



KLO WEEKLY MEMO

September 8 - 12, 2025

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

I would like to start off by welcoming our new families to our KLO community. We look forward to getting to know more about you and your child/ren throughout the school year. It is always so wonderful to welcome our new and returning students back to school. While there are always a lot of big feelings (excitement, nervousness, anxiety, etc.) that come along with getting back-to-school, it is so uplifting to see the students smiling and connecting with their new classmates and teachers. Middle school is the perfect place to continue building old relationships, as well as a place to build and forge new friendships.

We are off to a great start and our enrollment is close to 800 students to start the year. Operations have been busy this summer renovating our kitchen/school store space, refinishing our gym floors and replacing our roof. We have also spruced up our hallways to help make KLO feel warm and welcoming for our students and community. The KLO Weekly Memo will be your best source of information for what's going on at KLO. These Memos will be sent out via School Messenger on Friday afternoons. The Memo is also available on our [KLO website](#). If you have not been receiving emails from KLO to date, you may need to sign up for [School Messenger](#). If you have already signed up and you are still not receiving the Memo, please contact the KLO office so that we can help you out. If students are leaving early, they must be signed out using School Messenger. For safety reasons, students must also be sure to sign in and sign out at the office anytime they are arriving late or leaving early.

As many of you have probably experienced, our KLO parking lot is bonkers! We encourage families to avoid the parking lot by dropping their child/ren off at alternate locations (Lanfranco rd. or the Evangel Church, etc.) and then having them walk onto the property. Please respect the signage, stay out of the staff parking areas and avoid stopping the flow of traffic. Patience and kindness also goes a long way when navigating our busy parking lot. Thank you for your understanding.

Our KLO Mission this year is focused on the ABC's - Academic Growth, Belonging and Community. With this Mission in mind, we wish your child an amazing year of academic growth, a strong sense of belonging and a deep connection to our incredible KLO community.

If you have any questions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to connect with your child's classroom teachers or our Admin team. Have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,
Nathen Elliott
Principal
École KLO Middle School
nathen.elliott@sd23.bc.ca

Upcoming Events...

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6712 Hockey Academy 1:30-3:00 PM (Rink 2)	3456 Grade 9 Boys Volleyball Tryouts 3:30 - 4:30 PM	7123 Grade 9 Boys Volleyball Tryouts 3:30 - 4:30 PM	4567	1234

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5671	2345 Hockey Academy 8:15 - 9:45 AM (Rink 1)	6712 Welcome Back BBQ 5:30 - 6:30 PM KLO Front Breezeway PAC AGM 6:30 - 7:30 PM Library Learning Commons All caregivers welcome! Hockey Academy 1:45 - 3:15 (Rink TBD)	3456 School Photo Day  (Photo retakes on Oct 21)	7123

WEEKLY MEMO

→ The Family Weekly Memo is usually emailed to KLO Families at the end of the school week. You can view the Family Weekly Memo on our KLO website under the [Parents Tab](#) (including past memos). This is our main form of weekly communication so please check it regularly for school updates.

PARKING LOT

Please use caution when dropping off and picking up your child in the KLO parking lot. There is not a lot of space and it is important to respect the flow of traffic - **no stopping** in the staff parking area or along red curbs / sidewalks.

When possible, please arrange an alternate pickup spot for your child in neighbouring areas (for example, along Lanfranco). Evangel church across Gordon road has also kindly allowed families to use their spacious parking lot as a dropoff and pickup location for our students.

SCHOOL BUS



Please review SD23's [School Bus Rider Rules](#) if your student is taking the school bus

SCHOOLS SUPPLIES

✨ We have backpacks with school supplies donated by Telus available in the Nest (see Ms. Rootes). ✨



- 1-2 Binders (zippered binder recommended)
- Dividers
- Lined paper (250 sheets minimum)
- Pencils (recommended number is 24)
- Ruler
- Scientific calculator
- Scissors
- Glue
- Pencil sharpener
- 2 Erasers
- Highlighter
- Box of pencil crayons
- Box of felt markers
- Pack of 5 exercise notebooks
- Pack of 5 duotangs
- Whiteout
- One grid paper notebook

COURSE CHANGE REQUESTS

Any students who are requesting a course change are invited to pick up a form in the office between September 12-19.



Class size/composition are often the determining factor in these moves. Our School Based Team will meet to review requests (Administration, Counsellor, Inclusion Support Teachers, Indigenous Advocates, Learning Assistance Teachers, Resource Teachers, Student Support Teacher). Parent/Guardian will be contacted by email or phone once the decision has been made.

