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APRIL 2018 SCHOOL MESSAGE

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Important Dates**April 2018**

- 3– Classes Resume
- 3, 10, 17 – Hockey Card Club
- 4, 11 – Hachimal Club
- 6 – Inglewood Bird Sanctuary (K-AM)
- 6 – Killarney Connects 12 – 12:30
- 9,16,23,30 – LOL Club
- 10, 7, 24 – Crochet Club
- 12, 26 – Maiden's Circle Club
- 12 – Fun Lunch
- 12 – AE Cross Drama Presentation (1:30)
- 13 – Inglewood Bird Sanctuary (K-PM)
- 13 – Showcase (UE) 12 – 12:30
- 16 – Orff the Wall
- 17, 18, 19 – Leighton Centre (LE)
- 17 – School Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- 18, 19 – Rothney Observatory (UE)
- 20 – **PD Day – No School for Students**
- 21 – Young Writer's Conference (Robert Thirsk School)
- 23 – Student Council 12:10 pm
- 23 - 27 – Sound Kreations
- 23 – Spirit Day
- 23 – Fun Fit Friday 12 – 12:30
- 30 – Stem Club Gr. 1 & 2

"The land is where our roots are. The children must be taught to feel and live in harmony with the Earth." – Maria Montessori

This quote is so appropriate particularly at this time of year. With the warming of the weather and longer days, children should be outdoors connecting with the environment. Living in harmony with the earth also extends to the animals, plants and people that are part of our planet. We can only understand and have empathy for concepts we experience so we try to provide our students with opportunities to learn and explore outside the school as often as possible. You are always welcome to be part of your child(ren)'s educational experiences through volunteering! Come connect with us on a field trip or in the classroom. It is our hope by making these important connections students will develop the skills and attitudes needed to succeed in our future world.

We are well into the homestretch of the school year but show no signs of slowing down. We have another Artist-In-Residence, Sound Kreations, field trips, performances including Orff the Wall, new clubs, as well as the regular day-to-day events in learning. Our school focus of Connections continues to be the overarching theme and the students have embraced showcasing and celebrating their learning in our Killarney Connects Assemblies each Friday. The assemblies have provided the time for us to connect as a school community and we continue to be inspired by the ways our students are connecting with their learning.

Grace, Gratitude, and Courtesy will be at the forefront of our work. We will refocus on being aware of our impact on those around us as well as fostering peace and calm through mindfulness. We encourage families to continue the work at home through practice in courteous behaviour and intentional observation of our surrounding environment.

Our school yearbook is now available to order. This wonderful keepsake highlights some of the many events and activities we have done this year as well as the tremendous growth of our students. We encourage families to purchase our inaugural yearbook by going online to: Ybpay.lifetouch.ca and using ID# 13423018.

We look forward to April bringing a renewed energy and many more wonderful connections!

With Gratitude,
Bonnie Caldwell and Christine McCrory

SCHOOL EVENTS TO CELEBRATE

FROM THE CLASSROOMS

ROOM 8-PM

Favorite things in Kindergarten...

"I liked working on the animal research project. I learned about deer. I learned that they eat bark, and they live in the forest. I chose to write about deer because I always when I go to Canmore, I see deer. I liked the project because it was hard work."

- Harlow, Rm 8-PM

"I like working with the dressing frame that teaches me how to tie, because it can help me so I can wear laces on summer days."

- Elliot, Rm 8-PM

"I have really liked building the class tree house, because I like art and building, and any kind of designing. We have worked together; we've had fun, and used our brains a lot. So far, we've painted coloured bricks, a tree, a rainbow and flower boxes for our two windows. We are making a curtain door. I'm super-duper excited to play in it, but the best part about it is designing - because I love designing."

- Ronin, Rm 8-PM

I like working with the Blue Sentence Strips, because I like matching the objects with the words. It's fun. I like learning to read, because I can learn more things."

- Mohammed, Rm 8-PM

ROOM 7

We had an amazing experience with our Scientists in School Workshop! The students learned all about liquids through a variety of experiments. They looked at the effect of salt on ice and received a special treat at the end (freezies that they froze themselves using ice and salt). They learned about the states of matter, atoms and molecules, solubility of materials, how different objects sink and float, how to use corn syrup and dish soap to create super strong bubbles, and a "magic trick" at the end with dancing popcorn.

