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TOGETHER we LEARN



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Central Okanagan Public Schools provides unique opportunities for all students.

Our Overarching Goal Each Central Okanagan Public Schools student (K-12) will provide evidence of being a learner, thinker, innovator, collaborator, and contributor.

Youth Trades Training Program

SAM WILLIAMS
Grade 12 student - École Kelowna Secondary School

On January 26, the first day of semester two, I will be starting the Automotive Service Technician Level 1 program at École Kelowna Secondary School (KSS). This school district program is taught by Red Seal Mechanic and teacher, Mr. Kendall Thomas. I have always been passionate about taking shop classes and during my time as a student at KSS, I've taken Metal Fabrication, Metal Art Jewelry and Automotive classes, as well as all the other courses to meet my graduation requirements.

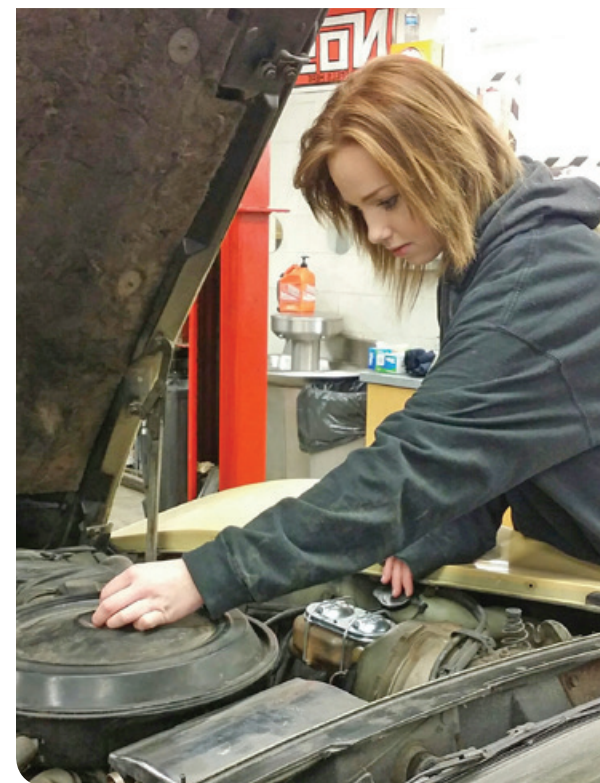
As a grade 11 student, I enjoyed being in the Auto shop classroom and I always found it to be an interesting and positive place to work and learn. Seeing other students, including the Accelerated Credit Enrollment

in Industry Training (Ace-it) grade 12 students working on their cars, I decided that this was what I wanted to do in my grade 12 year. Mr. Thomas endorsed my decision to take the (Ace-it), now called the Youth Train in Trades program, because of my interest in working on vehicles and my enthusiasm for the other applied skills courses. The day I determined that this was my path, I went to the KSS Career Center and started the application process. It was an exciting challenge for me and I wanted to get all the requirements completed on-time. The application process included: a job shadow at Canadian Tire, completing the Industry Training Authority (ITA) Essential Skills test, and a written application.

REGISTER

My dream is to one day find employment at a "tuner" shop where I can work on import cars. I would love to work for "Hoonigan" where I could help build drift cars.

Being a female student entering into a mostly male-dominated trade might seem intimidating to some. However, I am currently the only female doing the Youth Train in Trades program this year, and never once have I felt intimidated by the guys. Everyone is incredibly friendly and supportive and I always feel right at home in the shop. For any girls who are considering going into the Youth Train in Trades program, or any other trade program, I strongly encourage you to go for it. I believe that you will not regret it!



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CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS' ACADEMIES

Message from Superintendent of Schools/CEO

Kevin Kaardal

Stephen Downes, a researcher for Canada's National Research Council, recently wrote, "We need to move beyond the idea that an education is something that is provided for us, and toward the idea that an education is something that we create for us".

This is the opportunity the redesigned curricula provides our educational leaders, teachers, community partners and parents as we personalize learning for nearly 23,000 students in the Central Okanagan. Much of this is done through the variety of program choices offered in Central Okanagan Public Schools that meet students' learning needs including 8 Strong Start Centres, 15 Preschool Program Partnerships, over 125 Board Authorized Locally Developed Courses, 25 Specialty Academies, Entrepreneurial and Career opportunities, hundreds of work experience programs, a multitude of Advanced Placement Programs,



11 Dual Credit Programs, Secondary Apprenticeship programs and a robust French Immersion Program.

We are creating learning opportunities that are innovative (such as Robotics, 'Learning in Depth', virtual learning, etc.) and that support each student meeting the District's Overarching Goal of

"each student providing evidence of being a learner, thinker, innovator, collaborator and contributor". To find out the many ways to personalize your child's or youth's learning experiences, I encourage both parents and students to explore the opportunities presented during the registration and course selection process

that begins in schools in February. The combination of dedicated, caring professional educators, exciting innovative courses and programs and a focus on developing the competencies and attributes, will ensure that the learners of Central Okanagan Public Schools become "lifelong learners" and healthy productive members of our global society.



Springvalley Middle Outdoor Education Academy



Constable Neil Bruce Middle Soccer Academy



WHY I CHOOSE...

I joined the Soccer Academy because I want to improve on my skills. It's a new training experience for me with coaches that have different perspectives on the game. This type of training can also help me condition for ringette season. I want to play a more competitive game of soccer and I think this is a good start. I get to meet new people and make friends that have the same interests as me. I want to work on my shot/aim and I feel like the Soccer Academy does that for me.

KYLIE BROWN

GRADE 9 STUDENT - GEORGE ELLIOT SECONDARY



Dr. Knox Middle Golf Academy



Glenrosa Middle Hockey Academy

Central Okanagan Public Schools' Academies

BRENT HAYTER

Teacher - Glenrosa Middle School

ANTHONY GREER

Teacher - Glenrosa Middle School



The number one factor for the success of any student in school, in a relationship, and in life, is resiliency. In Central Okanagan Public Schools' Academies, this is our priority - to help students learn what it truly means to work hard, persist, overcome obstacles and take pride in the process of learning and personal growth. The vehicle for this character development is varied, from Swimming at Okanagan Mission Secondary to Hockey at Glenrosa Middle to Outdoor Education at Springvalley Middle. With established expectations for work habits in other

classes, academic achievement, and behaviour; Academies help develop well rounded students who are simultaneously hard-working, dedicated, and ever improving citizens. The students gain knowledge of how to train for sports, arts, and life. With a common timetable across high schools in the District, students are able to cross enroll in an Academy at another school and still graduate at their home school. For example, a student at George Elliot Secondary is able to participate in the Baseball Academy at Rutland Senior Secondary.

Spring Break CAMPS!

You won't want to miss these fun, active camps for kids ages 5-12 at the Kelowna Family YMCA, H₂O Adventure + Fitness Centre, and Mission Creek Alliance Church.



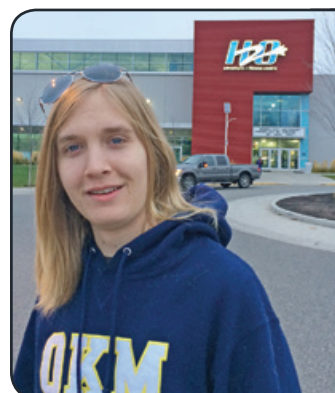
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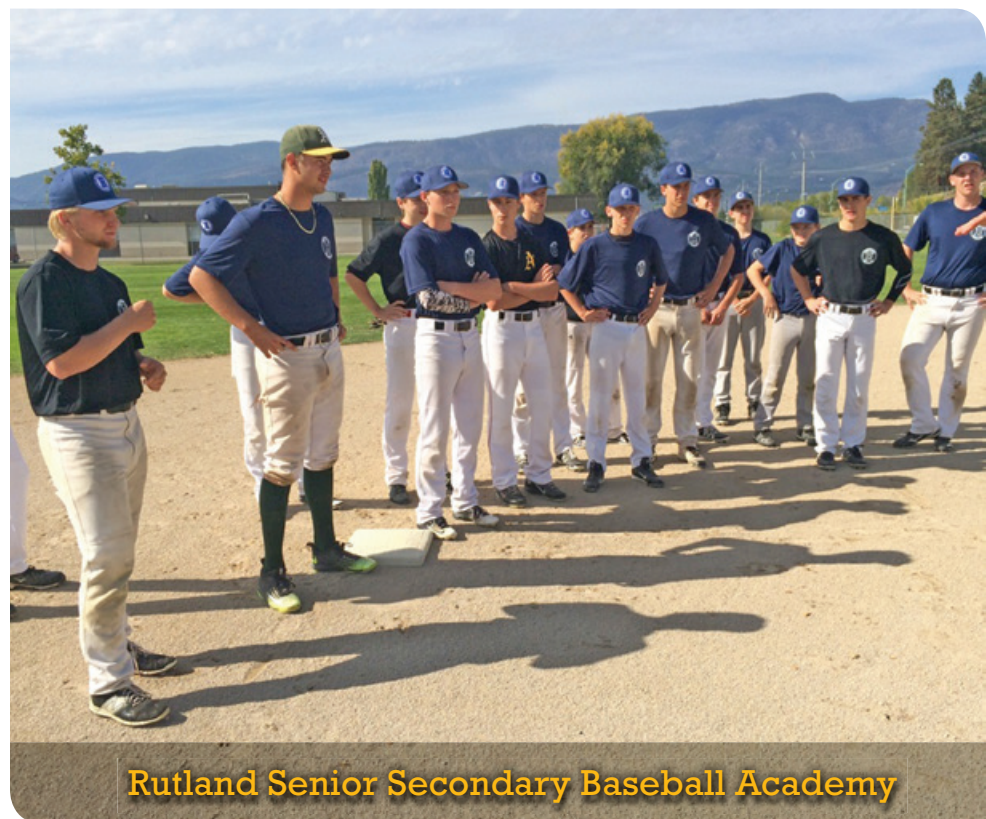


Okanagan Mission Secondary Swim Academy



I joined the Okanagan Mission Secondary Swim Academy about 2 years ago in grade 10. The program has been a very enjoyable one, as it's well organized, inclusive, and overall supportive of your growth in being a swimmer, and a responsible athlete. I had grown up in Florida, born and raised there for 13 years, and I never swam in a pool. Often just swimming in lakes, my technique was awful despite having swam for a long time. Though it took a while, all the help and support from our amazing coaches and volunteers has helped me reach my goals in becoming an avid swimmer.

