



# January Newsletter

## Month at a Glance

January 08  
School Back in Session

January 17  
PAC Hot Lunch  
Mr. Mikes

January 19  
School Spirit Day  
Crazy Hair Day

January 19-28  
PAC Read-A-Thon

January 26  
School Not in Session



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we embark on a cold beginning to the school year, we would like to send a strong reminder to have your precious ones bundled for the weather! Thank you in advance for this!

January is a month filled with activities to keep the students engaged and enjoy the school days, albeit cold and short in sunlight.

Our sledding hill is well used since we have had a skiff of snow, and we anticipate more of the white stuff soon to help with adding a good base layer. Needless to say, we are very proud of our Gr. 6 leaders during recess and lunch time as they don the high visibility vests and circulate the two sledding hills, ensuring that our students are both following the safety rules and having fun! Of course, our adult supervisors are out there as well, so don't fret! They have even been spotted sledding down the hills as well, all in the name of safety and quality control!

Skiing for the intermediates is near on the horizon and we are looking forward to again, connecting with the great outdoors in the name of fun and healthy living. We cannot thank enough our parent volunteers who join us on those days!

Skating will also be starting up and of course we continue to welcome anyone who wishes to tie multiple pairs of skates! We will never say no to that!

Basketball for the intermediates is also slated to begin at the end of the month. A huge thank you to Mrs. Reinarz and Mr. Smith for their willingness to coach the girls' and boys' teams respectively.

Oh, and let us not forget that we do continue to read, write, and expand our horizons may it be in the realm of science, social studies and the arts! I must admit that we do a great job at that if I may say so myself!

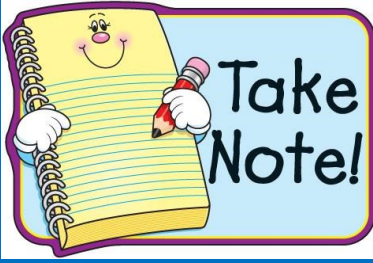
My teachers and staff continue to humble me with their caring, compassion, and dedication, ensuring that our students want to come to school and be the best that they can be! I couldn't ask for more!

With respect and kindness,  
ʔan wunikit,  
Judi Poole

"It is the life of the crystal, the architect of the flake, the fire of the frost, the soul of the sunbeam. This crisp winter air is full of it." *John Burroughs*

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January




## Kindergarten Registration

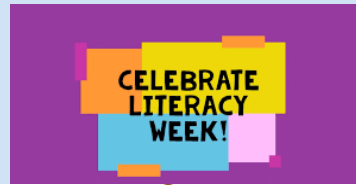
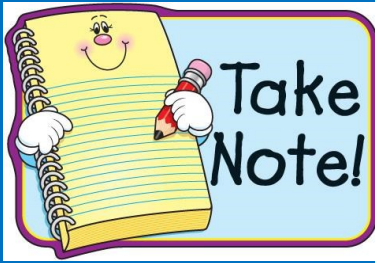
Kindergarten Registration for the 2023-2024 School Year will open on **Thursday, February 1st**. To register your child for September 2024, a completed Registration Package must be submitted. You can either download and print the [Registration Package here](#) or pick-up a Registration Package from our school office starting January 15th.

On February 1st, there will be a drop-box outside of our school office. Please place completed packages in the drop-box. The school office will be in touch if additional information is required. Registrations will be reviewed and approved based on School District #5's Administrative Procedures for [Student Registration Enrolment & Procedures](#). Families will be contacted later this spring to confirm whether their child's registration was approved and to provide information about Kindergarten Orientation.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office at **(250) 426-8551**.



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**BC Family Literacy week is January 21st-January 28th.**

In celebration of Literacy Week, we invite students to participate in a Book Swap!! Students can bring in books they have already read and swap them for something new to read.



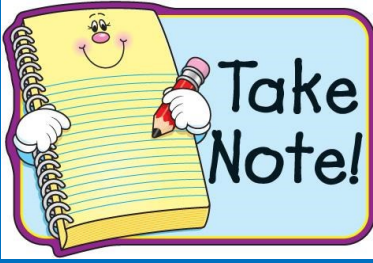
# READ-A-THON

In celebration of Literacy Week, PAC is hosting a Read-A-Thon to raise funds for the KO Library. The Read-A-Thon will take place from January 19th-28th and all students are invited to share in the joy of reading while keeping track of how many minutes they read at home each day. All monies raised from family & friend sponsors will go towards purchasing new furniture and books for the library. Packages will be sent home with students next week.