Please reach out to your administrator if you have any questions about the process:

Last Names A-K: Ty.Nelson@sd23.bc.ca

Last Names L-Z: Laura.Wiemken@sd23.bc.ca

STARTUP SCHOOL PAPERWORK

Please ensure your student returns their startup paperwork to their homeroom teacher or the office next week:

- General Walking Field Studies Form
- Verification Form
- AI Consent Form
- GAFE Agreement [new SD23 students only]

SCHOOL FEES



School Activity/Cultural Fees are \$30.00 per student for this school year. They have now been added to your child's student account by School District 23. All School District 23 fees are paid using [School Cash Online](#).

Please contact the KLO Admin team if you are facing a financial hardship that may restrict the ability of your child to access a school program so we can help with financial matters.

See more information about School Cash Online [HERE](#).

If you are having difficulties with School Cash Online, please contact the parent support line at 1-866-961-1803 or email parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com

PHOTO DAY - SEPTEMBER 18

School Photo Day is coming on Thursday, September 18th! Please keep in mind that students should try and wear darker clothing and simpler patterns. Students will be bringing home an express proof so that you can see their portrait.

Retakes will be on October 21.



KLO'S SCHOOL LUNCH STORE

Our school lunch store received a major renovation over the summer and will remain closed until the completion of the project. In the meantime, we have contracted daily meals with local businesses that are available for purchase on a first come first serve basis. Please pack a nutritious lunch or purchase the daily meal at the start of lunch.

Monday - Pasta \$5

Tuesday - Burrito \$5

Options: Chicken or Veggie

Wednesday - Sushi \$5

Options: California, Spicy California, Yam or Veggie

Thursday - Sandwich \$5

Options: Ham, Turkey or Veggie

Friday - Pizza \$2.50 / slice

Options: Cheese, Pepperoni, Ham & Pineapple or Veggie



We strive to ensure all our students are well-fed and ready to learn. Any families who need food support can email laura.wiemken@sd23.bc.ca to be added to our free lunch list.

PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)



The purpose of the KLO PAC is to promote and improve the quality of education and the well being of students at KLO Middle School. Our PAC helps decide where to allocate the gaming funds to specific needs within our school. They also run school events and fundraisers to help improve the KLO community.

The first PAC meeting is on **Wednesday, September 17th at 6:30PM** after the September Welcome + Meet the Teacher BBQ. All KLO parents / guardians are invited and encouraged to attend!

FUNDRAISERS

KLO PAC has an ongoing fundraiser with **Return-It Express**. Please consider supporting your PAC when returning your cans/bottles. See more information [HERE](#).

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

École KLO Middle School

3130 Gordon Drive
Kelowna, BC V1W 3M4
Phone: 250-870-5106
Email: KLO@sd23.bc.ca



The best way to stay informed about events at École KLO Middle School is to visit our website at klo.sd23.bc.ca

The office will also send out weekly emails with the "Family Weekly Memo" which includes upcoming calendar events and updates.

On occasion we will send out emergency information (such as school closures) or other time sensitive communications.

Please ensure that your phone number, address and email contact information are correct in our system through the verification sheets sent home at the beginning of the year or by contacting the office.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Principal	Nathen Elliott	nathen.elliott@sd23.bc.ca
Vice-Principal (last name A-K)	Ty Nelson	ty.nelson@sd23.bc.ca
Vice-Principal (last name L-Z)	Laura Wiemken	laura.wiemken@sd23.bc.ca
Head Secretary (Student Fees)	Ginger Johnson	ginger.johnson@sd23.bc.ca
Registration (Student Records)	Collin Whyte	collin.whyte@sd23.bc.ca
ELL Teacher	Emily Gingera	emily.gingera@sd23.bc.ca
Counsellor	Kelli Rootes	kelli.rootes@sd23.bc.ca
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Resource Teachers	Dawn Trozzo Corey Grant	dawn.trozzo@sd23.bc.ca corey.grant@sd23.bc.ca
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Athletic Director	Garth Dupre	garth.dupre@sd23.bc.ca