ALEX SODERLUND
GRADE 12 STUDENT – OKANAGAN MISSION SECONDARY



Every January the school district begins preparation for online registration in February. With our new online system, parents/caregivers can now register their child/children without having to line-up the night before at their chosen school. As we welcome new students and families to our 43 schools, we are reminded of the diverse learning opportunities in Central Okanagan Public Schools. From StrongStart (for our pre-kindergarten early learners) to specialized Academies and Dual Credit Programs, there are many pathways to graduation. The



Board of Education wishes to recognize the Central Okanagan Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association (COPVPA) as well as our partnership groups, including the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC), the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association (COTA), the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE 3523) and our community for their involvement in creating unique learning opportunities - kindergarten to grade 12. Together, we provide a first class educational system with a plethora of choice for nearly 23,000 students.



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EXPLORING CAREER OPTIONS

My Blueprint

PATTI BUNA

Teacher – École Kelowna Secondary School

myBlueprint
education planner

In 2015/2016, Central Okanagan Public Schools implemented the myBlueprint resource, an online career and education planner in our schools. MyBlueprint is a valuable resource for all students and parents to access information about personal assessments, educational and career pathways as well as post-secondary financial tools. This school year, most grades are being introduced to the resource if they didn't use it last year. Grade 11 students are using myBlueprint extensively in their Planning 10/ADC 11 class and grade 12 students are using it to revise their graduation requirement My Action Plan (MAP).

Parents can access myBlueprint by visiting www.myBlueprint.ca/sd23 and

create their own account to see all the great information and tools that are offered to our students.

- Visit www.myBlueprint.ca/sd23 and select your child's school or affiliated high school.
- Click on **Create Account** and then select **Click to View Other Account Types > Parent**.
- Parents can also link with their child to view their myBlueprint account. From a parent's home screen, click on the **Toolbox** and select **My Links**. Click **Add Student** and search for your child by email address.

The results in myBlueprint are generated by students completing the Career Spectrum Surveys and by "favouring" occupations and pathways.



Chuck on the job site for his Dual Credit Plumbing Program

Industry Training Authority Youth Programs

BOB BOBACK

Dual Credit/Secondary School Apprenticeship Coordinator

In January 2017, the suite of Industry Training Authority (ITA) Youth Programs - also referred to as Dual Credit Programs, is undergoing a major rebranding along with the addition of new options for students. The reason for the rebranding of the Youth Programs is to provide alignment between the program names and purpose with respect to careers in the trades.

Prior to the rebranding, the ITA Youth Programs were most noted for the Secondary School Apprenticeship and Trades Foundation Programs. These two programs were the hallmark of Dual Credit options for high school students in the District. Recently, BC's education system has shifted its Career Life Programs focus on careers, and more specifically in Trades and Technology to include students in our elementary schools. They have also increased the amount of opportunities for middle school students.

The new ITA Youth stream of programs

follows a logical progression from elementary students to high school students. The "ITA Youth Discover" stream has two options that enable students in the elementary and middle school grades to "discover" careers in trades and technology through activities such as field studies, hands-on trade related



trades activities, guest speakers from the industry, and much more. Educators are able to apply for funding from the ITA to help facilitate these and other activities that help the students in the younger years discover careers in trades and technology.

The next progressive stream for youth is the "ITA Youth Explore" which includes a Youth Trades Skills course and a more in-depth Youth Trades Sampler program which is delivered in partnership with a



WHY I CHOOSE...

The idea of figuring out what I wanted to do with the rest of my life was simply intimidating. The commencement of my grade 11 planning class was dreaded and feared due to the fact I had no idea what I was interested in. Despite this, there was one device that assisted and aided me when striving to plan my future; myBlueprint. It is a program that has helped me relieve stress and make my life less complicated. More importantly, it helps us to choose a pathway for our future, allowing the idea of life after high-school to be slightly less scary and plenty more exciting.

JULIA FEHR

GRADE 11 STUDENT – ÉCOLE KELOWNA SECONDARY SCHOOL

post-secondary institution. The Trades Skills program can be taught in high school shop classes by Tech-Ed teachers



and involves introducing students to a variety of different trades. Currently, the Ministry of Education has released activity plans for electronics and robotics, metal, design/drafting, automotive, electrical, plumbing, and carpentry. The more in-depth Youth Trades Sampler program is delivered to high school students through a partnership with a college. **The District is offering a Trades Sampler program in partnership with Okanagan College (OC). This will provide students with a more in-depth program sampling including skills in: carpentry, electrical, plumbing, sheet metal, and drafting. Students will also earn their grade 11 math requirement in a practical environment.**

The third ITA Youth stream – "ITA Youth Train" is the former "ACE IT" Dual Credit program which involved grade 12 students enrolling in a college trades foundation program. The Central Okanagan Public Schools partners with BCIT, OC, and the Electrical Industry Training Institute (EITI) to deliver foundation trades programs to our students. **Students in the District have access to a variety of trades foundation programs such as: aircraft maintenance,**



plumbing/piping, welding, auto service technician, sheet metal, culinary, heavy mechanical trades, electrical, RV tech, utility arborist, and collision repair.

The last ITA Youth stream is "ITA Youth Work" and it involves the apprenticeship side of a career in the trades. Students can progress into work following their foundation program or in some cases, students can go directly to employment and get on the job training first, before going to college to attain their level 1 training. The work option enables students to earn a wage while being trained in their specific trade. Financial awards of \$1,000 are available to students who complete a determined amount of work hours during their high school tenure. Local employers are key to the implementation and success of the ITA Youth Work stream. **The District is also searching for employers to mentor our students who have shown a willingness and readiness to enter the workforce in their chosen trade career. If you are a certified trades employer and would like to get involved, please contact Bob Boback at 250-860-9729 in the Dual Credit office.**

For students who are unsure about their career choice, please consider exploring the trades through one of the various options that are available in the District. All students are encouraged to discover and explore a career in the trades.



Kiah on the job site for his Dual Credit Carpentry Program

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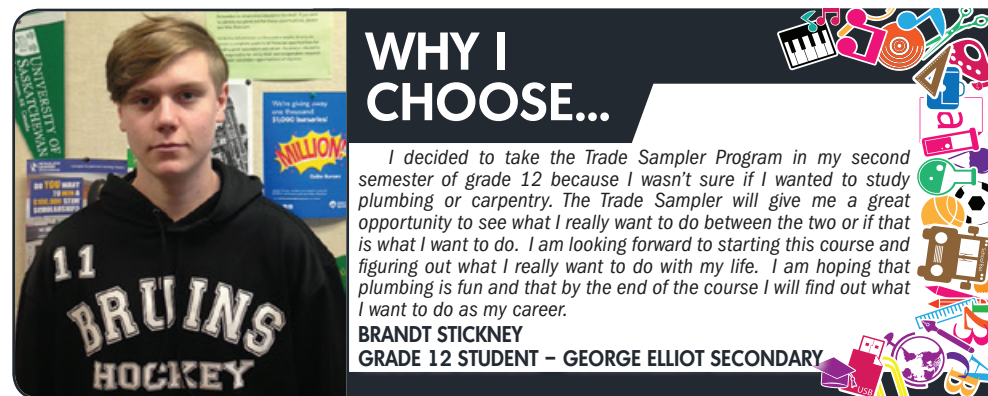
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New Trades Sampler Program for Grades 10-12

For information on how to enroll, check out the registration information on page 13.

New Education Assistant Certificate Program

For information on how to enroll, check out the registration information on page 13.



Gateway Program

Teacher – Gateway Program

- Self-discovery
- Self esteem
- Team building
- Social growth (cooperation and bonding with fellow students)
- Character building (giving back to the community)
- Inner strength
- Tolerance and compassion for others
- Resiliency

Over the past four years, we have seen increasing success with students enrolling in the Gateway Program with more students accessing a dual credit apprenticeship course and completing their foundation year in a variety of trade areas. 2017 will be the first year that Gateway has teamed up with YMCA and their jump start program for students to access specific training for employment within the community. Our hope is that students who do not pursue a college apprenticeship at this time will continue developing skills through the YMCA to secure sustainable employment.



DISTRICT 'MIND CHALLENGE' TOURNAMENTS

Why join the Chess Club?

CHRIS LAURIE
Teacher - Chief Tomat Elementary

Children have endless fun exploring multiple and emerging worlds within chess. Central Okanagan Public Schools is providing more and more opportunities for students to play chess at school. A network of local teachers and parents have banded together to support school Chess Clubs and host chess tournaments. KLO Middle school will host a fun first chess tournament for beginners Saturday, January 21, 2017. Later, Mount Boucherie Secondary is hosting a Beginners Luck tournament Saturday, February 18, 2017.

Since 2004, the District has hosted an annual District chess championship. These events are for students in grades one to twelve. I am fascinated with the patience and sustained desire young students have to learn the game. At times, students will coordinate their pawns gradually toward the centre in symmetrical patterns without a single capture anticipating what might happen next.

Children with weak executive function face numerous challenges in school to focus their attention or control their behavior. For many, the chess club is a fun social event to build strong friendships. Chess also develops the skills to plan many moves in advance and necessitates the successful use of problem solving, planning, and reasoning skills. For younger children, who may lose patience with the pace

or complexity of the game, teachers have devised simplifications such as a mini-games with only pawns or attempting to checkmate a King with only two rooks. This can quicken the pace of learning. For kids who already know the rules and tend to be inflexible in their thinking, playing pieces in isolation can help them adapt to the concept of change.

Dr. Bill Hudenko, Child Psychologist and Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at Dartmouth's Geisel School of Medicine, uses board games in his practice to help him diagnose and to strengthen the executive function area of the brain. Hudenko adds, "Chess requires kids to attend to multiple emerging scenarios as they evolve on the board. Advanced players learn to think many moves ahead. Playing chess makes it necessary to use problem solving, planning, and reasoning skills that are the hallmark of healthy executive functioning. Chess can also provide a stage for teaching impulsive kids how to slow down and think carefully before acting in a way that leads to the loss of a piece."

Chess is, paradoxically, a simple and a complex game. Board games are educational tools for parents in disguise.



WHY I CHOOSE...