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## Intermediate Skiing & Snowboarding



We are excited to have students participate in the Skiing & Snowboarding program at Kimberley Alpine Report again this year. Information was sent home with students this week. **Please ensure that the Permission Form & Participant Agreement Form are returned to your child's teacher by this Friday, January 12th.** Fees will need to be paid using [School Cash Online](#).

### **Ski Days:**

**Tuesday, January 23: Reinarz & Schadeli**

**Wednesday, February 1: Halldorson & Potter**

**Monday, February 5: Reinarz & Schadeli**

**Tuesday, February 27: Halldorson/Potter**

**Monday, March 4: Reinarz/Schadeli**

**Tuesday, March 5: Halldorson/Potter**

**Friday, April 5: Halldorson/Potter (Weather Dependent)**

### KO Sledding Hill

As we enter the winters months, our sledding hill will be open to students. Our school has a limited amount of sleds available to classes on a rotating basis.

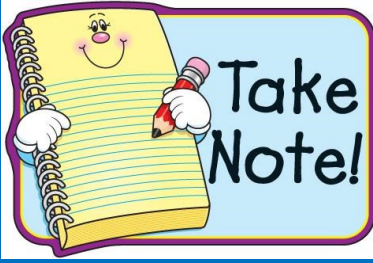


Students are welcome to bring sleds from home but they must be the soft, foam type. No hard plastic sleds will be permitted. Please ensure student's names are clearly written on the sleds.



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## Primary Skating at Kinsmen Arena



Students in our primary classes will get to enjoy skating at the Kinsmen Arena. Please ensure that student come to school with Skates, Helmet & Snowpants.

### **Skating Days:**

**Thursday, January 25: Mrs. Potter & Mrs. Adams**

**Thursday, February 1: Ms. Boss & Mr. Flegel**

**Thursday, February 8: Miss Cross & Mrs. Linardic**


**Thursday, February 15: Mrs. Reinarz**

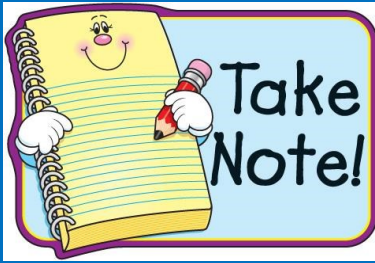
**Thursday, February 22: Mrs. Potter & Mrs. Adams**

**Thursday, March 7: Miss Cross & Mrs. Linardic**

**Thursday, March 14: Ms. Boss & Mr. Flegel**



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## Grade 5/6 Basketball

Our basketball season begins next week. Please see the practice schedule below. All games will take place Tuesdays after school beginning January 30th. A game schedule will be provide once available.

All players will be provided a jersey to wear. At the end of the season, students must return their jersey and ensure that it has been washed.

### Practices

**Girls:** Mondays after school & Thursday at lunch.

**Boys:** Tuesdays at lunch & Thursdays after school.

### Games


Games will commence on Tuesday, January 30th. A schedule will be provided once available. Parents will be responsible for driving students to and from games.

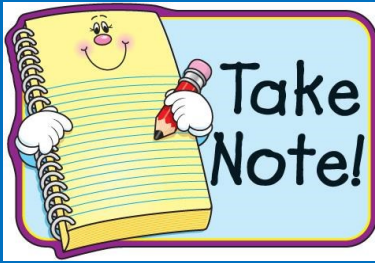
### Permission Forms

Permission Forms were sent home with students this week. Please ensure these are returned back to the school by Monday, January 15th.

**Thank you to Mrs. Reinarz & Mr. Smith who have volunteered to coach the teams!!**



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## Kootenay Orchards is getting ARTsy!


The Grade 4, 5 and 6 classes are FUNDRAISING for Science Fair Costs by organizing this first ever program at KO called **Created by Kids**.