- Room #7



ROOM 17

Attached, is a recent bulletin board display of our Norval Morriseau Artwork. He is a Canadian Artist from the Canadian Shield Region. Our class went snowshoeing on one of the very cold days in February. We managed to find a sunny powder filled morning and got moving despite the arctic temperatures. One exciting piece of news this week was we received our first personal letter back from the Great Canadian Mail Race and Jada was the winner! She had written to Riverview East School in New Brunswick and received a letter back from a Grade four boy named Amaziah. They are now going to be penpals!



Here's a sample of Poetry that four grade four students wrote in response to their literature circles book, Shark Lady. The children wrote this to match the rhythm and rhyme pattern of Hush Little Baby. The mini-lesson was about syllables and matching words to a rhythm. They were asked to follow the plot structure for their story and put the events in sequence.

*There was a lady who loved the sharks, she went by the name of Eugenie Clark
Once she met a giant spider crab, it almost killed her but its head she did grab*

*In Australia Great White found, in the deep sea where they dive with no sound
Eugenie had some bad luck her submersible was deep down and stuck*

Mexico was a good trip, the whale shark's brain is in their upper lip

*She fought for the Rasmohamid reef, it's protection as a park was relief
Twelve thousand feet deep she saw a shark, a cookie cutter one for Mrs. Clark*

- by Matt, Marlow, Bella and Jonas

WE BAKE FOR CHANGE

The Me to We students, with the support of the Killarney Parent Council, organized and hosted a bake sale with proceeds being donated to the Me To We organization. **The total amount raised was \$555.35!!** The baked goods were supplied by families of Killarney School and were enjoyed by many throughout the afternoon and evening during the Festival of Trees event. A huge amount of gratitude to: Zach and Jasper and the other Me To We students, Amy Wong and Melissa Wolski for their assistance and guidance in this worthy endeavour, and all the families who donated the treats!!



SCHOOL INFORMATION

SCHOOL FEES

School Fees may be paid online by going to My CBE Account via our webpage: <http://school.cbe.ab.ca/school/Killarney>

Of course, we still accept cheques, debit, credit or cash (exact).

If you are having trouble with your payment, please contact Bonnie Caldwell to discuss your payment options.

SCHOOL HOURS

Grades 1-6

Monday-Thursday: 9:10 am – 3:50 pm (lunch from 12:10 – 1:10 pm)

Friday (early dismissal): 9:10 am – 12:30 pm

Morning Kindergarten

Monday – Thursday: 9:10 am – 12:00 pm

Every other Friday: 9:10 am – 12:30 pm (starting Sept. 29, alternating each Friday afterwards- not including Non-Instructional Days)

Afternoon Kindergarten

Monday-Thursday: 1:00 pm to 3:50 pm

Every other Friday: 9:10 am – 12:30 pm (starting Sept. 15, alternating each Friday afterwards- not including Non-Instructional Days)

The school office is open from 8:05 am until 4:05 pm. Monday through Thursday and 8:05 am until 12:30 pm on Friday. An answering machine is available to take messages at all other times.

SUPERVISION

Supervision is available at 8:55 am. Please ensure the supervisor is on duty before leaving your child at school.

ATTENDANCE

Regular and prompt attendance is important for all students. If your child is going to be absent or late please contact the school office at 403-777-8360, ext.1, before 9:30 am to let us know. If your child is ill, please leave a message advising us.

If the school is not contacted, we will phone you as soon as possible after attendance is taken in the morning and the afternoon to confirm the safety of your child.

PICKING UP YOUR CHILD

Sometimes parents wish to take children out of the lunchroom or from school for a special occasion or appointment. It is important that we are informed so that we know where your child is. A sign-out binder is kept on a table outside the main office. Parents are asked to

inform the office and sign out their child. Please also help us to be aware of any custody agreements that may dictate who your child is permitted to leave the school with.

If you are picking your child up early for appointments or arrive late for pickup, please come to the main office. In the interest of safety, children are not to stand alone outside. Children will be directed to go to the office if you are late or have not picked up your child immediately after school.

SECURITY

All parents and visitors are required to sign in at the office. Please be aware that all adults who are working with children in the school are required to complete a police security screening as described in our Volunteer Program section below.