I have been playing Chess since I was six. My dad likes Chess a lot and he taught me and my brother how to play. I started off playing simple games against him. He still plays and continues to encourage me to play. I even participated in the District Chess Tournament and my little brother actually won the grade two championship. I like Chess because it is fun and challenging, and you don't always win. When you lose, it can surprise you, but you can learn from it.

BROCK CAMPBELL
GRADE 5 STUDENT - RUTLAND ELEMENTARY



Students at Chief Tomat Elementary practice their chess skills.

Innovation Generation Challenge

MICHAEL ROSS
Teacher - Okanagan Mission Secondary

The Innovation Generation (iGen) Challenge is an updated version of the Dragon's Den competition that has run in the District for over 20 years. The iGen challenge is for grade 7-12 students looking for exposure to mentors and learning in innovative sectors of our local economy. The students gain access to mentors from local businesses to help them find innovative solutions to real world problems. Students will

be guided through a start-up process to create companies and pitch their ideas to members of the innovation ecosystem in Kelowna. Many young entrepreneurial minds in Central Okanagan Public Schools need coaching and opportunity to innovate. The iGen challenge has been created to meet this need. **Check out <http://www.igc23.com> for more information and to sign up.**

JOIN US IN SUPPORTING

Together We Learn

Increases to Canada Student Grants

New changes to the Canada Student Grants and the Repayment Assistance Plan

- The increase in grants will allow students to focus on their education while working to fulfill their greatest potential - without having to worry about taking on even more debt.
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Stephen Fuhr, CD, MP
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ONLINE LEARNING

Why Enroll in Distributed Learning?

The Distributed Learning (DL) middle school program spans grades 6 to 10, and is an enriching program with many opportunities for students. The program is a blended model meaning there are both online and onsite components. Students meet their teachers and classmates daily in a virtual classroom and also have

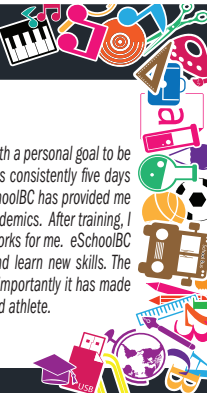
opportunities to meet weekly for a wide variety of hands-on activities such as labs, projects, robotics, and various field studies around Kelowna. This program is great for students who are academically motivated but are not able to attend a traditional academic setting due to travel, anxiety/health, or athletics, etc.



WHY I CHOOSE...

I am a competitive athlete in both alpine ski racing and road cycling with a personal goal to be a dual Canadian Olympic athlete. During the winter, my training schedule is consistently five days per week which makes attendance at a traditional school a challenge. eSchoolBC has provided me the time to focus on my training with no stress of trying to maintain my academics. After training, I can log-in to my daily lesson and complete my school work at a time that works for me. eSchoolBC has also given me the opportunity to successfully work independently and learn new skills. The online program has improved my life for a lot of different reasons but most importantly it has made me a happier person as well as a more engaged and successful student and athlete.

ANA LARGE
GRADE 8 STUDENT – ESCHOOLBC



Distributed Learning Students on Various Field Study Opportunities



Students create mandala drawings during an art lesson at the Kelowna Art Gallery.



Students take archery lessons. Learning safety, technique and etiquette.



Students learn how to create hand built pottery.



Students learn curling rules, strategy, and techniques.

Why Enroll in Online Courses?

Central Okanagan Public Schools offers a wide variety of online grade 10 – 12 courses through **eSchoolBC**. The District strives to provide both flexible and engaging learning opportunities, with courses that are customized for:

- Students who are home-schooled
- Students who would like to enroll in courses not offered by their current school
- Students who can't take a course due to a conflict in their timetable
- Students who require flexibility in their schedule (ie. athletes, students working part-time or traveling abroad, etc.)
- Students who want experience with online courses before entering a post-secondary program
- Students who are looking for local support while taking an online course

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LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Aboriginal Leadership

CHEYANA VAN DE RIET

Grade 11 student - Mount Boucherie Secondary

I am very passionate about being involved with my school. When I first enrolled at Mount Boucherie Secondary, I was ecstatic to see that they offered not only leadership, but also Aboriginal leadership. I appreciate the opportunity to be involved with my school and to connect to my Westbank First Nation culture. I have been feeling like I've almost lost my culture over the past few years. I used to attend an



Aboriginal school in the Okanagan where I learned my language every day, but I moved away. When I moved back to Westbank, being a part of Aboriginal leadership was the best way I could have restarted my connection to my culture. I was nervous to come to such a huge new school as I only knew a handful of people. Leadership made it a hundred times easier. I met new people, and I reconnected with others that I used to be in school with, at the same time developing relationships/connections with teachers. I'm so grateful to be in Aboriginal leadership because it makes me feel like the 1300 students in the school all seem like my classmates.



WHY I CHOOSE...

I joined leadership because I want to have an effect on my high-school, even if it's just a little one. I'm a Peer Counsellor so it's our job to unite the school as a whole and provide support on a more personal level. It's a huge part of what we do, from welcoming international students to planning for Mental Health Week. Leadership has helped me break out of my shell, learn new things and made me learn to appreciate not only my limited time in high school but the student body. Knowing that I get the chance to make a difference in my school is the most rewarding part for me, and I'm so grateful for all the experiences and memories from leadership that I have now.

TALIA ROUCK

GRADE 12 STUDENT - MOUNT BOUCHERIE SECONDARY



Mount Boucherie Secondary leadership students help raise money for the Salvation Army.



Aboriginal leadership students participating in the BC Student Leadership Conference talent show.

REGISTER

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Learn more today about admission requirements and this exciting new program. Email sbodden@okanagan.bc.ca or visit our website.

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LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

BC Student Leadership Conference Inspires

ROB AVIANI
Vice-Principal - Rutland Middle School



Princeton's Rockridge Canyon Resort played host to the 2016 BC Student Leadership Conference (BCSLC). Hundreds of students from all over the province, including the Central Okanagan, came together to learn how to enhance the student leadership experience at their schools.

"The theme of the conference was **'Don't Stop Believing in Your Leadership Journey,'**" said Rutland Middle School student Harnoor Badyal.

"They taught us to be ourselves as a leader," added Anais Leahy. "We learned fun games that bring people together and build community. Plus, there were always cheers going on."

"There were 500 people there who all wanted the same thing: to build leadership at our schools," emphasized Harnoor. "My most memorable moments included meeting new people from all over the province. We were split up into councils of 25 students who had different jobs. Our council's job was to show appreciation for the staff of Rockridge for hosting the conference."

"We are looking forward to bringing the ideas that we learned at the conference to our school!"



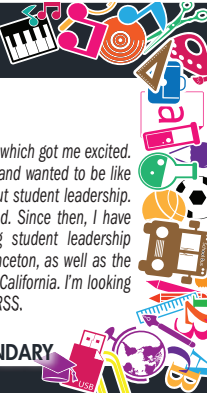
This group of Rutland Middle School leadership students were inspired by their learning at the 2016 BC Student Leadership Conference (BCSLC) in Princeton, BC.



WHY I CHOOSE...

My first leadership event was in grade 6 when I went to WE Day, which got me excited. Then, when I went to middle school, I saw the grade 9 WEB leaders and wanted to be like them. By the time that I got to grade 9, I was really passionate about student leadership. I really enjoyed getting the grade 7s excited about their year ahead. Since then, I have had many amazing leadership opportunities, including attending student leadership conferences at UBCO, the BC Student Leadership Conference in Princeton, as well as the California Association of Directors of Activities (CADA) conference in California. I'm looking forward to working with others to positively impact school culture at RSS.

MADDIE SOMERVILLE
GRADE 11 STUDENT - RUTLAND SENIOR SECONDARY



Rose Valley Celebrates WE Day

CATHARINE STROBEL
Teacher - Rose Valley Elementary

WE Day is an inspiring movement that brings students together and gives them the tools to change the world. After returning to West Kelowna, the Rose Valley Elementary students who attended brought their energy and ideas to the rest of the Grade 6 Leadership Team. This team has already begun to assemble Blessing Bags to donate to Inn from the Cold – a local homeless shelter. They are also planning a food drive for the local Food Bank to help those in need in our community. Here a few testimonies from the Rose Valley Elementary students who attended WE Day.

"WE Day opened my eyes to the world." Nathaniel

"One person can change the world." Spencer

"WE Day was a life changing event. I learned that each of us can make a difference." Ben

"WE Day was an inspiration to everyone that was there." Emma

"Start the Change, Make the Change, and Become the Change!" Chloe

"WE – the one word that can bring us all together." Malachi

"WE Day is an awesome event to get youth to become the change in the world." Taytym

"You can be yourself no matter what." Mika

"We can all make a change at some time in your life – maybe now, maybe later, but we can all make a difference." Hannah



On November 3rd, 2016, a group of nine grade 6 students from Rose Valley Elementary were among hundreds of students from our district who travelled to Vancouver to attend WE Day.

CANADA 150



Happy Birthday Canada! It's a year-long celebration that promises to honour our vibrant cultural diversity, ignite our civic pride and create lasting memories. Congratulations to all of the City's Canada 150 Grant recipients. Here are just a few of the family-friendly grant supported projects and performances you can check out in 2017!

Enjoy a rich collaboration from Ballet Kelowna and the Okanagan Symphony Orchestra with the *Sesquicentennial Suite*
Explore a **traditional Indigenous garden** at Okanagan College
Set sail along the new **Canada 150 Paddle Trail**
Hear **150 stories from 150 years** with the Kelowna Museums Society

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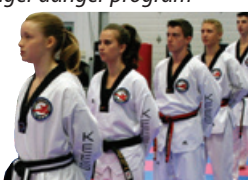
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SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

Provincial Scholarships Program

BASIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for the Provincial Scholarships Program, recipients:

- Must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident (landed immigrant) at the time of registration in the school year for which the scholarship is awarded;
- Must be a BC resident;
- Must be (or have been at the time of receipt) enrolled in, or registered as a home schooler with:
 - British Columbia public school (including Distance Learning schools), or
 - Group 1, 2, or 4 British Columbia Independent School, or
 - Continuing Education Centre.

BC ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

Shade BC Achievement Scholarships Information and Secondary School Apprenticeship (SSA) information.

This scholarship recognizes the top 8000 graduates in BC. The Ministry determines the recipients based on achievement in Grades 10, 11 & 12 courses that satisfy 2004 Graduation Program requirements, including elective courses. Grad Transitions is not included.

