey@sd23.bc.ca
Learning Assistance Teachers	Tania Daponte Tybie Elenko	tania.daponte@sd23.bc.ca tybie.elenko@sd23.bc.ca
Inclusion Support Teachers	Garth Dupre Ryan Scorgie	garth.dupre@sd23.bc.ca ryan.scorgie@sd23.bc.ca
Resource Teachers	Dawn Trozzo Corey Grant	dawn.trozzo@sd23.bc.ca corey.grant@sd23.bc.ca
Library Learning Commons	Karin DuMont	karin.dumont@sd23.bc.ca
Indigenous Advocates	April Mercereau Courtney Hanson	april.mercereau@sd23.bc.ca courtney.hanson@sd23.bc.ca
Athletic Director	Garth Dupre	garth.dupre@sd23.bc.ca

DIGITAL DEVICE RESTRICTIONS (e.g. Cell Phones, Smartwatch, etc)

In accordance with the requirements from the Ministry of Education and Child Care, schools across our district have updated their Student Code of Conduct to include the restricted use of cell phones and personal digital devices during school hours effective July 1, 2024. Please see [HERE](#) for further information. All electronic devices that are used for communication must be stored in student lockers for the duration of the school day, unless directly authorized by school staff. If you have any questions or concerns, please connect with Administration:

Principal: Nathen.Elliott@sd23.bc.ca

Vice Principal (Last Names A-K): Ty.Nelson@23.bc.ca

Vice Principal (Last Names L-Z): Laura.Wiemken@sd23.bc.ca

APPEALS PROCEDURE / FINANCIAL HARDSHIP LANGUAGE

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 'Board 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](#), 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.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY



Transportation Services is advocating to bring attention to student safety when loading or unloading the school bus. Every day in our District (and many other districts across the Province) school bus drivers are witness to motorists who pass their school bus while the red alternating lights are activated, which means a student may be crossing the road in front of the school bus!

We thank you in advance for supporting student safety inside, and outside the school bus.

SANCTUARY SCHOOLS

Policy 421 – [Sanctuary Schools](#)

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](#).

STUDENT 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, click [HERE](#).

STAY TUNED

Information about KLO Athletics, Clubs and Upcoming Information/Events will be posted once the school year is underway. Please stay tuned for further information or contact KLOOffice@sd23.bc.ca with any questions.