CBE VOLUNTEER SECURITY CLEARANCE PROCEDURES

In 2014, Calgary Police Service changed the process in which volunteers will obtain police information checks. Under the new system:

1. Volunteers will report to the school to **register to become a volunteer**. (must complete school volunteer letter annually – same procedure as before)
2. School administration will verify the potential volunteer's identity. (volunteer must provide 2 pieces of gov't issued id to school administration in order to verify identity, one of which must be photo id)
3. Using the Online Volunteer Security Clearance Process Website, school administration will enter the name of the potential volunteer into the CBE database.
4. After entering the potential volunteer's information, school administration will obtain a volunteer letter from the CBE database.
5. School administration will give or email this letter to the potential volunteer, who can then apply for their own police check using the online **ePIC system**. As well as the ePIC letter, a "takeaway instructions" are given to the potential volunteer explaining what they need to do to obtain their security clearance. (They can enter online or they can visit Calgary Police district office)

The takeaway letter to the volunteer states:

1. Before beginning this process, you (the volunteer) should scan or take a picture of the letter provided to you by the CBE, which includes the Volunteer Organization Authorization Number (VOAN). You should also scan or take pictures of 2 pieces of valid government issued ID, with at least one being a piece of photo ID. **Pictures or scans of both sides of the identification are required.** Acceptable forms of non-photo gov't issued id are: birth cert, health care card, immigration document, marriage certificate, social insurance card. Acceptable forms of photo gov't issued id are: driver's license, citizenship card, firearms card, military id, native status card, passport, provincial photo id card, permanent residency card, Nexus card.
2. You will need to upload copies of these files to the Police Information Check (PIC) system for identification verification purposes using the following URL: <http://www.calgary.ca/cps/Pages> You should now be taken to the PIC system.
3. Click the 'Police Information Check' button on the right side of the screen. CPS has online documentation for applicants posted on their web page. ** If a volunteer has chosen to use DDE (Direct Data Entry) at a Calgary Police district office, or has had

to report for fingerprinting, their PIC status will not be updated automatically. The volunteer will be given a letter from CPS and will bring it in to the school. When the volunteer brings in the letter school administration will update a volunteer's application status in the ePIC system. **

At this time, only volunteers who reside in Calgary are able to volunteer with the CBE according to the new system (unless you were approved previously and your clearance has not yet expired).



QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR “NUT SENSITIVE” POLICY

We have children at our school who are allergic to nuts and related nut products. The specifics and the severity are different for each individual. At Killarney School we discourage the consumption of these nut products at recess and during the lunch hour. Parents must indicate any special health concerns on the school registration for their child and are encouraged to ensure classroom teachers are also aware of health issues.

Please note that should your child come to school with a product that includes nuts, we will offer them a comfortable place to eat that food. A friendly reminder notice will be sent home with the child to remind families to avoid packing these types of products.

We sincerely thank you for your continued support with our desire to keep all students healthy and safe.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Our new early dismissal on Fridays allows us time to get together as a staff and participate in collaborative professional learning. Staff at Killarney are working towards enhancing student achievement in Math and Literacy which are both focuses of our School Development Plan. Our Montessori lens is what guides us as we seek to improve student learning and we will be embedding a design thinking process to support our students in building the ability to inquire, take risks in their learning, and problem solve. We hope to foster the best in the world and the best for the world.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

THE 2017-2018 KILLARNEY SCHOOL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

- **Chair:** Greg Macijuk
- **Vice Chair:** Amy Wong
- **Treasurer:** VACANT
- **Secretary:** Becky Lynn
- **Casino Administrator:** VACANT
- **Communications Chair:** Miranda Shannon
- **Key Communications:** Peter Jamieson
- **Casino Coordinator:** Tracy Loewen
- **Volunteer Coordinator:** VACANT
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- **Gardens Maintenance Chair:** Peter Jamieson
- **Assistant to the Gardens Maintenance Chair:** Maurice Doll
- **Website Maintenance:** Miranda Shannon



Dear Heather,

This letter is to confirm that WE Charity has received your donation of \$555.35 on February 15, 2018 in support of the Opportunity Pillar.