Qualifying for a BC Achievement Scholarship

A student will receive a \$1250 scholarship voucher if the student:

- Meets basic eligibility requirements, and
- Fulfills B.C. graduation requirements of the 2004 Graduation Program by August 31, 2017, and
- Has at least a "B" (73% or above) or better grade in their Language Arts 12 course, and
- Writes and passes a Language Arts 12 provincial examination, and
- Has no more than one TS (Transfer Standing) or SG (Standing Granted) indicator among course marks used for the calculation of winners, excluding Language Arts 12, which must have a percentage score.

DISTRICT / AUTHORITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Qualifying for a District/Authority Scholarship

To win a \$1250 scholarship, a student must apply and:

- Meet basic eligibility requirements
- Meet criteria determined by the local scholarship committee, which requires a student to demonstrate outstanding achievement in any of the following areas:
 - **Indigenous Languages and Culture**, demonstrated at school or in the community
 - **Fine Arts** (e.g., Visual Arts, Dance, Drama, Music)
 - **Applied Skills** (e.g., Business Ed, Technology Ed, Home Economics)
 - **Physical Activity** (e.g., Athletics, Dance, Gymnastics, not limited to Physical Education)
 - **International Languages** with Integrated Resource Packages (IRPs) or External Assessments, including A.P. and I.B. courses
 - **Community Service** (Volunteer Activity), which includes demonstration of local and global issues and cultural awareness
 - **Technical and Trades Training** (e.g., Carpentry, Automotive, Mechanics, Cook Training)
- Fulfill the B.C. graduation requirements of either the 2004 Graduation Program or the Adult Graduation Program by August 31st of the student's graduating year
- Have not previously received a District/Authority Award or a District/Authority Scholarship

Local scholarship committee criteria must ensure that winners have been cumulatively evaluated in the area of achievement chosen for presentation to the committee, and satisfy other criteria which may include factors such as attendance, punctuality, work habits and cooperation.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPRENTICESHIP (SSA)

\$1000 Scholarship Criteria

Students who are eligible for the Secondary School Apprenticeship scholarship will automatically be considered for the award.

To be eligible, an Industry Training Authority (ITA)-registered youth apprentice must have:

- Been registered in a school district Secondary School Apprenticeship Program prior to graduation
- Graduated with a Grade 12 Dogwood Diploma or Adult Dogwood
- Successfully completed SSA 11A, SSA 11B, SSA 12A, and SSA 12B
- Maintained a C+ average or better on Grade 12 numbered courses
- Reported a total of at least 900 hours to the ITA within six months of graduation

Be the change in the life of a
Central Okanagan Student



Consider investing in their
post-secondary education through the
*Central Okanagan Bursary and
Scholarship Society*



WHY I CHOOSE...

I chose to use the money awarded to me through the Central Okanagan Bursary and Scholarship Society (COBSS), to purchase text books while I study Science at UBCO. Money is a worry of every student who enters a post-secondary institution. Education is expensive. The scholarships I received from COBSS have inspired me to test my limits and dare to dream in all aspects of my life.

ALYSSA LEIGMANN
RECIPIENT OF THE CANADIAN FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
AND BRYCE ESSLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Additional Scholarship Information

Scholarships Canada is an educational site for students to secure scholarships, student awards, bursaries, and grants. Students can search for scholarships by name, school, field of study, and scholarship provider at www.scholarshipscanada.com

The Rotary Club Of Kelowna Strive Scholarship

The Rotary Club of Kelowna Strive Scholarship Program aims to support those students who are struggling in "life". Any student with the potential to graduate in the current year and has been affirmed by the school's counselor as having the "background" to qualify is eligible to apply. The program challenges the students to STRIVE to improve their attendance, work habits and/or attitude toward learning, in order to improve their school achievement. This will enable the newly motivated student to be better prepared to enter post-secondary life with a more mature and positive perspective. Award winners will be presented with their scholarships at their high school graduation ceremonies.

REGISTER



COBSS

CENTRAL OKANAGAN BURSARY & SCHOLARSHIP SOCIETY

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Central Okanagan Bursary and Scholarship Society (COBSS) is a local non-profit group of volunteers from the Central Okanagan area who are dedicated to providing financial assistance to our Grade 12 Graduates in order that they may further their post secondary education.



2016 COBSS AWARDS

579

Student Applications

533

Awards

\$432,270

Total Value of 2016 Awards

www.cobss.ca

SEE YOUR HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELLOR FOR DETAILS

250-861-4980

Email: cobss@shaw.ca

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Central Okanagan Public Schools

A HOWTO GUIDE FOR ONLINE ENROLLMENT

2017 - 2018 School Year (for Kindergarten, new students, and Schools of Choice for K – 12)

Opens on Monday, February 6, 2017 at 7:00 am. Documentation Submission Deadline: Friday, March 10, 2017

Mrs. Lightfoot's kindergarten class
ponders their futures.



HOWTO APPLY ONLINE

In your web browser type: <https://enrollment.sd23.bc.ca>

No internet access? Go directly to a school on February 6th or later to complete the on-line application. Assistance will be provided.

Applications will be assigned a date-time stamp on a first-come, first-served basis, which will factor into a student's placement priority.

Complete the on-line application as early as possible, and provide the required documents listed below directly to the school either in person or by email by Friday, March 10, 2017.

1. **Birth certificate** or other government issued proof of age and citizenship
2. **Proof of B.C. Residency**
 - a. BC driver's license of parent/legal guardian AND
 - b. BC CARE card of parent/legal guardian OR
 - c. Other supporting documentation
www.sd23.bc.ca/DistrictInfo/schoolenrollment/
3. **Proof of Student's Living Address**
 - a. Property ownership, lease or rental agreement OR recent utility bill



AFTER March 10, 2017

New in-catchment area enrollments: Parents will be notified by a confirmation email when the school has accepted the student's application for enrollment. Board Policy 405R – Student Placement (Regulations), will be used to determine student placement and priority.

New out-of-catchment area enrollments: Parents may not be notified until after the summer enrollment period (August 29-31, 2017) is over and all in-catchment area students have been placed.

Qualifying age: The School Act requires that a child must be five years of age by December 31, 2017 to qualify for school enrollment in September 2017.

For further information, please visit the School District website www.sd23.bc.ca or call 250-860-8888



Frequently Asked Questions:




Where do I find the link to register online?

Go to any District school site and click on the Student Enrollment Information link.

 **Student Enrollment Information**

OR type <https://enrollment.sd23.bc.ca> into your browser. We recommend that you use Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox. We do not recommend that you try to complete an application on an iPhone or tablet.

How do I know what school I should choose?

You can find out what your catchment school is by entering your address into the Catchment School Locator.  **Catchment Area School Locator**

Find this link on any school homepage under Quick Links near the bottom of the page.

This will give you a list of schools which are your catchment schools for elementary, middle and secondary. You may have several elementary schools to choose from or only one depending on the area you live. You will need to provide a 1st and 2nd choice.



REGISTER

What if I would like to choose a school which is not my catchment school?

The District does allow parents to apply to schools outside of their catchment area but there are a few things to consider. Catchment area students will receive priority according to District policy. Available spaces may be given to an out of catchment student; however, these spaces will only be given out after the Summer Enrollment Application Period (August 29-31, 2017). This means you may not know if you will have a space for your child in the out of catchment school until the first week of school in September. It is recommended that if you choose an out of catchment school as your first choice that your 2nd or 3rd choice be your catchment area school.

I already have a child in the school, do I still need to register my younger child for Kindergarten?

Yes, don't forget to do this. Priority will be given to students with siblings in the school; however, if you do not register during the early registration period, you may lose this priority.

When will I know if my child has been accepted to my first choice school?

If your first choice school is your catchment area school, you should find out in April 2017 if your child has been accepted or if they have been placed on a waiting list.

STRONGSTART REGISTRATION

Registration takes place directly at any of the 8 centres and is accepted all year long.

To register, please bring your child's:

Legal Documents (Canadian Birth Certificate or Passport)
If your child is not a Canadian citizen, please visit the Welcome Centre prior to attending a StrongStart Centre.

A.S. Matheson Elementary School
2090 Gordon Drive
Kelowna, BC, V1Y 3H9
StrongStart Facilitator: Collette McNeil

Raymer Elementary School
657 Raymer Avenue
Kelowna, BC, V1Y 4Z6
StrongStart Facilitator: Angela Roy

South Rutland Elementary School
200 Mallach Road
Kelowna, BC, V1X 2W5
StrongStart Facilitator: Denise Paley

Pearson Road Elementary School
700 Pearson Road
Kelowna, BC, V1X 5H8
StrongStart Facilitator: Debbie Dachwitz

Peter Greer Elementary School
10300 Sherman Drive
Winfield, BC, V4V 1Y8
StrongStart Facilitator: Helga Helgason

Hudson Road Elementary School
1221 Hudson Road
West Kelowna, BC, V1Z 1J5
StrongStart Facilitator: Angie Snider

George Pringle Elementary School
3770 Elliott Road
West Kelowna, BC, V4T 1W9
StrongStart Facilitator: Terri Gaudreau

Peachland Elementary School
5486 Clements Crescent
Peachland, BC, V0H 1X5
StrongStart Facilitator: Lisa Howell



The Welcome Centre is located at: Hollywood Road Education Centre 1040 Hollywood Road. Phone: 250-470-3258

Every spring, StrongStart families experience and learn about the life cycle of a butterfly. Centres receive the caterpillars when they are very small and after observing, exploring, wondering, and waiting nearly two weeks everyone is always excited for the day the butterflies are released!

Centre	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Kelowna Area					
A.S. Matheson 8:45 - 11:45	Family	*Open	Family	Family	Family
Raymer 8:45 - 11:45	Family	Family	*Open	Family	Family
Rutland Area					
South Rutland 8:45 - 11:45	*Open	Family	Family	Family	Family
Pearson Road 8:45-11:45	Family	Family	*Open	Family	*Open
Lake Country Area					
Peter Greer 8:45 - 11:45	*Open	*Open	*Open	*Open	*Open
Westside and Peachland Area					
Hudson Road 8:45-11:45	Family	Family	Family	*Open	Family
George Pringle 8:45 - 11:45	Family	*Open	*Open	Family	Family
Peachland 8:45 - 11:45	*Open	*Open	*Open	*Open	*Open

Family days are for children (0-5) who are in the home with their parent or other caregivers, such as grandparents or nannies.
* **Open participation days are for unlicensed childcare providers (to a total of 3 children).** Also welcome are families who attend Family Days.



