



Watson Road Elementary Newsletter

June

Principal's Message

.....Time is flying by and the last day of school is approaching. As the school year rapidly draws to a close, we are busy with many important events and year end activities. Please refer to the monthly calendar attached to this newsletter.

This is a bittersweet time as we let our 6th graders go, but anticipate the summer months ahead. I would like to encourage all of you to develop a plan with your children that will extend their learning into June, July and August. Take time to investigate community offerings and activities (i.e. Kelowna Library Summer Reading Program) that cater to the development of their skills and knowledge. It is so important to encourage our students in ways that develop them into life long learners. Summer should be fun, but don't ignore the teachable moments and possibilities to extend learning during this time. Do not forget to take your books along to the lake, the park, the campsite, the back yard and the balcony!

I hope you will have a safe summer and from all of us at Watson Road Elementary School, we want to thank you for your support this year. We have enjoyed working with your children!

Sincerely,
Mr. S. Guignard

IMPORTANT DATES

- June 7th—Parent Appreciation Tea 7:45 to 8:25 am
- June 8th—District Track & Field Meet
- June 16th—Spring Fair
- June 19th—PAC Meeting 6:30 pm
- June 20th—Music Celebration 12:10 pm
- June 22nd—Grade 6 Celebration 5pm-8pm
- June 29th—Year End Assembly 9:00 am
- June 29th—Report cards distributed (Last day for school for students)
- June 30th—Administrative Day (Last day for staff)





DRESS CODE

Students are expected to be neatly and appropriately dressed for school, even in these "pre-summer" days. Students are reminded that school is a student and teacher workplace. Therefore, clothing must be consistent with that idea. Clothing needs to be tasteful and free from offensive or distracting sayings or pictures.

Proper clothing does not include: beachwear, bare midriffs, bare backs, clothes that reveal undergarments, pyjamas or thong type flip flops. Spaghetti strap shirts will be allowed with a t-shirt underneath. Students who are unable to manage our dress code will be asked to cover up or change.

Lost & Found



The articles in our lost and found will be put in the hallway for retrieval.

Please come and check to see if any of the numerous pieces belong to you.
(Shoes, jackets, hats, etc.)

School Supplies for September 2017

The school will again be offering a student supply purchase plan. Supplies are purchased through the School District, in bulk, to give you the best deal possible. We encourage all parents to take advantage of this program. If you are planning ahead, prices will be the same as last year:

Supplies for grades Kindergarten to 6 will be \$30.00 for the year. A cultural fee of \$10.00 will be added to this amount to make the total school fee \$40.00. Information and prices with the exact amounts will be available at the beginning of September.



Appeals Procedure

School District #23 states that parents must be informed once a year about its Appeals Policy (5101). This policy outlines the steps for parents to follow when questioning a school district employee's decision that significantly affects the education, health or safety of your child.

Parents are encouraged to discuss the situation directly with the person involved at the school. If there is no resolution, the parent should then ask for assistance from the school principal. After further discussion at the school level, if the concern persists, the parent may wish to contact the Director of Instruction or Superintendent of Schools. Following these steps, if the matter is still not resolved, it may be appealed to the Board of Trustees.

TO READ OR NOT TO READ, THAT IS THE Question.....

Children need an enormous supply of successful reading experiences, to become proficient, independent readers.
(Allington, McGill-Franzen, 2013. P14)

All the students (Kindergarten to Grade 6) at Watson Road Elementary School have spent this school year practicing reading on a daily basis. They read often throughout the day both quietly to themselves and with a partner. They have read non-fiction information books and fictional story books. Their teachers also read aloud to them most days.

During the summer months it is essential that reading continues to be an important part of the students' day! Research tells us that young readers can lose 3 months of reading achievement over the 8 weeks of summer holidays. This is a huge concern for us as over time, this reading loss can add up to devastating reading concerns for our students.

What Can Parents Do?

Set aside reading time each day (at least 20 minutes for Kindergarten age students and up to 60 minutes for Grade 6 students)

Ensure your child has interesting, engaging books that he/she can read

Allow your child to choose his/her own books within your home collection or through weekly visits to the public library
Continue to read aloud to your child everyday (even if he/she is in Grade 6)

Encourage your child to write a letter, postcards or a journal frequently throughout the summer (reading and writing compliment each other in terms of skill development)

To find a 'good fit book' or a book that your child can read, ask your child to choose a book from your bookshelves at home or from the public library that he/she is interested in and then open the book and read one page. If he/she does not have more than 2 mistakes on one page then it is a good fit book. If there are 3 or more mistakes, then it is a book that you can read aloud to your child or can be saved until further practice is done on books that are a better fit.

The Kelowna Public Library will once again offer a Summer Reading Program in our community. They will be visiting our school in early June to promote this exciting program.

Happy Reading!



Remember, next year's
school fees can be paid using
our

online payment program.

If you haven't already done
so, please take a few
minutes now to register.

Go to the Watson Road
Elementary School website
www.wat.sd23.bc.ca,
and click on "Online
Payments".

Register by selecting the
"Get Started Now"
and following the steps.

After you receive the
confirmation email, please
select the "click here"
option, sign in and add each
of your children to your
household account.

You can add other siblings
that are at Dr. Knox Middle
School and
Kelowna Senior Secondary
and pay their fees as well.