YEARLY CALENDAR - IMPORTANT DATES

KLO MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARLY CALENDAR 2025 - 2026			
Days in Session		190 (3 summer Pro Days August 25, 26, 27)	
Number of days of instruction		183	
Number of non-instructional days		7	
Schools Open (early dismissal – 11:30am)		Tuesday, September 2	
Welcome Back BBQ and PAC AGM		Wednesday, September 17	
National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (schools closed)		Tuesday, September 30	
Administrative Implementation Day (students do not attend)		Friday, October 10	
Thanksgiving Day (schools closed)		Monday, October 13	
Student Led Learning Conversations/Parent Teacher Conferences (early dismissal – 12:15pm)		Wednesday, October 22	
Teacher Professional Day (students do not attend)		Friday, October 24	
Remembrance Day Assembly		Monday, November 10	
Remembrance Day November 11 (schools closed)		Tuesday, November 11	
Winter Break period (schools closed)		December 22 – January 2	
Schools reopen after Winter Break		Monday, January 5	
Showcase of Learning (early dismissal – 12:15pm)		Wednesday, January 21	
Teacher Professional Day (Support Staff In-Service Day – (students do not attend)		Friday, February 13	
Family Day (schools closed)		Monday, February 16	
Spring Break period (schools closed)		March 16 – March 27	
Schools reopen after Spring Break		Monday, March 30	
Good Friday (schools closed)		Friday, April 3	
Easter Monday (schools closed)		Monday, April 6	
Track and Field Day		Wednesday, May 13	
Victoria Day (schools closed)		Monday, May 18	
Celebrations of Learning		June 22, 23, 24	
Last Day for Students (early dismissal – 9:30am)		Thursday, June 25	
Administrative Day (students do not attend)		Friday, June 26	
TERMS		SEMESTERS	
Term 1	September 2 - November 28	Semester 1 – September 2 - January 21	
Term 2	December 1 - February 20	Semester 2 – January 22 - June 19	
Term 3	February 23 - June 19		
REGULAR BELL SCHEDULE - 313 instructional minutes per day			
Block A	8:55 – 10:14	Lunch	11:43 – 12:23
Block B	10:14 – 10:25	Block C	12:23 – 1:41
Block B	10:25 – 11:43	Block D	1:41 – 1:52
		Dismissal	1:52 – 3:10
			3:10
EARLY DISMISSALS			
Early Dismissal at 11:30 am – First Day of school		Tuesday, September 2	
Early Dismissal at 12:15 pm – Student Learning Conversations		Wednesday, October 22	
Early Dismissal at 12:15 pm – Showcase of Learning		Thursday, January 21	
Early Dismissal at 9:30 am – Report Cards Issued		Thursday, June 25	
LEARNING UPDATES ISSUED		December 5, March 5, June 25	

SCHOOL MAP



ÉCOLE KLO
MIDDLE SCHOOL

Gordon Dr
K.L.O. Rd

DIGITAL DEVICE RESTRICTIONS (e.g. Cell Phones, Smartwatch, etc)

In accordance with the requirements from the Ministry of Education and Child Care, schools across our district have updated their Student Code of Conduct to include the restricted use of cell phones and personal digital devices during school hours effective July 1, 2024. Please see [HERE](#) for further information. All electronic devices that are used for communication must be stored in student lockers from the time a student enters the school until the end of the school day, unless directly authorized by school staff. If you have any questions or concerns, please connect with Administration:

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APPEALS PROCEDURE / FINANCIAL HARDSHIP LANGUAGE

The Central Okanagan School District's Appeals Process Board Policy 460 – Appeals states that, "A student or a parent of a student who is entitled to an educational program in the Central Okanagan Public Schools may appeal a decision of an employee of the Board of Education which significantly affects the education, health or safety of the student". For a complete description of the Appeals Policy, along with the recommended steps to follow in attempting to solve a problem, please refer to Policy 460 – Appeals, that can be accessed from the 'Board Policies' link under the Board of Education heading on the School District homepage (www.sd23.bc.ca).

THE CENTRAL OKANAGAN SCHOOL DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL HARDSHIP CLAUSE

Within Board Regulation [425R – Student Fees](#), the Board of Education has indicated "that a student will not be excluded from any educational program due to financial hardship". Clause 8.5 in the Regulations states: "Principals are directed to establish a procedure in each school which will allow for the private and confidential consideration of financial circumstances of individual students and families. Such procedures will preserve the dignity of families who may be unable to pay". Please contact the school Principal if you are facing a financial hardship that may restrict the ability of your child to access a school program.

SANCTUARY SCHOOLS

Policy 421 – [Sanctuary Schools](#)

The Central Okanagan School District's Sanctuary Schools Policy Board Policy 421 – Sanctuary Schools upholds the Board's commitment to providing educational opportunities for all students who are ordinarily residents in the Central Okanagan, including those with precarious immigration status or no immigration status. Student registrations that pertain to Policy 421 – Sanctuary Schools will be processed through the [Welcome Centre](#).

STAY TUNED

Information about KLO Athletics, Clubs and Upcoming Information/Events will be posted once the school year is underway. Please stay tuned for further information or contact KLOOffice@sd23.bc.ca with any question

COMMUNITY EVENTS/ RESOURCES

Fall 2025 Teen Programs & Certifications



Volleyball Training

Volleyball Training for Teens is run by Volleyball BC. This program has been modified and specifically designed for 13-15 year-olds who are a beginner or intermediate player of Volleyball. It focusses on how to properly bump set and spike and play the game.



