

KLO WEEKLY MEMO

September 29 to October 3, 2025

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

Our KLO kitchen is almost complete and our food programs will be rolling in full force in the coming weeks. We are very excited for our new space and want to thank the Operations Department for all of the hard work that has gone into our new kitchen space. Our Entrepreneurial Leadership classes will be playing an important role within our food programs, moving forward, and we are excited for the positive impact this will have on our community.

Our school District will be honouring the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation on Monday, September 29, 2025. This important day calls on all of us to listen, learn, and honour the experiences of Indigenous peoples, especially the survivors of residential schools. It's a moment to acknowledge the truths of our history and commit to building a future rooted in respect, justice, and healing. Please wear **orange** on Monday to help contribute to supporting this day. Students will also be engaging in a learning task that helps them learn and understand why this work is so important for all Canadians. Please remember that there is NO SCHOOL on Tuesday, September 30, 2025.

Discovery Day course descriptions are now available. Please take some time to go through the options and choose your top five choices. Selection forms will be emailed to families on October 1st and will close on October 7th. Discovery Days will start on October 30, 2025. You can access the Discovery Day Descriptions Booklet [HERE](#). Thank you to all of our teachers for the enriching experiences they are offering our KLO learners. This is such a great opportunity for students across all programs, and grades, to connect and engage with something they are truly excited about.

As we look at bringing September to a close, the French Immersion students have been drumming, sports teams are rolling, art projects are filling up the hallways, drama and band programs are buzzing and our various departments are engaging students in meaningful learning across all subject areas. Way to go, KL!. Our KLO Leadership class continues to create our weekly [KLO News](#) segment. Check it out for a glimpse into what is going on at KLO.

As noted below in the Memo, please ensure all guests (parents, guardians, caregivers, etc.) are signed in at the office anytime they are entering the KLO building. Thank you for helping us keep KLO safe.

Thank you  for your generous donations to our Grade 7 ADST programs

Have a wonderful weekend, KLO.

Sincerely,
Nathen Elliott

Principal
École KLO Middle School
nathen.elliott@sd23.bc.ca

Upcoming Events...

Monday • lundi Skixwíws	Tuesday • mardi s7asíásq̓t	Wednesday • mercredi ska7ílasq̓t	Thursday • jeudi smasq̓t	Friday • vendredi scíkstasq̓t
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ALL GUESTS MUST SIGN IN AT KLO OFFICE!



All guests entering the KLO building must check in at the office and sign in.

This is a health and safety requirement for our school.

If you are approached, or questioned, by a staff member, please understand that this is coming from a place of care and safety. Your support and understanding are greatly appreciated.



NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION - SEPTEMBER 30

In March of 2023, the Province of B.C. recognized September 30th as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, declaring it a statutory holiday. This day creates time and space for all families and communities in British Columbia to reflect on Canada's history and to engage in Indigenous community events.

The day honours the children in Canada who attended residential schools, the survivors, and their families. It is also an opportunity for all British Columbians to learn about this part of our shared history and to reflect on a path forward towards reconciliation.

This statutory day responds to Call to Action #80 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, chaired by the Honourable Justice Murray Sinclair, which called on the federal government to establish a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to ensure public honouring of the history and legacy of residential schools is held up as a important part of the reconciliation process.

On September 30, we encourage families to wear orange, take part in local events, read Indigenous authored stories, learn more about the local syilx territory, and spend time learning and talking together about truth and reconciliation. Walking this path is a journey we share, hand in hand, as British Columbians.

National Day for Truth & Reconciliation
WITH THE SNCEWIPS HERITAGE MUSEUM

30 SEPTEMBER 2025 | 10 AM- 4PM

All are welcome – Admission by Donation

Residential School Presentation with Anona Kampe at 11:00 AM	Afternoon Storytelling with Coralee Miller	Tea & Bannock will be served
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Gallery Space has limited Capacity & Seating
ECM MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN THE GIFT STORE!

260-525 HWY 97s
KELOWNA BC V1Z 4C9
museum@wfn.ca
778-755-2787

KI-LOW-NA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY PRESENTS

Everyone's Welcome
Orange Shirt Day
Soup & Bannock
Essay Winners Announcement
March, Speakers & Presentations
Singers & Drummers Welcome

National Truth and Reconciliation Day
Tuesday, September 30 | 10am to 1pm

442 LEON AVENUE / KELOWNA BC / 250-763-4905
Contact Kailyn.Y@kfs.bc.ca for more info

MONITE TODAY

Truth and Reconciliation community events:

1. Westbank First Nation – sncwips Museum
2. Kelowna Friendship Society

Other Resources:

[National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - Canada.ca](https://www.canada.ca/en/truth-reconciliation/2023/09/national-day-for-truth-and-reconciliation.html)

[Understanding the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](https://www.understandingcanada.ca/understanding-the-national-day-for-truth-and-reconciliation/)

[Orange Shirt Society](https://www.orange-shirt-society.com/)

DISCOVERY DAYS

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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.

