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MARCH 2018 SCHOOL MESSAGE

Important Dates**March 2018**

- 1 – Parent Night – “I am 11”
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- 1 – Dance Club (LE)
- 2 – Killarney Connects
12:00 – 12:30 pm
- 5, 6, 7 – Scientists in School (LE)
- 5 – Student Council 12:10
- 5 – Coding Club
- 5 – Dance Club (UE)
- 6 – Beyblade Club
- 8 – Dance Club (LE)
- 9 – Killarney Connects
12:00 - 12:30 pm
- 12 – Student Council
- 12 – Conference Manager opens
- 12 – Coding Club
- 12 – Dance Club (UE)
- 13, 20 – Hockey Card Club
- 14, 21 – Hachimal Club
- 15 – Dance Club (LE)
- 16 – Spirit Day – Jersey Day
- 16 – Fun Fit Friday
12:00 – 12:30
- 19 – Dance Club (UE)
- 20 – Vaccinations, Gr 5
- 20 – School Council Meeting
6:30 pm
- 22 – Fun Lunch
- 22 – Parent/Teacher Conferences
4:30 – 8:15 pm
- 23 – Parent/Teacher Conferences
8:00 am – 1:00 pm
- 23 – No school for students
- 26 – April 2 – Spring Break
No School for students

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Our wonderful Montessori school continues to grow extraordinary people. Our Open House showcased some of the talent we have and continue to nurture with our students presenting and speaking to their Montessori lessons and our alumni returning to share how being a student at Killarney prepared them to move forward into their Jr. High experiences. What was most powerful were the moments when the students, parents and staff brought their stories to life through their connections with each other at Killarney School. We overheard many perspective parents comment on the community feel they had as they wandered through the school and chatted with our hosts. It is our belief in this sense of community that truly makes our Montessori school a special place to belong.

We are half way through our school year and we continue to be busy looking to the months ahead. We look forward to welcoming our new Kindergarten families and will prepare to bid our Grade 6’s farewell. We thank those who have returned the planning sheet for next year and remind those who have yet to do so, to please get them in so we can make plans using the most accurate information available.

Great thanks to our Killarney Parent Council, for the support they offer in providing those memorable “extras” students will remember long past the day they graduate from our program. The Artists in Residence, Fun Lunches, Olympics Day, and the Spring Showcase are just a few recent happenings that KPC has supported and we look forward to the Spring family dance, Sound Kreations, and the year-end field trip!

We would also like to extend a great amount of appreciation to our Montessori Alternative Public School Society (aka MAPSS) for giving us the resources to purchase new and replacement Montessori materials in our classrooms. Their dedication and support has allowed us to continue to keep our classes well-resourced with Montessori materials and provide students with a prepared learning environment.

Our School Resource Officer, Constable Hartmann, has visited Killarney School on a number of occasions to help monitor the traffic at dismissal time. We would like to remind parents that our priority is to keep our students safe getting to and from school and that road safety is of concern. Please be sure to cross at corners, park a safe distance away from stop signs and intersections, and allow our Safety Patrols to do their job in a safe environment. We never want to endanger our children so we need to work together to guarantee their well-being.

We are so very fortunate to have a school with exceptional students, staff, and families. As we head into warmth of the Spring (we are always optimistic!!) we know that our months will bring new growth, new challenges, new opportunities and new connections! We look forward to ‘March-ing’ forward!

With Gratitude,

Bonnie Caldwell and Christine McCrory

SCHOOL EVENTS TO CELEBRATE

FROM THE CLASSROOMS

ROOM 1

The Pyeongchang Olympics was held from February 16 to February 26, 2018. Our school decided to have each class choose a country. We chose to represent the country of Sweden. We researched about the country, made flags to wave, and wore Swedish flag hats as we entered the auditorium, for the opening ceremonies.

Participating with our buddy class we played hockey, shared our research about Sweden, painted the Olympic rings and had an Olympic scavenger hunt. Thank- you parent council for providing such spectacular events. We enjoyed it all. It was the best Killarney Olympic Games ever!!

- Harre and Shureymi, Room 1



ROOM 6

My favourite new lesson in math was the checkerboard because you can multiply huge numbers. It is a lengthy process and it is very challenging.

Finlay, Room 6

I really liked adding details to Ms. Laing-Chan's boring sentences. It was on bears. I added details like, "a bear has fur", "the fur is as soft as cotton". I liked it because it was fun and helped me be a better writer.

Anastasia, Room 6

I really like stamp game. It helps me add bigger numbers and if I get the answers wrong I learn from my mistakes. I can do addition and subtraction.

- Caitlin, Room 6

ROOM 12

Hello, my name is Taz and this is what has been happening in room 12 lately. We have been working very hard on our Canadian road trip journal. It is about the six regions of Canada. We are working on the interior plains right now. We are also working on Carnival Quebec which happens every year for the French culture. The last thing is sky science we have been learning that we are just a little speck in our known universe.

- Taz, Room 12

KILLARNEY SCHOOL OLYMPICS

We would like to extend special thanks to Leah McIntyre, Andrea Purdy, Joanna Anagnostakos-Glynn and all the parent volunteers that contributed to such a fun-filled Killarney School Olympics!

POLAR BEAR CLUB

Over 40 students have signed up for Polar Bear Club. This is an opportunity for kids to have fun in the snow, even if it is a little cold.



JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Killarney is excited to participate in the Heart and Stroke Foundation Jump Rope for Heart. On February 21, we had an amazing kick off with our Skipping Club energizing us to skip, skip, skip! Our campaign runs until March 11 and our goal is to raise \$4000.00 Our Jump Rope coordinator told us all of the proceeds will go to the Alberta Children's Hospital and Foothills Hospital. All students have received a fundraising envelope.



NEXT YEAR REGISTRATION

Please remember to return the Next Year Planning form (goldenrod) that was sent home with students on January 29, 2018, so that we can plan for next year using the most accurate information.

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE – CHRIS SANDVOSS

We are continuing to learn and discover through Design Thinking and our artist-in-residence Chris Sandvoss. Our chess pieces are now complete and Room 17 is considering how to create a special rack to move them in and out during recess.



TEACHER'S PET

Our lower elementary classrooms welcomed Teacher's Pet to classrooms as part of our social studies program of studies. Students learned about Tunisia, India and Ukraine in a fun and hands-on way!



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Daylight saving time for 2018 is on Sunday, March 11, 2018. Don't forget to move your clocks ahead by one hour. Spring ahead!

PRACTICAL LIFE

Practical life teaches basic, useful, purposeful life – a way of living. Practical life Exercises are just that, they are exercises so the child can learn how to do living activities in a purposeful way.



STUDENT CLUBS

We continue to have many clubs running throughout the year. If you are interested in sharing your talents and passions through a club, please see Mrs. Caldwell for more information.

Upcoming Clubs: Hockey Card Club, Hachimal Club

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>

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.

FROM YOUR 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
- **Special Events Chair:** Andrea Purdy
- **Special Events Chair:** Joanna Anagnostakos
- **MAPPS Liason:** Shan Rahim
- **Fundraising Campaign Chair:** Amy Wong
- **Gardens Maintenance Chair:** Darren Wolski
- **Gardens Maintenance Chair:** Peter Jamieson
- **Assistant to the Gardens Maintenance Chair:** Maurice Doll
- **Website Maintenance:** Miranda Shannon



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26 SPRING BREAK	27 SPRING BREAK Classes resume on	28 SPRING BREAK Tuesday, April 3,	29 SPRING BREAK 2018	30 SPRING BREAK