



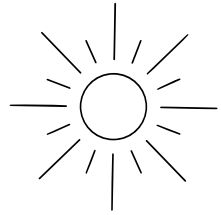
# APRIL NEWSLETTER

APRIL 1, 2026  
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## Hello Spring

### Mark Your Calendar



## School Updates & Opportunities

### Battle of the Books

The DWE School Team has been selected and will go to Casorso Elementary with Ms. Newell on April 23rd. Good luck to our readers!

### Lego Robotics Club

Mr. Nicholls is hosting our Lego Robotics Club in Room 17 on Mondays and Wednesdays at lunch. We're excited to see students building and problem-solving! The SumoBots Competition is May 21.

### Yearbook Cover Contest

Creative submissions are due to the office by April 2nd. The PAC will review all entries at their April 8th PAC Meeting.

### Track & Field

DWE's Grade 4-6 students will compete at the Apple Bowl on May 13th. More details will be shared soon by Ms. Newell.

### Intermediate Run Club

Ms. Peters is hosting Intermediate Run Club again, starting next week! Students are encouraged to listen to morning announcements for details.

### Student Learning Survey

Parents and guardians are invited to participate in the provincial Student Learning Survey. Your feedback is valued!  
Learn more and access the survey [LINKED HERE](#)

## A note from our Principal, Mme Hughes:

*I will be away for a necessary scheduled medical procedure on April 10<sup>th</sup> for a couple weeks. Please welcome Acting Principal, Ms. Benita Briere to support DWE during my absence.*

*See you soon!*

### April 3-6 - Easter Weekend

**April 8** - PAC Meeting 6:30pm in the library

**April 9** - Grade 5 English visit to Canyon Falls

**April 15-16** - **Spring Musical** (see Page 2)

**April 13 / 17 / 20** - Elevation Bike Program for Grade 4 classes (3/4 and 4/5 split classes included)

**April 23** - Battle of the Books with Ms. Newell

**April 30** - Cultural Performance 12:30pm

**May 5** - Class Photos (outdoors)

**May 7** - PAC Event - **Spring Dance** (new date)

**May 13** - DWE Track Meet Grade 4-7 Apple Bowl

**May 14** - Éloiz Performance Field Trip for French Immersion Students

**May 18** - **Victoria Day**

**May 20-21-22** - Gardom Lake for Grade 6 French Immersion and Grade 5 English Program Students

**May 21** - SumoBot Competition

**May 25** - Sailing Lessons Begin

**June 2** - District Track & Field Day (for qualifiers)

**June 9** - Bellevue Creek Parent Night at DWE

**June 4** - PAC Event - **Family Fun Night**  
4:30pm-7:30pm

**June 24** - Moving Up Celebration Gr. 5 Eng / Gr.6 FI

**June 25** - **Last Day of School for Students** / Final Written Learning Updates Distributed

**June 26** - **Administrative Day / No Classes**

### DWE Office hours:

**8:00am-3:00pm**

(doors unlocked)

### Supervision hours:

safe drop-off / pick-up

**8:05am-2:40pm**

# Spring Musical

## Spring Performance in April – *I Love Broadway!*

We are excited to be preparing for our spring performance! Students have been exploring Broadway-style music, songs, and choreography, and we are looking forward to sharing their hard work with you.

There will be two separate shows:

**Cast 1** (Mme King, Mme Rode, Mr. Nicholls, Mme Light, Ms. Nicolai & Mme Hayward)

📅 Wednesday, April 15

🕒 9:15–10:15 a.m.

**Cast 2** (Mme Morden, Mme MacDonnell, Ms. Peters, Ms. Rivet, Mrs. Lebbon, Ms. Lutz, Mme Stokes & Mme Johnson)

📅 Thursday, April 16

🕒 1:25–2:25 p.m.

### Costumes

Students are asked to wear:

- Black or blue jeans (or dark pants/shorts if preferred)
- A plain white t-shirt (logos turned inside out if needed)
- Runners or comfortable shoes suitable for movement



### Dress Rehearsals

Dress rehearsals will take place during the three school days leading up to each performance. Being at school on these days will help students feel confident and prepared.

