

MAY NEWSLETTER

May 1, 2025

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We Appreciate You!

We would like to extend our gratitude to our Parent Advisory Council and all the amazing school community volunteers who planned a magical experience for our Glow Dance on Friday, April 25th. Your hard work creates opportunities for fun, laughter, and glowing memories. Thank you for your unwavering support and for helping to make our school community a fun place to be!



Upcoming Events

- May 1 Class Photos
- May 2 Mme Mondor's Class FAST Heroes
- May 6 Le FloFranco Fieldtrip for Gr. 4, 5, 6
 French Immersion at Evangel 9:30-11:30
- May 6 Crawford Run Club Race
- May 7 Apple Bowl
- May 19 Victoria Day
- May 21-23 Gardom Lake for Grade 5 English / Grade 6 French Immersion
- May 22 Sumobots Fieldtrip for Robotics Club to UBCO with Mr. Nicholls
- May 28 Canyon Falls Band Presentation
- June 4 Grade 3 to H2O
- June 6 Mme Mondor's Class FAST Heroes
- June 11 Grade 3 to H2O
- June 12 PAC Meeting
- June 26 "Moving Up" Celebration Assembly

TRACK AND FIELD UPDATE

Students in Grade 4,5,6 will be participating in the upcoming Apple Bowl Track Meet on May 7th. Ms. Newell will be looking for parent volunteers. If interested, please contact her at carly.newell@sd23.bc.ca

Students can expect to be outside for PE in the coming weeks and should be prepared for changing weather.

For those who qualify, the District Track Meet will be on June 5th at the Apple Bowl.

Noon Hour Supervisors

Thank you to everyone who applied for noon-hour supervisor positions. We have now received enough applications. We will reassess our needs in the fall and may open up applications again at that time.

Planning for 2025-2026

Our school team is beginning to plan for our student placements in tentative classes based on school district enrollment projections. This is a very important process in which our team takes significant care, time and effort to place each student in a class where they will thrive. Our school team focuses on connectedness and academic engagement.

We are grateful for your trust in our school team to make the right placement for your child and value your communication with us.

Please reach out to me with any extenuating circumstances.

-Christey Hughes, Principal

SPRING PERFORMANCE A SUCCESS!

Dear Parents,

Our recent spring musical performance, "I Love Rock & Roll" was such a bright moment for our school community, showcasing student talents and courage.

Our young performers, led by our Music Teacher Mrs. Joanna Ball, demonstrated bravery by stepping onto the stage, some for the very first time. They shared their learning with confidence while working together for a common goal. We are also very proud of the experienced performers in our community who exhibited fantastic leadership skills throughout the preparations for our event. Their guidance and support were invaluable, helping their peers navigate the complexities of performing on stage.

We are deeply grateful to our dedicated teacher leaders, the supportive parents who contributed props, costumes, and positive energy, as well as to the students for coming together as a true community of learners. Your collective efforts and encouragement made this event a memorable experience for everyone involved.

As we celebrate this success, we now turn our excitement to Track and Field, spearheaded by Ms. Carly Newell, our Physical Education teacher leader. We look forward to seeing our students excel in this next endeavor!

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Christey Hughes
Princpal / Directrice

École Dorothea Walker Elementary School





PAC NEWS

Hot Lunch

Get your hot lunch orders in for the rest of the year by 9pm on April 28! https://dwepac.hotlunches.net/admin/

Yearbooks available for purchase

Yearbook orders are now available on the hot lunch site: https://dwepac.hotlunches.net/admin/. Price is \$25. Order deadline is May 9, 2025.

Coming Soon...

Stay tuned for upcoming news on a school fun day June 20th! Our amazing PAC is collaborating with DWE staff on a special day for our students.

School Counsellor

Hello, my name is Caitlyn Knox. I am returning from maternity leave and I am thrilled to be joining your community as the school counsellor.

Counselling involves:

- Relationship building
- Encouraging curiosity
- Look at things from multiple perspectives
- Collaborate with the school based team, families and, when appropriate community supports
- Providing short-term, solution focused support
- Help students develop the tools required to be and feel successful and much more.

I appreciate being part of DWE and am looking forward to getting to know the community over time.

Caitlyn Knox (she/her)
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Battle of the Books

It was a hard fought battle!

A few tears, and many cheers!

Over all Battle placings below...

Gr 4 4th

Gr 5 tie for 6th

Gr 6 7th





Wonders of Water: A Hands-On Adventure

Mission Creek Regional Park Saturday, May 3 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Join us for a fun-filled family event to celebrate water!

Explore the park to find activity stations. Engage in exciting learning experiences led by our incredible STEAM community partners.

A free, all-ages drop in event.



Event partners:















COLOURS FOR CARING 2025: FIRST ANNUAL FAMILY COLOUR RUN FUNDRAISER



A million kids with ONE GRAND MISSION...

To save our grandparents!



Fast Heroes is an award-wining educational initiative aimed at raising awareness of stroke symptoms and the need for speedy action. It leverages children's amazing enthusiasm for the learning and sharing, encouraging the spread of knowledge to the rest of their family, particularly to their grandparents. Stroke patients need high quality medical care as quickly as possible, so increasing awareness of the symptoms can save lives.

Two stroke survivors will help presenting the program in Mme Mondor's class from May 2nd to June 6th: Mrs. Lois Brock and Mme Perrier, previously a teacher at DWE.

Canyon Falls Middle School Hockey Academy is now open to all students in Grades 6. They still have a few spots available for next year:

https://sites.google.com/learn.sd23.bc.ca/cmshcsa/applic ation-form **Contact**: anthony.greer@sd23.bc.ca.

City of Kelowna Summer Camps

Get ready for an unforgettable summer with the City of Kelowna's summer camps! Whether your child is a budding artist, a sports enthusiast, or loves to explore, we have a variety of full and partial day camps available at Parkinson Recreation Centre, as well as Canyon Falls Middle School, Bankhead Elementary, Watson Road Elementary, and more. See the 2025 Summer Camps at-a-glance to help plan your summer of fun. Registration opens on April 24. Learn more about spring programs and summer camps



You're invited to the DeHart Park opening event on Saturday, May 3 from 10 a.m. to noon! Join the City of Kelowna in celebrating the opening of DeHart Park with free family-friendly activities for everyone to enjoy while exploring and experiencing the new park space.

Learn more at kelowna.ca/dehartpark.

online now at kelowna.ca/recreation