FRENCH IMMERSION INFORMATION OPEN HOUSES FOR KINDERGARTEN 2017

Parents interested in the French Immersion program for kindergarten students are invited to attend open houses at the school of their choice:

École Casorso Elementary	Jan 24	9:00 am – 1:00 pm 30 minute sessions <i>(please contact the school if planning on attending)</i>	(250) 870-5135
École Glenmore Elementary	Jan 24	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm information meeting in the school library followed by a school tour	(250) 870-5136
École George Pringle Elementary	Jan 25	5:00 pm – 6:00 pm in the school theatre	(250) 870-5103
École Peter Greer Elementary	Jan 25	6:30 pm - parent meeting in the school library <i>(please contact the school if planning on attending)</i>	(250) 870-5129
École Peter Greer Elementary	Jan 30 - Feb 1	School tours <i>(please contact the principal, Karen.Switzer@sd23.bc.ca, to arrange a tour time.)</i>	
Online enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year begins on Monday, February 6th at 7:00 am. School District Website: www.sd23.bc.ca			



École Dorothea Walker Elementary held their open house on January 11, 2017. For more information, please contact the school at 250-870-5138.

École Belgo Elementary held their open house on January 12, 2017. For more information, please contact the school at 250-870-5115.

Online enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year begins on Monday, February 6th at 7:00 am. School District Website: www.sd23.bc.ca

For more information, please contact any of the schools listed above or call 250-470-3227.



Dual Credit Programs & Registration Information

WHAT IS DUAL CREDIT?

Dual credit opportunities are available to all secondary school students in the District. These options allow students access to post-secondary training while still in high school. Credits are earned in both the secondary and post-secondary systems.

WHEN CAN I START?

PARTIAL & FULL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR ALL PROGAMS:

Students can apply to these programs in grade 10 or 11 and start course work in grade 11 or 12 (depending on the program). Students can begin their trades training program in grade 12 year. Secondary School Apprenticeship (SSA) programs can begin as late as May of grade 12 as long as they are school aged as required by the Ministry of Education. In all cases, dual credit students must be school aged as per the Ministry of Education in order to receive tuition funding for post-secondary trades training.

HOW TO APPLY for these programs and receive tuition scholarship:

1. Contact the Career/Life Programs Coordinator at your school and pick up an application package.
2. Complete the District Dual Credit Application Package and hand it in at your school's Career Center.
3. A successful interview with a Dual Credit Coordinator.
4. Once you are accepted into the program, you must pay a deposit to hold your spot [\$200(x2) for OC or \$250 for BCIT].

LIST OF DUAL CREDIT PROGRAMS

For further information, please visit the Dual Credit Program website:
<http://www.careerlifeprograms.com/dual-credit-opportunities.html>

Aircraft ME (Mechanics)
Aircraft ME (Structures)
Automotive Collision Repair Tech
Automotive Refinishing Prep
Technician
Automotive Service Technician
(Mechanic)
Auto Service Technician
Carpentry / Joinery
Computer Information Systems
Administration
(Advanced Placement)
Culinary Arts
Culinary Arts
NEW - Education Assistant
Heavy Mechanical Trades
Electrician
Electricity and Industrial
Electronics
(construction electrician)
Emergency Medical Responder
Firefighting
Utility Arborist (Forestry)
Hairdressing
Health Care Assistant
Heavy Duty Mechanics

Plumbing & Piping Trades
Recreational Vehicle Technician
Refrigeration and AC Mechanic
Residential Construction (Carpentry)
Sheet Metal
Welding Level 1



www.eSchoolBC.com provides a very flexible and engaging learning option for BC students. These courses are FREE and count fully towards graduation and university/college prerequisites. They are taught by local school district teachers.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR ONLINE COURSES

1. Go to www.eSchoolBC.com
2. Click on "Register Now!"
3. Scroll down to Grade 10-12 and click on the appropriate "Register Now!" link.
4. Complete the form.
5. As soon as you submit, you'll receive an automatic email.
6. Within a working day, you'll receive a second email which contains all your account information.

Registration for the 2016-2017 school year is open until March 13, 2017.

Courses must be completed by June 19, 2017.

Registration for the 2017-2018 school year will open on August 28, 2017.

NEW Trades Sampler Program



The ideal candidate for this program is a grade 10 or 11 student who is unsure if they are a good fit for trades and would like an opportunity to explore several different trades. For a more in depth description, please see page 5.
A short application package is available at the Career Centres in each school.

NEW Education Assistant Certificate Program

The ideal candidate for this program is a grade 12 student who is passionate about helping students to be successful in their education. For a more in depth description, please see page 5.
A short application package is available at the Career Centres in each school.



The Canadian Sport School – A Multi-Sport Training & Learning Environment

The Canadian Sport School program, delivered in collaboration with Central Okanagan Public Schools and PacificSport Okanagan, is designed to support student-athletes who strive to find daily balance through their pursuit of excellence in the classroom, in their sport and in the community. The program helps alleviate the pressures experienced by student-athletes and ensures that they have the skills and resources needed to continue to progress and excel.

Student-athletes are able to bring their physical training into the school day by participating in a half day multi-sport training program with PacificSport Okanagan coaching specialists. The training program delivers the IGNITE Athlete Development Program which focuses on athleticism and new skill development through strength training, sprint training, yoga and basic gymnastics movements.

A dedicated School District teacher is on staff at the program to teach and to assist student-athletes with their academic studies as required. When finished with training, student-athletes are transported to their respective public school for half the day with their existing teachers, friends, and peers for the remainder of their educational requirements. The majority of the BC graduation program required courses are delivered through the student-athlete's school of record. The remainder of their elective courses will be offered by the Canadian Sport School via distributed learning. Some of the elective courses blend learning and training and include Human Performance, Athlete Training, Sports Marketing, High Performance PE, and Individual Sports Training.

For more information about the program, contact:

Nathan Reiter
PacificSport Okanagan
Sport Performance Coordinator
nreiter@pacificsport.com
250-469-8855

Kirsten Mullen
Central Okanagan Public Schools
Canadian Sport School Teacher
Kirsten.mullen@sd23.bc.ca
250-718-6947



DISTRICT ACADEMIES REGISTRATION INFORMATION

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Constable Neil Bruce Middle (CNB)

Outdoor Education Academy

Offered: All year to Grade 9 students only

Registration Date(s): Application deadline is March 10, 2017

How to Register: Must be registered at CNB to apply. Comes out with Course Selection booklets.

Program Information: Tony Cescon

Cost: \$320

Soccer Academy

Offered: All year to Grade 8 and 9 students

Registration Date(s): Application deadline is March 10, 2017

How to Register: Must be registered at CNB to apply. Comes out with Course Selection booklets.

Program Information: Emily Verstraete

Cost: \$220

Dr. Knox Middle (DRK)

Golf Academy

Offered: All year to Grade 9 students only

Registration Date(s): Thursday, February 16 to Monday, February 27

(course selection)

How to Register: Course selection and application forms at office

Program Information: Dave Roberts

Cost: \$300

Soccer Academy

Offered: All year to Grade 9 students only

Registration Date(s): Thursday, February 16 to Monday, February 27

(course selection)

How to Register: Course selection and application forms at office

Program Information: Brian Demug

Cost: \$450

Hockey Canada Skills Academy

Offered: All year to Grade 9 students only

Registration Date(s): Thursday, February 16 to Monday, February 27

(course selection)

How to Register: Course selection forms at office and on-line application

Contact: Darryl McCrady and Dan Ruggiero

Cost: \$1100

Glenrosa Middle (GMS)

Hockey Canada Skills Academy

Offered: Full year course (grades 7, 8, 9)

Registration Date(s): A mandatory parent information meeting is held prior to Spring Break (applications are date stamped that night)

How to Register: Course selection forms at office and on-line (mandatory registration meeting held in late Feb/early March – date TBA)

Contact: Anthony Greer and Brent Hayter

Cost: \$1600

KLO Middle (KLO)

Hockey Canada Skills Academy

Offered: All year

Registration Date(s): Wednesday, February 1 to Wednesday, February 8

How to Register: Go to <http://klohcsa.weebly.com/online-application.html>

Contact: Sebastien Valois and Dan Ruggiero

Cost: \$1100

Springvalley Middle (SMS)

Outdoor Education Academy

Offered: All year to Grade 8 students only

Registration Date(s): Application deadline is March 12, 2017

How to Register: Must be registered at SMS. Application Process.

Program Information: Roger Kirk

Cost: \$225

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

George Elliot Secondary (GES)

Golf Academy

Offered: Second Semester

Registration Date(s): Application deadline is March 17, 2017

How to Register: Please contact George Elliot Secondary School

Contact: Tim Frechette

Cost: \$400.00 with \$200.00 deposit due in March

Soccer Academy

Offered: Second Semester

Registration Date(s): Application deadline is March 17, 2017

How to Register: Please contact George Elliot Secondary School

Contact: Dan Vicaretti

Cost: \$350.00 with a \$100.00 deposit due in March

Mount Boucherie Secondary (MBSS)

Baseball Academy

Offered: Full Year

Registration Date(s): Application deadline is March 3, 2017

How to Register: Go to www.mbs.sd23.bc.ca, at Programs/Courses, select Course Offerings

Program Information: Robert Tonsaker

Cost: \$150

Soccer Academy

Offered: First Semester

Registration Date(s): Application deadline is March 3, 2017

How to Register: Go to www.mbs.sd23.bc.ca, at Programs/Courses, select Course Offerings

Program Information: Jessica Briker or Ashley Bedwell

Cost: \$200

Golf Academy:

Offered: Full Year

Registration Date(s): Application deadline is March 3, 2017

How to Register: Go to www.mbs.sd23.bc.ca, at Programs/Courses, select Course Offerings

Program Information: Gordon McGarva

Cost: \$150-\$375

Hockey Canada Skills Academy

Offered: Second Semester

Registration Date(s): Application deadline is March 12, 2017

How to Register: Go to <http://mbsshcsa.weebly.com/>

Program Information: Tom Nagy and Dan Ruggiero

Cost: \$850

Academy of Indigenous Studies

Offered: Full Year

Please contact Ms. Winacott for further information: kyla.winacott@sd23.bc.ca

Okanagan Mission Secondary (OKM)