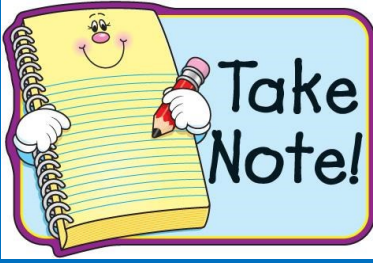
With this program, every student in the school has an opportunity to make an art masterpiece. Once the child has completed their art masterpiece, the parents/guardians then have the option of purchasing beautiful, professionally printed 5x7 folded greeting cards, coffee mugs, bookmarks, calendars, metal and canvas prints, and puzzles featuring their child's art! These are limited-edition keepsakes, which are also personalized with the child's name and age. Envelopes are included with greeting cards.

- All ordering is done online
- Direct-to-home shipping option available
- 30% profit to the school

Stay tuned in the next couple of weeks for an ordering package to be sent home with a sample of your child's project.



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THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5  
(SOUTHEAST KOOTENAY)

seeks

**Public Input into Cranbrook School  
Catchment Boundaries**

Tuesday, January 16, 2024 - Cranbrook  
Board Office  
7:00 p.m.

The focus of these meetings will be to review existing school catchment boundary areas in Cranbrook and surrounding areas. There will be a question and answer period at the end of each meeting.

Cranbrook Board Office location -  
940 Industrial Rd 1

Please email [jane.nixon@sd5.bc.ca](mailto:jane.nixon@sd5.bc.ca) to request a Microsoft Teams link if unable to attend in person.

BREAKFAST IS JAMMIN'



## BREAKFAST CLUB

**When:** Every Day

**Where:** Outside

**Time:** 8:20-8:40

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!

Please contact our Youth Care Worker Mrs. Holbrook if you have any questions.



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***The annual KO Talent Show is just around the corner  
and we want YOU to perform!***

**Audition Week February 12th-15th**

**Talent Show on Friday, February 29th at the  
Key City Theatre at 1:00 pm**

Students wishing to perform need to ensure they get their Registration Forms to Mr. Lutz before Audition Day.



Some acts will given a Golden Ticket and will make it directly into the show; other acts may be given tips for improvement and asked to re-audition.

Acts should be no more than 2 minutes and a Backing Track (karaoke or instrumental) needs to be emailed to [Mr. Lutz](mailto:Mr.Lutz) in advance or brought in on a USB Stick.



If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Lutz at [kim.lutz@sd5.bc.ca](mailto:kim.lutz@sd5.bc.ca)

or through the Kootenay Orchards Music Facebook Page 



# Music Corner

In January, the KO Music Program shifts to instruments and notation.

## Instruments:

**Mrs. Potter & Mrs. Adams:** Melodian Keyboards

**Ms. Boss & Mr. Flegel:** Guitars

**Ms. Reinarz & Mrs. Schadeli:** Recorders

Students in Mrs. Reinarz's & Mrs. Schadeli's class will need to acquire a recorder for the beginning of January. Any soprano recorder will be fine but please try to avoid recorders from the dollar store. The school has new recorders available for purchase for \$12.00. To purchase a recorder through the school, please visit [School Cash Online](#) to place an order.

**Mrs. Halldorson (Grade 5/6) & Mrs. Potter (Grade 5/6):** Band

These classes will now dedicate all of their time to their band instruments. This is the time of the year when the students usually make significant progress on their instruments.



If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Lutz at [kim.lutz@sd5.bc.ca](mailto:kim.lutz@sd5.bc.ca)

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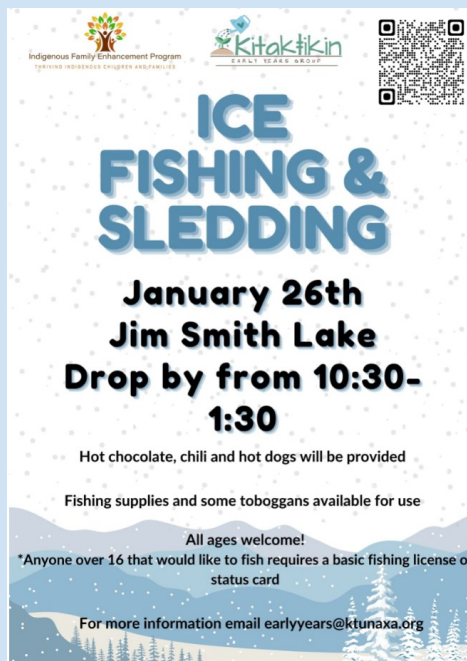
## Happy New Years!!