OPTIONAL STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE



Central Okanagan Public Schools does not insure expenses for student injuries that occur on school grounds or during school activities. Parents and guardians can voluntarily purchase private accident insurance. [Student Accident Insurance by StudyInsured](#) is a voluntary plan that provides coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses, and critical illness. To apply for the Plan or to find out more, click [here](#)

PHOTO DAY RETAKES



Photo Day retakes will be on October 21st.

Please keep in mind that students should try and wear darker clothing and simpler patterns.

No green (can interfere with the backdrop)!

*Any families requesting financial assistance to purchase school photos can reach out to vice-principal Ty Nelson at ty.nelson@sd23.bc.ca.

Our school recently participated in photo day. Your child should have a sheet similar to the one on the right. If you do not have an *Express Proof* for your child, contact Photo Expressions at studio@photoexpressions.ca or 604-477-7399 to request your Online Code.

Photo Expressions

YOUR PHOTOS ARE ONLINE! Scan the QR code below!
(Or visit weblink below)

Visit photoexpressions.ca/orders and enter your Online Code

Your personal Online Code

GRADE 7 - NETHERLANDS EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITY



Grade 7 students will have the opportunity to apply for an exchange program between KLO and a group of middle students in Veendam, Netherlands. [HERE](#) is the application form which is due October 24 at 3:10pm. Once all the applications have been submitted, a selection process will take place for the 24 student seats. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Sodaro (Michael.Sodaro@sd23.bc.ca) or Mr. Boersma (Justin.Boersma@sd23.bc.ca).

Here are two Youtube videos to give an idea of the experience: [Video 1](#) & [Video 2](#)

CLAWSCO - KLO'S SCHOOL LUNCH STORE

Hooray! Clawasco, our school lunch store, received a major renovation over the summer and will be officially opening on **Monday, October 6th**.

As our Leadership students get involved, we may be shifting menu items and snacks available so stay tuned to the menu board and memo's for up-to-date information.

WEEKLY MENU

Monday - Pasta \$5

Tuesday - Burrito \$5

Options: Chicken or Black Bean

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.

STUDENT ATHLETICS

KLO Athletics

Grade 9 Girls Volleyball

Coach: Mr. Ian Stevens

Grade 9 Boys Volleyball

Coach: Mr. Vieweg-Cyr

Grade 8 Girls Volleyball

Coaches: Ms. Blatchford & Mr. Martinson

Grade 8 Boys Volleyball

Coach: Mr. McLaughlin

Grade 7/8 Rugby

Coach: Mr. Bennett

Grade 7/8/9 Cross Country Running

Coaches: Ms. Richardson, Ms. Boersma & Mr. Jackman

Grade 7 Girls & Boys Volleyball

Info TBA - starting in a couple weeks

For detailed athletics information, please see the [KLO Athletics Website](#)
Any interested volunteers can contact our Athletic Director at garth.dupre@sd23.bc.ca

LUNCH TIME CLUBS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Games Club Library Ms. Li	Games Club Library Ms. Li Coding Club Room 6 Ms. Thodas & Mr. Wells Live Soccer Games Room 17 Mr. Bennett	Games Club Library Ms. Li Beaded Crafters Room 6 Ms. Thodas Live Soccer Games Room 17 Mr. Bennett	Games Club Library Ms. Li Coding Club Room 6 Ms. Thodas & Mr. Wells	Games Club Library Ms. Li

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 next PAC Meeting is October 15th at 6:30pm in the KLO Library.

PAC Happy Farmer Fundraiser →

First Order deadline is October 3, 2025. Orders can be placed on School Cash Online or through [HERE](#).

PAC Return-It Express Fundraiser



KLO PAC has an ongoing fundraiser with **Return-It Express**. Please consider supporting your PAC when returning your cans/bottles.

See more information [HERE](#).

OKANAGAN FARM OUTLET HAPPY FARMER FUNDRAISER



**Honeycrisp Apples or Ambrosia Apples
5 lb bag for \$10**

**40% RETURN FOR
THE FUNDRAISER**

Your choice of Honeycrisp Apples or Ambrosia Apples
OR chose to pay it forward and purchase
a bag for a family in need.