### Students with Additional Parts

Some students in Grade 5 English and Grade 6 French Immersion have additional roles. These students will attend a weekly extra rehearsal on Tuesdays during their lunch hour to practice their lines. If they would like to bring a simple costume piece or accessory to enhance their role, they are welcome to do so but this is optional.

If you have any questions, please contact our Music/Fine Arts teacher, Joanna Ball, at [joanna.ball@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:joanna.ball@sd23.bc.ca).

We look forward to a wonderful celebration of Broadway!

## Our Parent Advisory Council (P.A.C.) is planning two wonderful community-building events:

(1) **Spring Dance** – A fun evening for DWE students and their parents/guardians.

**Please note:** This is not a drop-off event. Parents must accompany their children, and older siblings may not attend due to vandalism that occurred at our last dance. Thank you for helping us ensure a safe, positive experience for everyone.

(2) **Family Fun Night** (outdoors) – All family members are welcome to join us for this relaxed, outdoor evening of games, activities, and togetherness.

We look forward to both events as opportunities to connect, celebrate, and strengthen our school community.



### ÉCOLE KLO MIDDLE SCHOOL

Your student's full orientation and school tour will take place on the first day of the 2026/27 school year at KLO on September 8, 2026.

We look forward to welcoming your students into our school community. Please reach out to vice-principal Ty Nelson if you have any questions at [ty.nelson@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:ty.nelson@sd23.bc.ca) or (250) 870-5106.

Sincerely,  
Your KLO team

#### Grade 6 Family Information Night

Wednesday June 3rd, 2026

6:00 - 7:00 PM

KLO Gymnasium

#### *This evening will focus on:*

- *The transition from elementary to middle school - An inside look at Grade 7 life at KLO Middle School*

Please contact Ty Nelson with any questions:  
[ty.nelson@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:ty.nelson@sd23.bc.ca)  
(250) 870-5106

## Safety First!

Please **DO NOT** enter our **staff parking lot** between 8am-3pm. Students are often crossing the parking lot before / after school.

**We have had near-misses!**

### Reminders for our Community

- Please remind your children to wear helmets with scooters and bikes.
- Bikes and scooters must be walked when on school property.
- Please do not attempt to climb the school roof to retrieve balls or other items. RCMP is called whenever unauthorized access occurs for safety reasons.
- Please keep pets off school property. There is signage in the school yard with this reminder.
- Pets are not allowed inside the school building due to severe allergies. Please contact the office with any questions.

## Placement Requests

Each year, CMS receives a number of parent requests regarding student placements for the upcoming school year. Please know that it is very difficult to accommodate specific requests. There are many factors to consider when placing students into a community including class organization, composition, and space. CMS's school staff and the elementary feeder schools work closely together starting in April to ensure **each** student's individual needs are considered. This includes good learning partners, academic and social emotional needs, and any other important information. Please note we will not be accepting specific teacher or community requests, however further information from parents regarding the kind of learning environment that you believe would be best for your child's learning is welcome and often helpful. This information must be submitted by April 1st in writing to [carson.tonn@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:carson.tonn@sd23.bc.ca).



Final placement decisions rest with the school with input from our elementary feeders. Thank you for your support and understanding.

# ERASE Anti-Bullying Program

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## I need help

You're not alone – everyone  
needs to ask for help sometimes



Talk to someone

Get in touch with a counsellor or a trained professional to talk about things you or someone you know may be dealing with.



Report it  
anonymously

The erase Report It tool is an easy way to send a message to your school safety team, who can help.



Call 911

If you aren't sure if your situation is an emergency, you can still call. Help is available.

Learn about **erase**  
and access the  
Report It tool



[erase.gov.bc.ca](https://erase.gov.bc.ca)

# Brave Hearts Club

Children's Grief and Loss Support Group

Where  
Healing  
Meets  
connection



Wednesdays from 4pm- 5:30pm  
April 29 - June 17

Central Okanagan Hospice Association is pleased to offer an eight week grief and loss support group for children ages 6-12 who have experienced the loss of a family member or friend through death.

A safe space to explore grief

Art, games, gentle discussion

Snacks and refreshments

No cost to attend



Registration is Required  
Starts April 29, 4pm-5:30pm  
COHA August Center, #200-1890 Cooper Road

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250.763.5511