### Indigenous Leadership Group

Next gathering for Grade 5 & 6 Indigenous students happening on January 25th. Lunch will be provided. Miss Alexis will provide more information closer to the date.

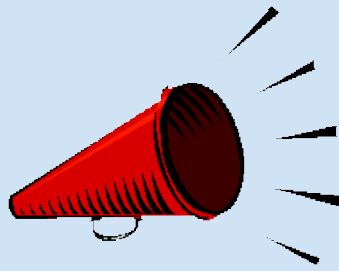
### Free Family Hockey & Skate

Free skate time at the Western Financial Place **every Friday from 3:30pm-4:30pm**. Lunch and skates will be provided, just bring yourselves and some hockey gear! Please note: attendees must have basic skating skills.



Need to contact our Indigenous Support Worker?

Email Miss Alexis at [alexis.hekker@sd5.b.ca](mailto:alexis.hekker@sd5.b.ca)



# PAC News!!

We hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable winter break.

Things to watch for this month:

-Our January PAC meeting time on Tuesday Jan 16th has been changed from 6:30 to 5:30 pm and will be taking place via Zoom. This is to help accommodate families that would like to attend School District #5's Public Input into the Cranbrook School Catchment Boundaries meeting taking place at 7:00 pm. Reminder if you attend PAC meetings you have a chance to win your child's Munchalunch next year.

-Literacy Week is Jan 22-25 with a Read A Thon! Read A Thon packages will be sent home at the end of next week and need to be handed in by Monday, Jan 29th. Look for details on the PAC Facebook page.

-Hot lunch dates this month Jan 17th and 31st and watch for the 2024 menus coming up.

-February 1-16th will be the ordering window for our Mom's Pantry fundraiser. An Email will come out with more details at the end of January.

-A big thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped with the Jingle Bell walk, serving hot chocolate, and taking down the float.

-Thank you to Williams Moving and Storage for all their help moving the Christmas concert set to and from KCT.

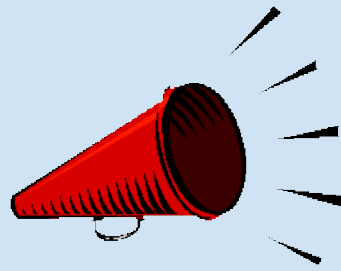


**Kootenay Orchards PAC**

**Jennifer, Courtney, Carla and Nicole**

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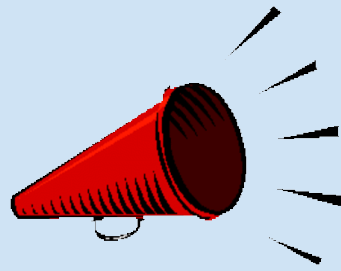


## Panago Pizza Fundraiser Night!!

**Thank you to the KO Families that ordered Panago Pizza for our December fundraiser. In total, we raised \$450.00 for our school!!!**



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# PAC News!!

## Watch for these upcoming fundraisers!!

**Read-A-Thon:** - January 22-25

**Mom's Pantry** - February 1 to February 14th

**Top Crop Baskets** - March 1st to 14th

## Ongoing Fundraisers:



**Save On Foods:** Please ask to put your bill towards Kootenay Orchards School. PAC receives 5% back from each receipt submitted.



**Mr. Mike's:** Please ask to put your bill towards Kootenay Orchards School. PAC receives 10% back from each receipt submitted.



**Mabel's Labels:** Did you know that this fundraiser is open all year long? PAC receives 20% from each order. Help support Kootenay Orchards by visiting [here](#).



**Olivers Labels:** Did you know that this fundraiser is open all year long? PAC receives 20% from each order. Help support Kootenay Orchards by visiting [here](#).