Killamey School
Total amount: \$555.35
Date: 02/15/2018
Fund designation: Opportunity Pillar

On behalf of the entire WE Charity team, we would like to extend our deepest gratitude for your generous contribution. Your donation will help us to empower thousands of children here at home to become agents of change and support WE Charity's mission to break the cycle of poverty in the communities that we work with.

Best Regards,

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Families – our Partners in Education

Spring break is approaching, which always marks an important milestone in the school year. After seven months of teaching and learning, we hope your child continues to be engaged, motivated and enjoying learning in their school.

While we work with your children every school day, we know that a significant amount of learning happens at home. Parents and guardians are their students' first and most important teachers, and you are the CBE's most important partners. We rely on you to work with us in multiple ways to recognize and nurture your child's unique gifts and abilities. Whether it's helping your child with homework, volunteering with the class or maintaining an ongoing dialogue with your child's teachers, your involvement makes a difference to your child's learning. From kindergarten to high school completion, we encourage families to continue to take an active role in their child's learning at home. And if you need help or tips for how to become more involved, talk to your child's teacher. They are always willing to share how well your child is achieving their goals, and what you can do to support them.

We are committed to strengthening our relationship with you and always finding new ways to involve you in the important work of your child's education.

Chief Superintendent of Schools Recruitment

As announced earlier this school year, CBE Chief Superintendent David Stevenson has announced his retirement effective April 26, 2018. The Board of Trustees has contracted a recruitment firm, Optimum Talent, to support a nation-wide search for a new Chief Superintendent.

The Chief Superintendent is the Board of Trustees' only employee and has leadership and responsibility

for the overall operation and performance of the school district and student learning as it relates to accomplishing the Board's Results policies. The successful candidate will guide and develop the long-term strategic vision for the CBE; prioritizing the support of student success while balancing parent expectations and the management of our system within the funding we receive. The successful candidate will be a strong leader, ambassador and promoter of the CBE and public education who is visible across the system and community.

The Board is working towards having a new Chief Superintendent in place by the next school year. Details about the transition period will be shared once they are confirmed.

The Board of Trustees thanks David Stevenson for his leadership and direction. His more than 40 years of service at the Calgary Board of Education has made a difference in the lives of countless students, staff and Calgary families. We wish him all the best in his retirement.

Budget Comment Form

Budget season is drawing closer, and we'd like to hear your thoughts and comments on what is important to you. A budget comment form is available on our website at cbe.ab.ca/budget.

Providing your name and email address are optional, but encouraged in cases where you may wish for a response from our team. Some of your questions and comments may be anonymously posted on our Dollars & Sense web page, where Brad Grundy, our chief financial officer, provides a public response.

March 2018



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 SCHOOL CLOSED	3 CLASSES RESUME Hockey Card Club 2:30 pm	4 Hachimal Club 2:30 pm	5	6 UE Service work Inglewood Bird Sanctuary (K-AM) Killarney Connects 12:00 – 12:30 pm
9 UETS LOL Club 12:35 pm	10 Hockey Card Club 2:30 pm Crochet Club	11 Hachimal Club 2:30 pm	12 Fun Lunch – Jugo Juice Maiden’s Circle Club AE Cross Drama Presentation 1:30 pm	13 Inglewood Bird Sanctuary (K-PM) Showcase (UE) 12:00 – 12:30 pm
16 ORFF the Wall rms 13, 14 & gr 6’s 9:00 – 2:00 5:30 – 9:00 LOL Club 12:35 pm	17 Leighton Centre (LE) Crochet Club Hockey Card Club 2:30 pm School Council Meeting 6:30 pm	18 Leighton Centre (LE) Rothney Observatory (UE) (12, 17)	19 Leighton Centre (LE) Rothney Observatory (UE) (13, 14)	20 CBE PD DAY
23 UETS Student Council 12:10 pm LOL Club 12:35 pm Sound Kreations – Artist in Residence	24 Crochet Club Sound Kreations – Artist in Residence	25 Sound Kreations – Artist in Residence	26 Sound Kreations – Artist in Residence Maiden’s Circle Club Spirit Day – Favorite Character Day	27 Sound Kreations Performance (am) Fun Fit Friday 12:00 – 12:30 pm
30 UETS Stem Club gr 1 & 2, in rm 5 12:10 pm LOL Club 12:35 pm				