LIBRARY BOOKS DUE

Make sure you
return your library books by
June 13



Are you moving this summer?
If you know your children will NOT
be attending
Watson Road Elementary
in September 2017 we would
appreciate being advised
of this as soon as possible.

Please phone 250-870-5137
or send a note
with your child to the office.

Year End Assembly

On Thursday, June 29th at 9:00 a.m., we will be acknowledging our student volunteers, student sports and teams, saying our goodbyes and celebrating the completion of such a successful year. Parents and family are invited to attend this assembly. We look forward to seeing you there.



Report Cards

A reminder that the last day of school for students is Thursday, June 29th. This is a full day of classes and dismissal will be at 2:30 p.m. It is District policy that report cards not be handed out early. Therefore, if your child is not going to be in attendance on June 29th, please arrange for the report card to be picked up on that day or it will be mailed to your home address.

We do not schedule parent/teacher conferences at this time of year; however, if you have any questions or concerns about a report card, please contact the school. Teachers will be at school on June 30th if parents wish to meet with them. Staff will be meeting from 8:30 to 9:30 am but are available by appointment after this time.

With the support from the Central Okanagan Foundation, PacificSport Okanagan is implementing Physical Literacy Initiatives to elementary school-aged children in the Central Okanagan in an effort to enhance overall physical literacy in our community.

Similar to traditional literacy development, physical literacy is a life-long learning process that is developed and strengthened over time.

Due to the funding support from the Central Okanagan Foundation, children and youth in our community will receive appropriate instruction on fundamental movement and sport specific skills, allowing them to move and develop comfortably and confidently with control in a wide range of physical activity, rhythmic and sport situations.

At Watson Road Elementary, our students and teachers participated in a 5 week program focused on a “Sports on Mats” theme, where the children worked on enhancing their fundamental movement skills, relating to mat sports. Each lesson focused on a variety of, running, jumping, hopping, stopping, rolling, falling, strength, agility, balance and coordination exercises. Teachers worked alongside a physical literacy mentor to deliver, engaging, FUN activities.

Thanks to Central Okanagan Foundation for supporting PacificSport Okanagan to help to fulfil its mission to empower our communities to play, participate and perform at their best, through sport.



WATSON ROAD PAC

PRESENTS

EMOJI FEVER



SPRING
FAIR

JOIN
US

FRIDAY

16. June

Watson Rd. School

5:30-8pm

More Info:

c.kaye@telus.net

FOOD TRUCKS

INFLATABLES

SILENT AUCTION

CONCESSION ITEMS \$1-3

GAMES/ACTIVITIES

MUSIC

COTTON CANDY & MORE

PRIZES



NO DROP-OFFS. MUST BE WITH AN ADULT

Or \$12 cash sales the day of

PRE-ORDER WRISTBANDS \$10 ONLINE

SPRING FAIR INFORMATION

ADMISSION: Save Money and Pre-order

June 1-13: Order your admission wristbands for \$10 (grades K-6 only) at www.watsonroad.hotlunches.net. Payment by PayPal only. We strongly encourage you to pre-order to save.

June 16: Wristbands available for \$12, cash only, at the fair.

FOOD/DRINK:

Concession items such as juice, water, pizza, cotton candy, etc... will be available for purchase at the fair for **CASH ONLY**. A food truck will also be on-site as another tasty option for dinner and snacks for your family!

VOLUNTEERS:

We need you to make this fair a success. The fair requires more than 60 volunteers to operate smoothly. If you are able to volunteer to help set-up, clean up, work the concession, or man a station at the fair, please text or e-mail Christine at 250-718-8523 or c.kaye@telus.net.

SILENT AUCTION:

If you are able to contribute an auction item from your place of work (e.g., gift certificate, service or merchandise). We would be pleased to provide you with an ad placement promoting your business, displayed next to your donation. If you are able to help, or if you have any questions, please contact me at 250-826-9574 (call or text) or lisacartier@hotmail.com. The deadline for donations is Friday, June 9.

DONATIONS:

To help us keep our costs down, we are looking for donations of the following items for the fair:

- Bottled water
- Juice boxes
- Jumbo freezies
- Cupcakes / cookies (must be nut free)

Please bring donations to the school by Monday June 12 and leave them in the large box labelled "SPRING FAIR DONATIONS" in the lobby. For any items that cannot be dropped off, please contact Christine at c.kaye@telus.net or 250-718-8523.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!



Thank You Parents!

**Join us for refreshments to show our gratitude
for all the work you've done this year!**

Wednesday | June 7th | 7:45 AM

We will see you in front of the school!

JUNE 2017

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 ABSENTEES: Press 1



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Apple Bowl Intermediates	2	3
4	5 Primary Track & Field	6 Primary Track & Field	7 Parent Appreciation 7:45	8 District Track and Field Grade 3 Field Trip	9 Grade 3 Field Trip	10
11	12	13 Student Library Books Due	14 Staff Appreciation Lunch	15	16 <i>Spring Fair</i> 5:30 - 8:00	17
18	19 Grade 3 Field Trip PAC AGM Meeting 6:30	20 Music Celebration 12:10	21	22 Kindie Field Trip GRADE 6 CELEBRATION 5:00 PM	23 Primary Play Day	24
25	26	27 Waxworks 9:00 - 10:00	28 Intermediate Field Trip Grade One Field Trip	29 Last Day of School Year End Assembly 9am Report Cards Home	30 Admin Day	