



Welcome Back!!

Principal's Message

Month at a Glance

September 5

First Day of School
9:00-11:00

September 14

School Open House
6:00-7:00

September 21

Terry Fox Run

September 22

Pro-D Day
School Not in Session

September 27

School Supply Fees Due

September 29

Orange Shirt Day

October 2

National Day of Truth &
Reconciliation
School Not in Session

October 4

Student Photos

Ki?su?k kyukyit q'apiniskit! Welcome back everyone!

Welcome back to a new school year! We hope you all had a restful and fun-filled summer break and are ready to take on the challenges of this new school year. Our staff have been working hard to prepare their spaces and they are excited to begin with students.

A special welcome to our new families who are joining us this year. We look forward to being a part of your child's education. Please let us know how we can support you in making the year as successful as possible for your child.

As a staff we are committed to open communication about your child's academic and social emotional growth. Please feel free to contact your child's homeroom teacher should you have any concerns during the year.

Please (if you haven't already) take a peek or join the Kootenay Orchards Elementary School Facebook page as well as the Kootenay Orchards PAC Facebook page as we use this platform to share upcoming events, pictures of learning, fieldtrips and emerging news for the KOES community.

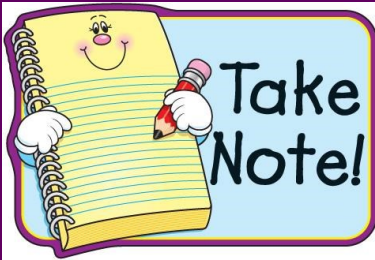
Let us welcome the month of September with open arms, minds and hearts!

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." Dr. Suess

Yours in education,
Gizelle Gaudon
Acting Principal



ku?makaku
September



****New Lunch
Schedule****

Lunch time is
now from 12:05
- 12:50 pm.



Kootenay Orchards Bell Schedule

MORNING CLASSES

8:40 AM – Warning Bell

8:45 AM – Classes Start

RECESS

10:30 – 10:45 AM (Primary & Intermediate)

10:30 – 11:00 AM (Kindergarten)

LUNCH

12:05 PM

AFTERNOON CLASSES

12:50 PM – Warning Bell

12:55 PM – Classes Start

END OF DAY

2:55 PM

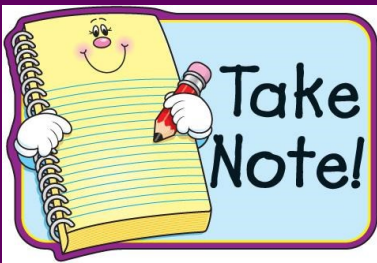
School Website & Facebook Pages

Have you checked out our School Website or Facebook Pages?
Stay up to date on all our latest updates by visiting the following:

[Kootenay Orchards Elementary Website](#)

[Kootenay Orchards Facebook Page](#)

[Kootenay Orchards Music Program Page](#)



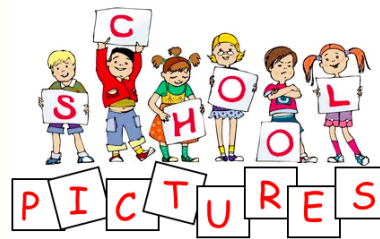
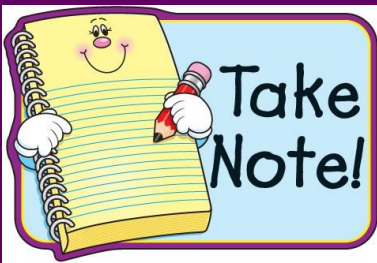
Back to School Forms

All students will be heading home with a package of forms that need to be completed, signed and returned to their classroom teacher.

Some of the forms included are:

- **Student Verification Form:** Please review and indicate any changes or updates required. This information is very important to ensure that we have the correct contact information on file in case of an emergency.
- **Low-Risk Field Trip Permission Form:** This is for low-risk, local field trips around our school neighborhood.
- **Personal Information Consent Form:** This form must be completed yearly.
- **BC School Fruit & Vegetable Program:** Please complete this form if you would like your child to participate. *Only for students who have not previously participated in the program.*





Student Photos

Student Photos will be taking place on **Wednesday, October 4th.**

More information will be sent home closer to the date.

School Calendar Magnets

Students will be bringing home a 2023-2024 School Calendar Magnet. On the magnets you will find listed all School Breaks, Statutory Holidays, Professional Development Days & Administrative Days; school is not in session for any of these days.

BC School Fruit & Vegetable Program

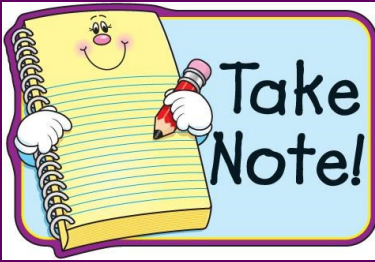
Our school is once again participating in the BC School Fruit & Vegetable Nutritional Program.

