








Weekly Memo

Week of February 12 – 16 th

"There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about." – **Margaret J. Wheatley**

Indigenous Words of the Week:

liml̓amt (leem-lemt) = thank you

Monday, Feb. 12	Tuesday, Feb. 13	Wed., Feb. 14	Thursday, Feb. 15	Friday, Feb. 16
Kelowna Gymnastix PAC Meeting in the Library at 6:00 PM  Andrea Locke presenting the Wellness Path	Kelowna Gymnastix BOYS Basketball Game At SKE 2:45 - 4 PM  Knitting Club at Lunch	Valentine's Day  Kelowna Gymnastix GIRLS Basketball Game At SKE 2:45 - 4 PM 	Kelowna Gymnastix	Pro – D Day No School for Students  PAC Hot Lunch – Last day to order Pizza for Feb 23 rd is on Monday the 19 th



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**

Together We Learn

Accessibility Survey

Help us better understand how Central Okanagan Public Schools can improve accessibility for persons with diverse abilities and disabilities.

Your feedback is important and will help guide the development of our district plan.

Follow the link to complete this short survey:



Quick Info/Upcoming Events

If you have a child who will be turning 5 in 2024, or if you know of any families moving to the Central Okanagan in the coming year, please see the District 23 Registration information here: [Registration Ad Spring 2024-2025.pdf](#)

ELFF Night at A.S. Matheson Elementary School: Literacy Night

E.L.F.F. is a program for parents of 3 to 5 year-old children designed to improve their success at school and to build connections between home and school. When parents are involved in their children's education, their children do better.

When: Thursday, March 14th, 2024, from 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Where: In the school gym. - Please enter through the front doors.

Why: This event is brought to you by the Central Okanagan School District and the Ministry of Education Ready, Set, Learn Program and together we will...

- Meet and Greet
- Enjoy some learning together
- Welcome you and your families to our community

- Keep you connected to our school community
 - Give you a "goodie bag" for home
- Families will leave with a large pizza to enjoy with your family at home

E.L.F.F. is free of charge for all members of your family. For any questions, please call the school at 250-870-5112. [Register Here](#)

Safe schools is presenting family presentations with partnership with the Ministry of Education and Childcare on "Social Media Awareness". These sessions were designed to support families and caregivers to navigate the digital world.

Dates and times and information to register can be found in the link below.

<https://pages.saferschoolstogether.com/erase-family-session>

Updated Google Consent for Families: [Google Workspace for Education \(GWE, aka G-Suite\)](#)

HOT LUNCH IS BACK!!! Please see the link below to order hot lunch for your children.

[K12 Lunches - Hot Lunches Program for A S Matheson Elementary asm.k12lunches.ca](#)

[Hot Lunch FAQ](#)

Technology and Cell Phone Use at School: We recognize that many students often use cell phones and other devices to communicate with family and friends. These are helpful communication tools; however, these tools also present inherent risks to the safety and well-being of students if the technology is used inappropriately. At times, students may be allowed to use cell phones, laptops, tablets or other related technology equipment, but only with their teacher's permission. While at A.S. Matheson and while on any school related trips and/or activities, and with the permission of their teacher, students must abide by the school's Code of Conduct and School District 23's policy for Student Use of Electronic and Social Media Communication (Policy 486). **If at any point, students' use of technology interferes with or distracts from the learning of others, schools may intervene and issue consequences in relation to the district policy.** Schools will also not be held responsible for any misplaced, lost, stolen, or broken items brought to school by students.

Stay Connected: Please feel free to sign up for our text messaging system by texting y to 978338. This allows us to send alerts and reminders to you about important dates and events!

ATTENDANCE

Parents/Guardians are required to report absences using the School Messenger - Safe Arrival Absence Reporting system. Please do not call the main office. The System can be accessed three ways:

- (1) Enter an Absence Using the Smartphone App (most user friendly process)
- (2) Enter an Absence Using the Online Parent Portal · visit go.schoolmessenger.ca
- (3) Enter an Absence by Calling the School · call the school, press "1" and follow the prompts