This fundraiser is brought to you by the KLO PAC.
Proceeds go towards our school FARM that supports
healthy eating for our KLO students.

First Order deadline October 3, 2025.
Orders can be placed on school cash online.
<https://CentralOkanagan.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/93553/15/False/True>
PAC will arrange pick up at the school.
Thank you for your support!

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

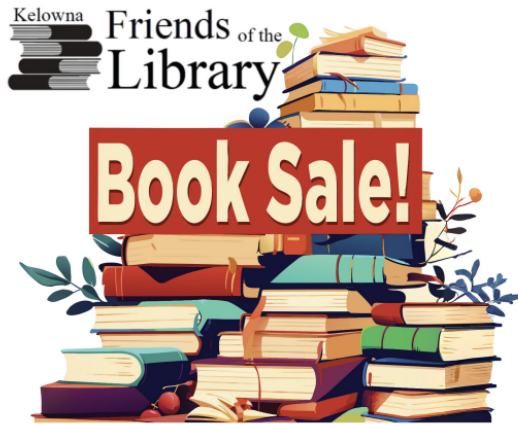
In accordance with the requirements from the Ministry of Education and Child Care, schools across our district have updated their Student Code of Conduct to include the restricted use of cell phones and personal digital devices during school hours effective July 1, 2024. Please see [HERE](#) for further 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:

Principal: Nathen.Elliott@sd23.bc.ca

Vice Principal (Last Names A-K): Ty.Nelson@sd23.bc.ca

Vice Principal (Last Names L-Z): Laura.Wiemken@sd23.bc.ca

COMMUNITY EVENTS / RESOURCES



35th GREAT OKANAGAN BOOK SALE SUPPORTING ALL BRANCHES OF OKANAGAN REGIONAL LIBRARY

Wednesday	October 15	2:00pm to 8pm
Thursday	October 16	9:30am to 8pm
Friday	October 17	9:30am to 8pm
Saturday	October 18	9:30am to 2pm

Location: Immaculate Conception Parish Hall
839 Sutherland Avenue, Kelowna

Church Parking: New One-Way System
Enter: West Alley (by Church) Exit: East Alley (by Hall)

Kelowna Friends of the Library acknowledge the support of
DR MOSHE OZ and TWO SMALL MEN WITH BIG HEARTS MOVING
fol4k@hotmail.com | www.kelownafol.ca | Facebook

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**



FALL SEPT. 27 - OCT. 3, 2025 GoByBike Week for SCHOOLS

Ride to Win a Class Pizza Party!

GoByBikeBC
BIKE IT. YOU'LL LOVE IT.

FREE REGISTRATION:
GOBYBIKEBC.CA



**REGISTER AND
ENTER TO WIN
GREAT PRIZES!**

**BRITISH
COLUMBIA**
Supported by the Province of British Columbia



Register Today!

Big White Ski Club BLAZERS:

- 10 week program
- Starting early January, choose Saturdays or Sundays
- An introduction to ski racing
- For skiers aged 6-11 (not a learn to ski program)



*payment plans available

www.bigwhiteskiclub.com/registernow



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

\$30 per class



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



\$240

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

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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

\$45

\$90



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: 12Y - 18Y

Saturdays

September 6 - 27

October 25 - November 15

November 22 - December 13

1:30 - 3:00pm

\$5 drop-in

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

\$70

City Park Tennis Court

Thursdays

34757: September 11 - October 2

5:00 - 6:00pm

\$56



& 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 - 9:00pm

Ages: 11Y - 15Y

• Saturday September 20

• Saturday October 18

• Saturday November 15



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

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EXPECT RESPECT &
A SAFE EDUCATION

Information for Parents and Caregivers

Resources to support you and your child



Register for free training

Tips to protect children
and youth online



Have a conversation

Talk with children and
youth about things they
may be experiencing

What kind of information can I find on
erase.gov.bc.ca?

- **Practical guidance** to help you support your child's safety and well-being
- **Resources and information about:**
 - Diversity and inclusion
 - Mental health and substance use
 - School and online safety
- **Free training sessions** to help you keep your child safe online
- **Videos** explaining erase, the Report It Tool, and safe, caring and inclusive schools
- **Tips** for bringing concerns to your child's school

What is the Report It Tool?

Report It is an anonymous online tool for students to report anything concerning to their school safety team—whether it happens at school, online, or somewhere else. Find it at erase.gov.bc.ca.

Questions? Reach out to your school to learn more.



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Child Care