**TRU EARTH Laundry Detergent:** PAC receives 20% from each order. Help support Kootenay Orchards by visiting [here](#).

TRU EARTH

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If you would like to place an order, please visit [Muncha Lunch](#).  
*Please Note: Orders must be placed no later than one week before the scheduled hot lunch date.*

**January 17th: Mr. Mikes**

**January 31st: Subway**

**\*\*\*Watch for new Hot Lunch dates announced for February-June coming in the next few weeks\*\*\***

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Our PAC meets the second Tuesday of the month in the school library. You can also join via Zoom. Please visit our [PAC Facebook](#) page for the Zoom link.

**Next PAC meeting: Tuesday, January 16th at 5:30 pm.**

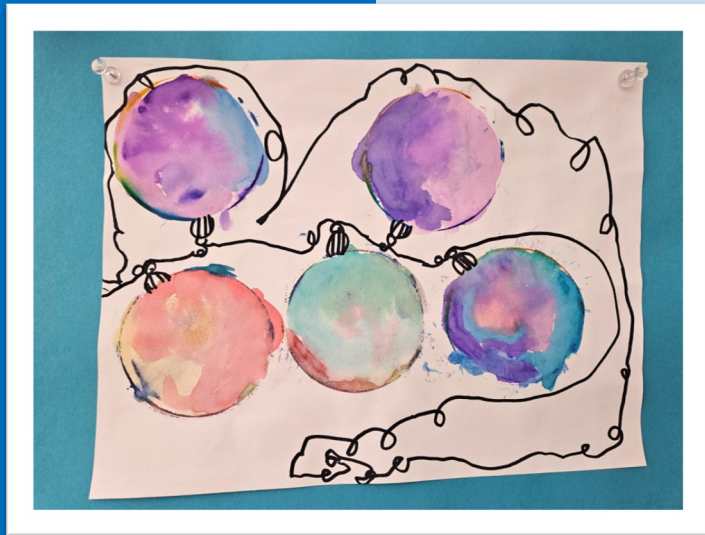
**\*\*NOTE: This meeting will ONLY be via Zoom and the time has been changed from 6:30 pm to 5:30 pm to accommodate families that would like to attend the SD5 Public Input into the Cranbrook School Catchment Boundaries meeting taking place at 7:00 pm.**



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# Mrs. Adam's Grade 1/2



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# Mrs. Potter's Grade 1/2



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# Mr. Flegel's Grade 3 Class

My favorite part of my body is my torso it helps me do anything I want like skate and play with toys and have fun with people. It helps my heart hold my blood and stuff and it's very helpful for me to move if I didn't have my stomach I couldn't do anything in the whole world. It helps me move and play and play with toys and play my twister. It is coloured skin peachy. My body helps me move and feel stuff. I couldn't move if it wasn't for my torso. My body helps me type on computers and press buttons on iPods or in computers and use mouse is it's very fun my body helps me because it's it holds my spine in place at whole time ribs in cage it holds my whole entire body in place.

By Brody

Toes toes your like a rose. When I'm in the bath your very wrinkly. Your big and small and really stinky. I have a big cut on my pinky tow. I have big nails and they have green on them. My toes are sometimes dirty too. Toes toes your like a rose. I like haw you protect my feet. I like that you are big and beautiful . You grip the floor when I walk I have a big cut on my pinky toe. I have big nails and they have green on them.by xander

My favourite part of me is my hair. My hair is black but, in the summer, it turns a little bit brown. My hair is straight, and it is medium. I like my hair tied up and my hair has a line in the middle which is called a part. I like that my hair keeps me warm in the winter. I can do new hair styles and I can do crazy hair styles too. Both of my parents have black hair and tons of my family does as well as me.

By: Sarina Atwal

My favorite part of me is my heart. It is red. It has a lot of cords. It keeps you alive. Your fist is a size of your heart.

Your heart has tubes. Your heart has a lot of blood. It is a size of your heart. I like it because it is red. It is the shape of a heart. I like it because it keeps me alive.

By Everett W.



# Celebrate the Ktunaxa Language!!

Scan the QR codes below with your phone's camera to hear the word in Ktuanxa.



**Naktaʔsuk**

January



**kaqʔiʔmuʔ**

Skates



**a·kʔu watum**

Snowball



**a·kʔu titqatʔ**

Snowman



We would like to acknowledge that we learn, play and work on the Homelands of the Ktunaxa people.