

École Dorothea Walker Elementary

Happy New Year and Welcome Back!

Warm Wishes from all of us at DWE for a wonderful year ahead! After a good rest and lots of playtime over Winter Break, we should be ready to do some prime learning. During these winter months, the short days provide the best time to focus on learning, as the students are more apt to stay inside to complete learning activities, to go to bed at a decent time, and do some reading.

January will likely quite possibly bring winter conditions and we will continue to be very grateful for your support sending children to school dressed appropriately, and with a pair of inside shoes. Please continue to double check that your children leave with all the necessary winter gear to enjoy fresh air for up to 30 minutes at a time on a daily basis. Have a wonderful January!

What is happening?

- **Basketball** is about to start for Grade 6 students. A number of students are interested and have signed up at Grade 4, 5 and 6 level. We are lacking coaches to provide for all students. We are hoping to be ready to start for Grade 4 and 5 in the next week or so with some lunch time play time. If feel you can lend a hand, please send us an email at the office and we will connect with you. Practices/games will be held at lunch and/or after school depending on the group.
- **Sleds at school** - last year, some students chose to bring a sled to school on a few occasions when there was more snow than what we have seen so far this year. Unlike Bellevue Creek, we have very little space to slide safely on our school grounds and most students were using their sled to carry their snow formations from one spot to another. If students bring a sled, it will need to be left outside the school as we do not have a dedicated space to store these items. Last year, we used the scooter area in the front of the school to store the sleds. If sliding down our little narrow hill, students are to stay seated and use caution both for themselves and for others around.
- The **Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI)** is coming to our school. School District 23 has partnered with the Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP) at the University of British Columbia to measure and promote children's social and emotional development, health, well-being, and assets through the Middle Year Development Instrument (MDI). The Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) is a self-report questionnaire that asks children in middle childhood about their thoughts, feelings and experiences. The survey questions align with the BC Ministry of Education's K-12 curriculum, which includes a focus on promoting children's personal and social competencies. DWE Grade 5 students will be invited to take part in the survey in late January or early February. Grade 5 parents should have received an email from the school earlier today (January 8) about the MDI.

COMING UP SOON

- 14 - PAC Meeting at 6:30
- 17 - DWE Spirit Day - spirit wear or blue & grey
- 24 - Spirit Day - PJ Day
- 30 - Performing Arts: Rhythm Resource

ZOOM INFORMATION SESSION

JANUARY 14 AT 6:00

FOR PARENTS INTERESTED IN KINDERGARTEN FRENCH IMMERSION

in our district. To join the Zoom session please click [here](#)

ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR SEPT 2025

for **new students only**

starts at 7 am on **February 3**

If your child is attending our school or is in Grade 2 at BCE, he or she is automatically enrolled at DWE for the coming school year (or at the middle school - English Program: Grade 6 @ Canyon Falls/French Imm. Grade 7 @ KLO)

A Free 10 Week Program to Inspire Healthier BC Families in Kelowna!

Learn together about:

- Healthy Eating
- Physical Activity
- Screen time
- Sleep Routines
- Wellness

For families with at least one child ages 8-12
(One parent/caregiver must attend each week)

Online self-directed option is available for families outside of the age range



Program includes:

- Q&A's with health professionals
- A family cooking class
- Post program recreation credit based on attendance

Kelowna - Parkinson Activity Centre
Wednesdays 6:30-8:30pm Feb 5 - Apr 23, 2025

Generation Health Community funding is provided by the BC Ministry of Health



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