Swim Academy

Offered: Both semesters

Registration Date(s): Deadline for application is March 11, 2017

How to Register: Go to www.okm.sd23.bc.ca, at Programs & Services select Sport Academies

Program Information: Sarah Sinclair

Cost: \$550

Hockey Canada Skills Academy

Offered: Both semesters

Registration Date(s): Deadline for application is March 11, 2017

How to Register: Go to www.okm.sd23.bc.ca, at Programs & Services select Sport Academies

Program Information: Kurt Corman and Dan Ruggiero

Cost: \$1100

Advanced Hockey Canada Skills Academy

Offered: Both semesters

Registration Date(s): Deadline for application is March 11, 2017

How to Register: Go to www.okm.sd23.bc.ca, at Programs & Services select Sport Academies

Program Information: Kurt Corman and Dan Ruggiero

Cost: \$2300

Soccer Academy

Offered: Both semesters for grade 7/8, Second semester for grade 9-12

Registration Date(s): Deadline for application is March 11, 2017

How to Register: Go to www.okm.sd23.bc.ca, at Programs & Services select Sport Academies

Program Information: Blain Wright

Cost: \$550

Golf Academy

Offered: Second Semester

Registration Date(s): Deadline for application March 11, 2017

How to Register: Go to www.okm.sd23.bc.ca, at Programs & Services select Sport Academies

Program Information: Paul Janke

Cost: \$975

Rutland Senior Secondary (RSS)

Baseball Academy

Offered: 1st semester

Registration Date(s): Tuesday, February 14 to Friday, March 10

How to Register: <http://rssbaseballacademy.weebly.com/>

Program Information: Dan Ruggiero

Cost: \$1200

Soccer Academy

Offered: Both semesters (subject to student demand)

Registration Date(s): Tuesday, February 14 to Friday, March 10

How to Register: Course selection and application forms at office

Program Information: Darryl Smith

Cost: \$550

Hockey Canada Skills Academy

Offered: 1st semester

Registration Date(s): Tuesday, February 14 to Friday, March 10

How to Register: Go to www.cohockeyskills.ca

Program Information: Dan Ruggiero

Cost: \$1000

Financial Hardship

All District academies are equity-based programs and access to students who cannot meet the costs of the program will be provided. As per Board Policy 425R, “a student will not be excluded from any education program due to financial hardship”. Where there are financial challenges, parents are asked to contact the principal directly to ensure confidentiality.

SPORT OPPORTUNITIES

BC School Sports

RYAN MANSLEY
Vice-Principal – École Kelowna Secondary School



BC School Sports is the governing body of all school sports programs in the province of British Columbia. There are regulations over who may be eligible to play in an organized sport at their respective schools and the following 5 general rules for eligibility apply;

1. Student-athletes can only compete for the school at which they are registered.
2. There is a maximum age allowed for each level of competition.
3. Student-athletes are athletically eligible for five years, from entry into Grade 8.
4. Student-athletes cannot have graduated from secondary school.
5. Student-athletes must be full-time.

There are also specific rules around transferring schools during an athletes five year eligibility window.

A transfer of schools after the start of the first year of eligibility may limit athletic eligibility at the new school. All student-athletes who transfer schools after the first year of eligibility must have their Athletic Director determine the student-athlete's eligibility based on BCSS Competitive Rules and Regulations.... In support of the goal of equitable competition, student athletes are eligible for the school at which they are registered on the first day of their 2nd year of eligibility: this is a student-athlete's "home school." Any transfer to another school after that day may affect athletic eligibility at the new school for a 12 month period.

Please be sure to check with your school's Athletic Director for more information around eligibility rules and regulations from BC School Sports.



KSS Owls' Field Hockey Team celebrates after a goal.

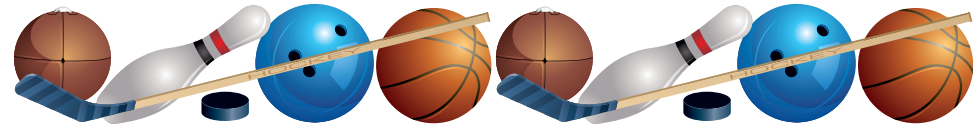
Central Okanagan Public Schools Sport Opportunities

RYAN MANSLEY
Vice-Principal – École Kelowna Secondary School

The District provides the opportunity for students to focus on a sport of their choice by applying for enrollment into a sports academy. These academies allow students to receive extensive training in the sport of their choosing. The students work on skill development while receiving credit for their time pursuing these sports. For a complete list of academies, please see page 14.

In addition to sport academies, several schools offer high-level sport programs that have a history of

team success at the provincial level, as well as success in moving our student athletes on to post-secondary athletics. The District offers high level sports programs for volleyball, basketball, soccer, football, field hockey, rugby, golf, tennis, wrestling, track & field, cross-country, swimming, dance fitness, dance performance and cheer-leading. See your school's Athletic Director for more information on what athletic choices are available at your school.



WHY I CHOOSE...

Soccer Academy is one of my favorite things about Mount Boucherie Secondary. Not only am I able to enjoy my favourite sport every second day, but the class is also so much fun. I've made so many friends through soccer academy, and had the opportunity to learn from Ms. Briker and Ms. Bedwell. Playing Co-Ed challenges me to do better and improve my skills

JENEVIEVE HYSLOP
GRADE 12 STUDENT – MOUNT BOUCHERIE SECONDARY



KSS Owls versus MBSS Bears

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Harmony Day

LEIGH-ANN YANOW
Harmony Day Coordinator

This February marks the 10th anniversary of Harmony Day in Central Okanagan Public Schools. Every year we celebrate this special day as an opportunity to recognize and encourage respect for all the members of our diverse community. We foster an environment in which people of

respect and cooperation among people of different backgrounds. The schools also plan events to emphasize common values and respect, rather than difference. At a time when we were looking to promote something new under the Human Rights umbrella, this was an easy choice to model a similar program in our community.

Throughout the last ten years, Harmony Day has grown exponentially. Starting off small with about half of our

schools participating, to this celebration growing to all schools participating in some form. We have continued to promote visual arts by producing amazing videos, posters, poetry, and bookmarks on an ongoing basis. As well, new resources are provided every year to schools which has enabled each location

to have a great resource collection on hand throughout the year. One of our greatest accomplishments for resources has been the growth of our website. Starting off internally within the school district, we have grown to having our own web domain www.harmonyday.ca. This website has allowed us to easily share learning resources and ideas throughout our district as well as the community and other school districts throughout the country.

Harmony Day 2017

Our 10th Anniversary will be on February 15th, 2017. We have some exciting events in the planning process,



Students playing music together for Harmony Day

different cultures, ages, ethnicities, and interests can work and learn in harmony.

Harmony Day began after Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent of Schools, was on a family vacation in Australia. While visiting, her family participated in Harmony Day activities at local schools. In Australia, Harmony Day has been occurring for seventeen years. Schools celebrate diversity by hosting events to celebrate and foster harmony within their communities. Nationally focused partnerships were developed with business and community organizations to explore ways to promote social cohesion, racism, and encourage understanding,



WHY I CHOOSE...

I chose to participate in Harmony Day because on this day we celebrate how we are different but the same. We are all unique in a good way, each of us have different personalities, interests, hobbies, and beliefs that need to be respected. At my school, we had an assembly celebrating the start of Harmony Day in our District and hosted several International students to share their stories. I think Harmony Day should be an international holiday where we can all celebrate our differences and similarities equally.

JASPER MUSSIO
GRADE 6 STUDENT - DAVIDSON ROAD ELEMENTARY

including a new video “Ten Years of Harmony” which is a compilation of the amazing videos that have been created throughout the last ten years. “**High Ten for Harmony**” will be the theme to celebrate the ten years of the event as well as symbolize our community giving out “High Tens” for Harmony. The organizing committee has been busy planning a multitude of events and ordering resources to mark this special anniversary.

One of the largest events will be a full day conference for 175 Middle School students to be held on February 2nd. The day will be showcasing a “Living Library”. Each student will have the opportunity to visit four “books” throughout the day. The exciting part is that the “books” are people from our community who will be presenting their story to the students, hence the name “Living Library”. Invited guests will share their stories, enabling us to understand and respect diversity in our community. We will also have an ‘inquiry through art’ where students

will be able to share their thoughts and feelings about Harmony Day in a cooperative project. Having the event a few weeks before Harmony Day will enable the participating students to plan activities to take back to their schools.

Through our regular support from the District Human Rights Committee and our local branches of the Lions and Lioness Clubs, we will once again be able to purchase resources for our schools. This year, we are excited to provide the schools with the books “The Medicine Wheel – Stories of a Hoop Dancer” by Teddy Anderson, and “Stepping Stones” by Margriet Ruurs.

Our website, www.harmonyday.ca will continue to be updated with new ideas to share with our schools and community. We will continue to celebrate this special day as an opportunity to recognize and encourage respect for all the members of our diverse community. The future is looking bright for Harmony Day and we are looking forward to the next ten years!

The Kelowna & District Safety Council's Spring & Summer Safety Programs for Kids!

Descriptions of other courses offered available online. **Please register online.**

Babysitter Training

Ages 10+ (\$60)

Kelowna: Feb. 24, March 21 & 29, May 19, July 10 & 24, Aug. 16 & 24
West Kelowna: Jan. 28, March 22, July 25 & Aug. 14

This 1 day, 6.5 hr course provides students with the knowledge to care for children ages infant to eight years old.

Home Alone

Ages 9+ (\$40)

Kelowna: Jan. 21, March 20 & 28, July 18, Aug. 10 & 22.
West Kelowna: March 23, July 26 & Aug. 15.

This 1 day, 3hr course provides students with the knowledge to assist them in staying safe while home alone.

First Aid for Kids (Red Cross People Savers)

Level 3 (3 hrs, Ages 8-10, \$35)

The Kelowna and the West Kelowna dates are the same as the Home Alone course dates, as they go together well, so FA3 is taught following HA.

Includes: checking for safety, calling for help, responding to choking, bleeding, poisons, burns & more.

Level 4 (4 hrs, Ages 10–12, \$45)

Kelowna: March 27, July 19, Aug. 21.