Watson Elementary School Gym

Thursdays
• 34743: September 25 - October 23
• 34983: November 6 - December 4
8:15 - 9:15pm

Parkinson Rec Centre Gym

Mondays
• 34759: September 22 - November 3
• 34984: November 10 - December 15
4:30 - 5:30pm

In the Kitchen

Vegan Teen Cooking

In this class, teens will learn how to make nutritious, delicious meals that are vegan.

Parkinson Rec Centre Kitchen
6:00 - 8:00pm
Ages: 12Y - 18Y

35192: Thursday, October 23:
Lentil "Meat" Balls with Spaghetti
and Marinara Sauce

35193: Wednesday, November 19:
Black Bean Quesadilla with Mango
Salsa & Crema

35194: Monday, December 8:
Pad Thai with Tofu



Baking for Teens

In this engaging course, teens will acquire essential baking skills such as measuring, mixing, kneading, and decorating. They'll learn to make classic cookies, muffins, cupcakes, and simple breads, gaining hands-on experience and confidence to create their own sweet or savory treats at home.

Tuesdays

• 35210: September 16 - October 21
• 35211: October 28 - December 2
Parkinson Rec Centre Kitchen
5:30 - 7:00pm
Ages: 11Y - 15Y



Quick & Delicious Cooking for Teens

Whip up something delicious in no time! This fast-paced class teaches teens how to make simple, tasty meals and snacks using basic ingredients and kitchen tools. Perfect for building confidence, independence, and real-life cooking skills—no experience needed!

Parkinson Rec Centre Kitchen
6:00 - 7:15pm
Ages: 12 - 15Y
Mondays

• 34752: September 15 - October 6
• 34742: October 20 - November 10
• 34744: November 17 - December 1



Babysitter Certification

\$82



Canadian
Red Cross

Participants will gain the skills to provide age-appropriate care for young children while mastering effective emergency prevention and response techniques—all through a Red Cross Certified program.

Parkinson Activity Centre - Activity Room

9 am - 4 pm
Ages: 11Y - 18Y
Saturdays

• 34627: September 20
• 35213: October 18
• 35214: November 22

rec.kelowna.ca
250-469-8800



REGISTER NOW

Sports



Pickleball for Youth

Join this exciting pickleball class for teens, perfect for beginners or those wanting to improve. The class covers fundamentals like rules, techniques, and strategies, emphasizing teamwork and sportsmanship. Teens will gain confidence on the court while staying active and having fun.

Canyon Falls Middle Gymnasium
Ages: 12Y - 16Y
Saturdays
35255: September 6 - 27
35256: October 25 - December 13
11am - 12pm



Drop-in Basketball

Join us for basketball! This program welcomes all skill levels, emphasizing fun, friendship, and fitness. Feel free to bring your own ball, and remember to bring a dark and light shirt or jersey along with a water bottle.

Canyon Falls Middle Gymnasium
Ages: 13Y - 18Y
Saturdays
September 6 - 27
October 25 - November 15
November 22 - December 13
1:30 - 3:00pm

Tennis for Teens

Serve, rally, and improve your game! This fun and active class helps teens build tennis fundamentals, including proper grip, footwork, and stroke techniques. Taught by experienced instructors, it's a great way to stay active, meet new friends, and enjoy the game in a supportive setting.

Ages: 12Y - 16Y

Robertson Park

Wednesdays
34756: September 10 - October 8
5:00 - 6:00pm

City Park Tennis Court

Thursdays
34757: September 11 - October 2
5:00 - 6:00pm



CANADA SAFETY COUNCIL HOME ALONE & BABYSITTING COURSES



ONLINE & IN-PERSON SESSIONS

Home Alone: Ages 9+ yrs | \$53
Babysitter Training: 10.5+ yrs | \$70

Register at:

www.babysittingkelowna.com

kidz4safety@gmail.com

or

call/text 250-317-2868



SMASHBALL GIRLS & BOYS GR K-5!

LEARN MORE & REGISTER →



IGNITE A LOVE FOR VOLLEYBALL!

Volley Spark is a fun, energetic introduction to volleyball. For those just learning the game, or with no previous experience, Volley Spark is the perfect place to start!

- \$75 for 7-Week Program!
- Focused on Basic Skills!
- Locations in Mission, Rutland & Glenmore!
- Fun, Engaging & Encouraging Atmosphere!

FREE
TRY-IT
SESSION



GRADES K - 5

& more!

Free Youth Nights

Youth Night is the perfect way for young people to hang out, meet new friends, and enjoy a variety of activities. This always includes a free swim, gym time and other fun activities.

Parkinson Rec Centre
6:00 - 9:00 pm

Ages: 11Y - 15Y

• Saturday September 20
• Saturday October 18
• Saturday November 15