All Students are eligible to receive healthy treats throughout the school year. Students in grades K-5 can also receive a milk drink. If you would like your child to participate, please make sure to complete the permission form



included with the Back to School forms being sent home. Students who have already completed a permission form will not need to complete a new one.





School F E E S

School Fees due Wednesday, September 27th

Kootenay Orchards has purchased a few items for students which were either purchased at a discounted rate or are not available commercially. A letter will be provided to each student next week outlining which items have been purchased and the cost. *Please note this does not apply to students in both Miss Cross & Mrs. Lindardic's Kindergarten Classes.*

Please kindly submit payment using [School Cash Online](#) by **Wednesday, September 27th.** If you need to make alternate payment arrangements, please contact our school office.

School Cash Online

All School Fees including field trips, skiing, school sports, supplies, etc. will be collected using [School Cash Online](#).

Please make sure to register your child/ren. A handout will be attached to the School Fees letter with step-by-step instructions on how to register. If you have any questions or have any troubles completing the registration, please contact our school office.

Pay school fees online
SchoolCashOnline





PAC News!!

Welcome back to what's going to be another great year. We hope everyone enjoyed their summer.

Please come join us on the first day of school for Coffee, Tea, and treats outside by the picnic tables at the front of the school by the parking lot. We would love to meet you!

The first PAC meeting will take place Tuesday, September 12th @ 6:30pm in the KO library and on zoom. The zoom link will be made available via Facebook the day of the meeting. Come listen and share ideas. There will be informative reports from members of PAC plus our Principal and School Trustee. Getting involved keeps you in the loop. Attending meetings and volunteering creates a strong sense of community. "Volunteers are the heart within their community."

On September 14th is Kootenay Orchards Open House, come enjoy refreshments provided by PAC.

Keep an eye out for Fall Fundraisers! PAC will be updating via email very soon about fundraisers and community events once they are confirmed. We look forward to welcoming more parent volunteers and involvement this year.

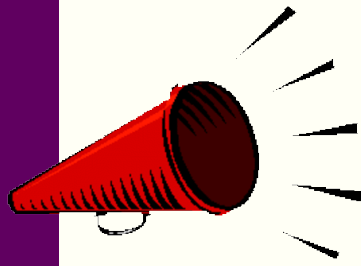
This year PAC is proud to announce the return of the Halloween Carnival on October 30th with 2 separate event times. Please join us for a spooky night filled with various games and snacks at the concession. Watch for posters with more information on event times and when to purchase your tickets. There is a separate planning committee for this event, so if you wish to contribute or volunteer, please contact Sarah Sinclair at sarahsinclair5@gmail.com or come see us on the first day of school at our Welcome Back Coffee table.

Kindest Regards,
Kootenay Orchards PAC



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PAC News!!

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: Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 12th at 6:30 pm.

Please visit our [PAC Facebook](#) page for meeting details.

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The 2023/2024 PAC Team Members are:

President: Jennifer Spyksma

Vice President: Courtney Chanski

Treasurer: Carla Post

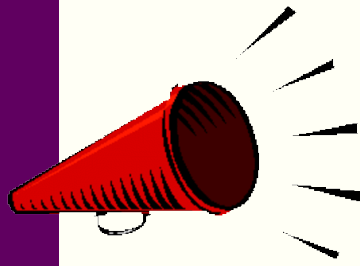
Secretary: Nicole Erickson

Hot Lunch Jess Bolivar

Coordinator:

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Ongoing Fundraisers:

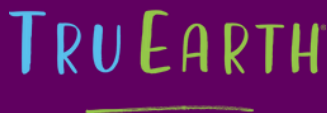
Save On Foods: Please ask to put your bill towards Kootenay Orchards School. **PAC receives 5%** back from each receipt submitted.

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](#).



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PAC is very excited to be offering hot lunches again this year!!
Registration will open on Monday, September 11th for the first part of the year. A reminder email and registration information will be sent out in advance.

September 27th: Booster Juice

October 11th: Subway

October 25th: Hot Dog Day

November 8th: Boston Pizza


November 22nd: Taco Time

December 6th: Edo Japan

December 20th: Pizza Hut

January 17th: Mr. Mikes

January 31st: Subway

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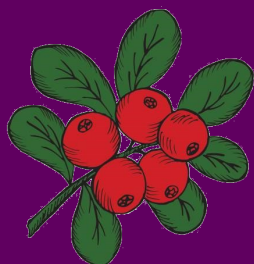
Celebrate the Ktunaxa Language!!

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



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September



ʔa·kiʔtmaʔ

Chokecherries



knukiʔtka

Bus



hawigkinin ʔaki

Hold My Hand



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