West Kelowna: March 24 & July 27.

Review level 3, plus: broken bones, rescue breathing, react to unconscious persons & more. \$5 discount when Babysitter training taken in the same year.

Online Safety Smarts

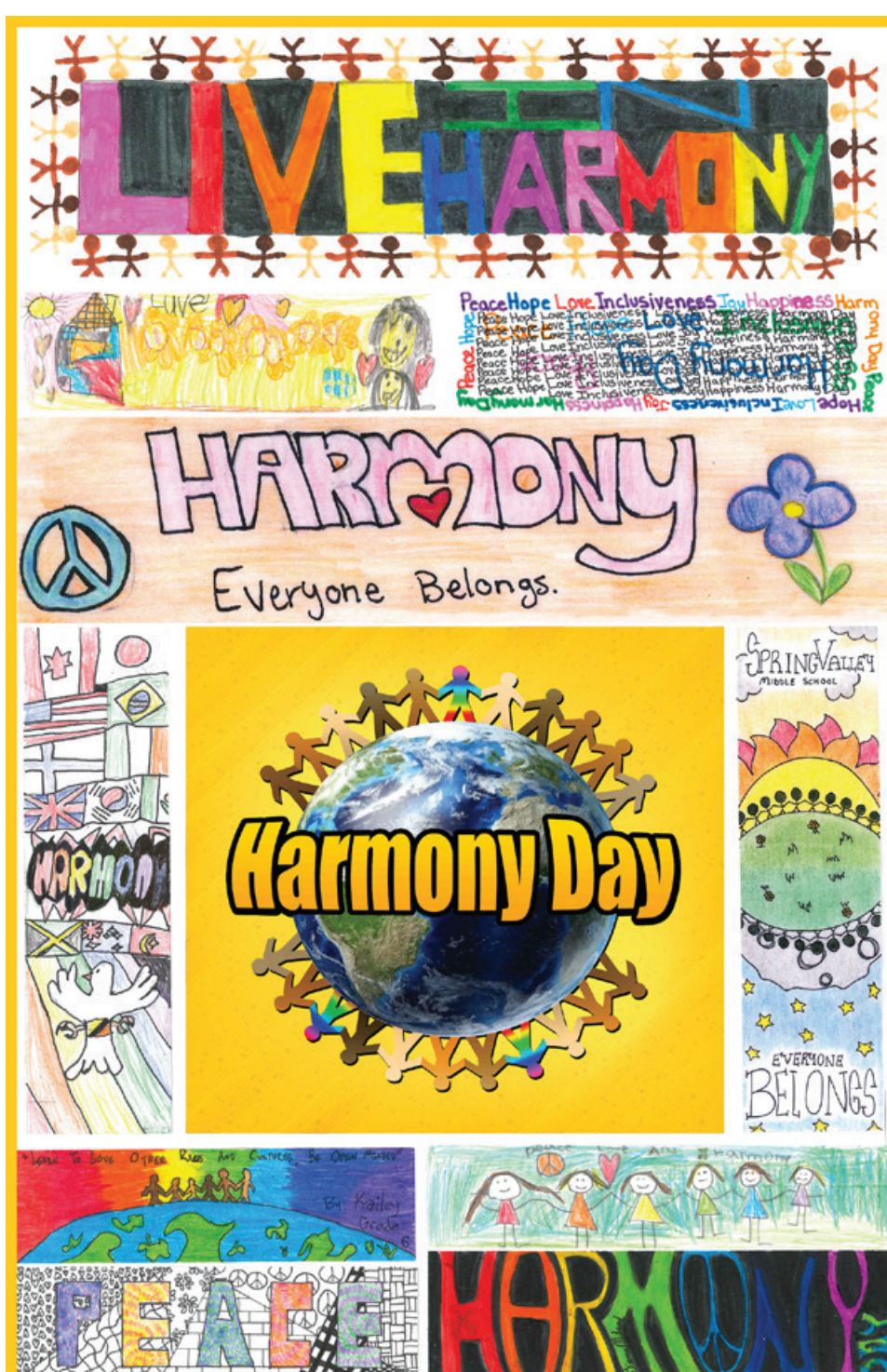
Ages 9-12 (\$30)

The Kelowna and the West Kelowna dates are the same as the First Aid Level 4 course dates, as they go together well, so OSS is taught following FA4.

This 2 hr course helps students identify potentially dangerous situations and apply proper online social etiquette and critical thinking skills to activities such as meeting people, sharing information, etc



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Young-Parent Program

SUSANNE BYL

Teacher - École Kelowna Secondary School



The Young-Parent Program is a safe place for students to learn and socialize with other students. It helps to connect these students to the school. The students' babies are very near so they can be mentored after class discussions or presentations, allowing the students to apply what they have learned to their babies. For example, the young parents learn how to actively read with their babies, using stimulation through rhyming and pictures, and then immediately put it into practice.

The program also helps to connect the young parents to their community. After high-school, a career is important. The program constantly has guest speakers in to help with the students' future goals. There have been connections with WorkBC, motivational tools and speakers, as well as job shadows. There is also certificate qualifications for our young parents; Food Safe Level One, Basic First Aid, Drivers Learning permits (L & N).

The Young-Parent Program has a coordinator that arranges services between childcare service, mothers and the school system, case

management referrals, connecting mothers with communities and supporting child development education.

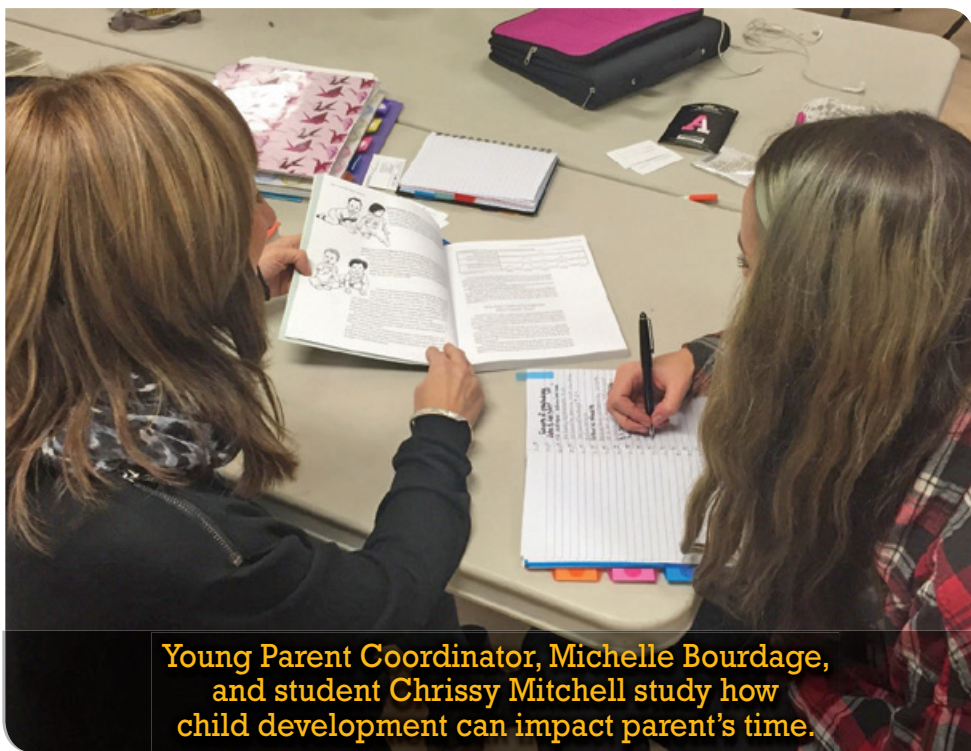
Having a liaison between the young parent and teachers is important. Times when the baby is sick allows for better communication between teacher and student for providing time to make up missed work.

Parenting skills are also taught within the program. The parents learn the following strategies:

- Discipline vs. punishment
- Milestones for baby
- Linguistics
- Importance of reading, rhyming and song
- Sleep training
- Potty training
- Connection
- Breast feeding
- Fine and gross motor skill exercises

The role of a Young-Parent Program teacher is different than a regular classroom. Young mothers have many responsibilities. Getting to school is tough. Having enough nutritious food in a day can be an issue; therefore, providing a warm pot of soup, or healthy smoothie can go a long way towards changing a day for these students. The teacher takes on the role of a life coach and keeps our young parents connected to their school.

REGISTER



Young Parent Coordinator, Michelle Bourdage, and student Chrissy Mitchell study how child development can impact parent's time.

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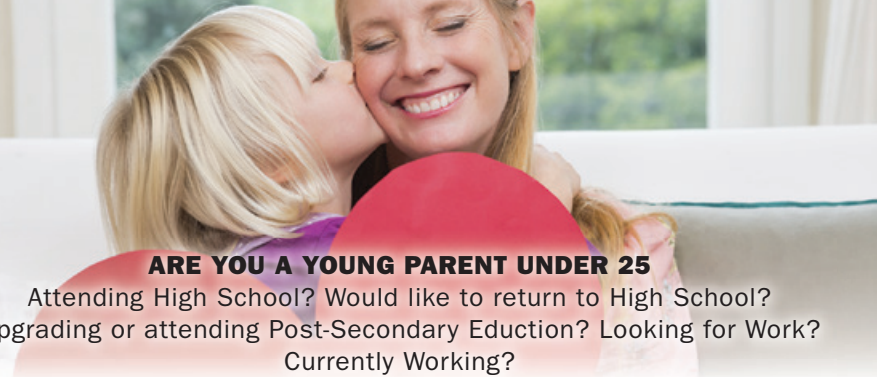


WHY I CHOOSE...

Without the Youth-Parent Program, I would not have been able to complete high-school and create a future for myself and daughter. Having a separate room attached to the daycare is amazing. High-school is hard enough as it is, let alone being a "teen Mom". We are able to come into our room and escape from school, if needed. Being able to walk through the door and see my daughter when I want really took the edge off of leaving her at daycare. There are so many supports for us from the daycare workers and coordinators who help us and motivate us. I have appreciated all of the learning and love I have received from the Young-Parent Program.

MARISSA QUO VADIS
2016 GRADUATE - ÉCOLE KELOWNA SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Health Promoting Schools Teacher Consultants

Central Okanagan Public Schools is committed to supporting Health Promoting Schools. Currently, eight of our middle and secondary schools have developed an inquiry question and action plan to support student well-being in each school setting. These small but mighty teams share a common goal to increase the number of students who enjoy positive mental well-being and who are thriving in our school communities. Knowing that protective factors such as school

connectedness, caring adults, and having someone to turn to for help is essential, they aim to move from a problem-focused approach to mental health to an approach for well-being. Grounded in the Spirals of Inquiry, each team is now taking action within their respective school environments. We continue to be amazed by the students' energy, enthusiasm, and thoughtfulness to make their schools better places for everyone.

Okanagan Mission Secondary School:

How will promoting awareness of diversity and mental wellness improve student and staff life in and outside of the school?



Rutland Middle School:

How will a wellness team improve our hallways and encourage students to be themselves?

Rutland Senior Secondary School:

How will educating students and staff about balance improve their well-being?



Springvalley Middle School:

How will modelling a new attitude and educating our peers improve the ways in which students speak to one another using respectful, positive and inclusive language?



WHY I CHOOSE...

We choose to be involved in promoting positive mental health because we believe kindness and empathy are not normal in our world today and they should be! At Dr. Knox Middle, we want our school to be a place where all students feel safe and accepted so we introduced a month of activities that promoted mental health awareness. This took place during one of the most difficult times of the school year and we called it Fabulous February. We believe that with intentional teaching and activities in the area of mental health we can create a school that has a culture of belonging.

Every day we have an opportunity and a responsibility to create BELONGING!

MAZEE HOLLAND & CODY SIMONS
GRADE 9 STUDENTS - DR. KNOX MIDDLE



KLO Middle School:

How will AIME projects improve mental wellness in our KLO Community?

Kelowna Secondary School:

How will we promote healthier mental well-being for students and staff?



Mount Boucherie Secondary School:

How will we promote self-worth and unity through awareness of school happenings?

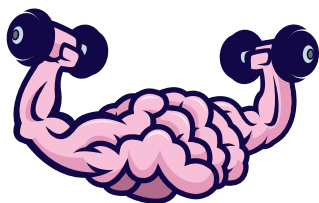
George Elliot Secondary School:

How can we increase involvement and connectedness in our school?



Supporting Employee's Mental Health

VIANNE KINTZINGER
Assistant Superintendent



The Central Okanagan School District has a long standing commitment to the Health and Wellness of its staff. As stated in our School Board Policy 367, first developed in 2009, "The Board believes that our employees are our most valuable asset". This policy is evident when we investigate the longstanding educational opportunities, activities and supports that are available to each of our 3,000 staff members.

To ensure that all of our staff have access to current information and literature on mental health and wellness, each February we facilitate a conference open to all employees. At this conference, we host a number of recognized speakers and sessions specifically devoted to employee health and wellness. Of particular note, last year, the keynote speaker was Melanie Levenberg who spoke on how to thrive in our daily life. Also, there were a number of session on topics such as: mindfulness, resiliency strategies, and cultivating balance in our lives, to name a few. We also engage in friendly employee wellness challenges that are designed to encourage our staff to become connected as groups by engaging in fun daily team wellness activities during

the month of February. We know that connectedness and play (as evidenced by their fun photos) are key factors in promoting personal wellbeing in the workplace. As we believe that an active body promotes a healthy mind, we also support an employee volleyball league, encourage staff to participate in Bike to Work Week, and support our staff to bring to work their favourite fitness opportunities to engage in before and/or after work hours. Finally, through our Human Resources Department we have a substantial employee assistance program. With this program, our employees have access to a multitude of supports that are confidential and at no expense to the individual. Further, our Human Resources team promotes wellness by encouraging and supporting flexible and graduated return to work options when our employees have been unwell. This affords each of our employees the privacy and dignity that is crucial to supporting mental health and wellness. The loyalty, compassion, and care provided to each of our many employees by our Human Resources leadership is exemplary. Our District's Heath Promoting Schools committee coupled with our Employee Wellness

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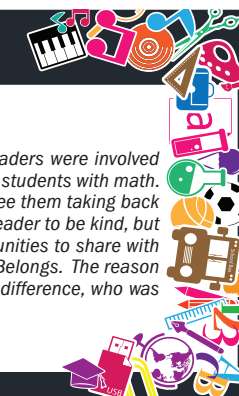




WHY I CHOOSE...

In grade 7, I saw all the great things WEB leaders were involved in. From hosting events like Spirit Day to helping students with math. Sometimes they didn't get thanked, but I could see them taking back what they put into it. Yes, it doesn't take a WEB leader to be kind, but as a WEB student, you are open to more opportunities to share with others. I get to provide a place Where Everyone Belongs. The reason I applied to WEB was because if I didn't make a difference, who was going to? Giving to others gives back.

SIERRA MCLEOD
GRADE 8 STUDENT – RUTLAND MIDDLE



committee take our employees' health and wellness seriously.

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The Morgan's Story: an International Host Family

SUSAN MORGAN
Homestay Parent

In 2010, my husband and I left the UK to start a new life in Canada with our two youngest sons. It was a difficult move for us even though we were moving to an English speaking country and one which was in the



what it has to offer, and the kindness and hospitality Canadians have shown us. In fact, we are now so settled here that we have become Canadian citizens which we are very proud of.

It was through a Canadian friend that we found out about hosting international students. As we are a very active family, enjoying the great outdoors that our area has to offer, I thought it would be something special to share it with international students.

I became very excited at the thought of introducing a student into our family in order for them to improve their knowledge of

Commonwealth. Leaving our grown-up sons, family, friends and our careers as police officers was hard to do, and although arriving in the country was very exciting, it was only a matter of months before the novelty wore off and I especially began to feel very homesick, missing family, friends and environment.

Nearly seven years later, we are very settled here and have grown to love our new country and new community,

the English language as well as help them discover a different culture, make new friends and provide them with the whole experience of being part of a new family.

We applied to host through the Central Okanagan Public Schools' International Program as the reputation of the program is really high in the community. We submitted our application; and the coordinator contacted us, conducted a home visit,

and had an informal and very friendly chat with us. Within a few months, we had our first student. Over the four years that we have been homestay parents, we have hosted 10 students from different countries – some short

of a new language, understanding Canadian culture, and watching them experience new activities.

We enjoy sharing our home with them, treating them as part of our family and getting to know about their culture and customs. We love sitting together around the dinner table discussing the day's events and exchanging details about ourselves. Our boys have enjoyed making new friends and learning about other lifestyles, schooling and languages. We have made life-long friends with many of our students and their families, who have at times come to visit their sons or daughters. Some of our students have



term and some long term.

I think going through the experience of being homesick ourselves has helped us identify what issues our students have felt, and we have been able to support them through it. It is very satisfying to see our students become confident in their new environment, as well as progressing in their knowledge

returned to visit us, again. We love them. They have become members of our family.

We encourage anyone who might be interested in doing this to apply to be a host parent as it has been a very positive experience for our family and the students who have shared our home with us.

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KSS Senior Boys Volleyball Team – Valley Champions and Provincial Silver Medalists



Congratulations to the KSS Senior Boys Volleyball team and coach Mike Sodaro for achieving a silver medal in this year's Provincial Tournament.

Canadian Student Leadership Association 2016 BC Leader of Distinction Award Recipient



Trustee Lee-Ann Tiede congratulates Ryan Wakefield, Teacher at Springvalley Middle School, who is one of this year's honourees of the Canadian Student Leadership Association (CSLA) 2016 BC Leader of Distinction Award. Each year, the CSLA recognizes its "Leaders of Distinction" from schools across Canada. Leaders of Distinction are advisors (education professionals) who have consistently demonstrated excellence in leadership, and an extraordinary commitment to the development of student leadership in Canada.

CESS Junior Boys Volleyball Team - Provincial Champions



Congratulations to the CESS Junior Boys Volleyball Team as well as coaches Jennifer Callow and Brandon Marshall for achieving a gold medal in this year's Provincial Tournament.

Government of Canada History Awards for Teaching Recipients



Trustee Rolli Cacchioni congratulates Ryan Holly, Jillian Cornock, and Dayna Hart for receiving the Government of Canada History Award for Teaching. This award honours outstanding teachers that demonstrate an innovative approach to teaching Canadian history. Applicants must submit a project for consideration. Their project used the Medicine Wheel to teach how imperialism affected Aboriginal communities in Canada.

Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) Affiliate Leadership Development Award Recipient



Congratulations to Tyler Cernak, Teacher at Mount Boucherie Secondary, who is this year's deserving recipient of the Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) Affiliate Leadership Development Award. This award nurtures the development of new leaders within state/regional/provincial affiliates and NCTE. Given to early career teachers (1-5 years' experience) who have never attended an NCTE Annual Convention, the award recognizes those who have demonstrated a capacity for professional leadership and a willingness to join and participate in the affiliate during the upcoming academic year.

Central Okanagan Public Schools Winter/Spring Calendar



February 13, 2017

- Family Day (schools closed)

February 15, 2017

- Harmony Day

February 22, 2017

- Pink Shirt Day

February 24, 2017

- Teacher Professional Day
(Support Staff In-service Day)

March 20, 2017 – March 31, 2017

- Spring Vacation Period (schools closed)

April 3, 2017

- Schools open after Spring Vacation Period

April 14, 2017

- Good Friday (schools closed)

April 17, 2017

- Easter Monday (schools closed)

May 19, 2017

- Non-Instructional Day for Revised Curriculum
(schools closed)

May 22, 2017

- Victoria Day (schools closed)

June 29, 2017

- Last Day of School for Students

June 30, 2017

- Administrative Day (students do not attend)

Upcoming Parent Events

January 23, 2017	Free Range Kids - How to Raise Safe, Self-Reliant Children at Rotary Centre for the Arts	7:00 pm
February 7, 2017	Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity at Okanagan Mission Secondary	7:00 pm
February 21, 2017	Peaceful Parenting with Maggie Reigh at Hollywood Road Education Services	6:30 pm
February 23, 2017	Student Mental Health Literacy Workshop at Hollywood Road Education Services	7:00 pm
April 19, 2017	Social Media Awareness Presentation for Parents – Jesse Miller at Dr. Knox Middle	6:30 pm
April 20, 2017	Social Media Awareness Presentation for Parents – Jesse Miller at Okanagan Mission Secondary	6:30 pm

For further information, please visit the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council's (COPAC) Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/sd23copac/>.

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