



KCCS What's Up?

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New Configuration

Due to an increase in projected enrolment for the coming school year, we have added another division. This changes our configuration and provides students with classes that consist of two grade splits, rather than three grade splits. We recognize that reconfiguring after the first week of school is not easy for every stu-

dent, yet the new configuration allows for smaller classes which is a benefit for all students. Our goal is to ensure an optimal learning environment for all children at Kelly Creek Community School. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this time of transition.

Andrew Shostak	-Grades 6 & 7, Division 1
Vacancy	-Grades 4 & 5, Division 2
Lucien Ervington	-Grades 3 & 4, Division 3
Jenni Brander	-Grades 1 & 2, Division 4
Debbie Mullin	-Kindergarten/Grade 1 Div. 5

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Dates to Remember

Sept 21 — ProD NO SCHOOL
Sept 27 — Open House/Terry Fox Run

Welcome back to our support staff from last year.

Allison Ellerby

Shaun Gurney

Ang Padgett

Michelle Vestering

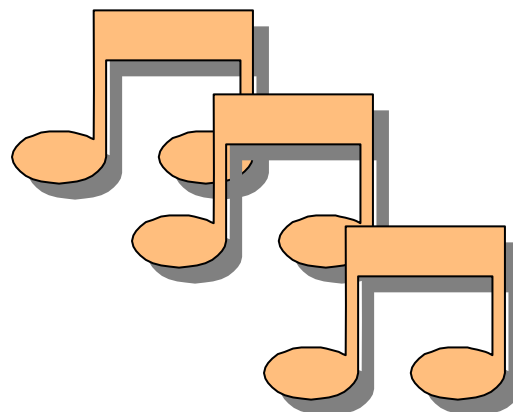
We would also like to welcome back Mrs. Seguin who is returning to her role as office manager at the school.

We are all looking forward to an amazing school year!

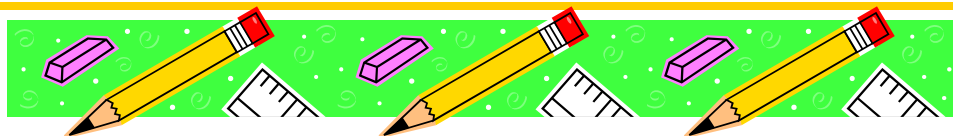
MUSIC

It is with much happiness that we announce that we will have a music program this year. Mrs. Joanne Hansen has graciously accepted an expansion of her current assignment at James Thomson and Henderson to join the staff at Kelly Creek each Monday. We are also delighted to welcome Mr. Mike Sanford to the KCCS staff.

His current assignment allows him to teach music each Thursday at our school.



WELCOME BACK



Welcome back to another exciting year at Kelly Creek Community School. All of the staff and students are excited to be back at school, connecting with friends and re-establishing routines. The Community School Association is also back in full swing, with after school pro-

grams starting next week (please see the KCSSA insert for more details regarding after school programming).

We are fortunate to have an amazing staff at Kelly Creek who are dedicated to ensuring the best possible learning for every

student who attends KCCS. Each of our team members brings their own unique and individual strengths to the school and to their classrooms. We look forward to a great year working with you and your children.

Outdoor Education

Last year, Mr. Shostak piloted a very successful Outdoor Education Program in his grade 6/7 classroom. This year, we are happy to announce that the program will be expanded to include the entire school. The Powell River Board of Education has offered their support for this program for this coming school year. As a staff, we met in Au-

gust to discover how we might implement such a program at Kelly Creek and to make school wide plans. We are extremely fortunate to have easy access to the rich and diverse environments surrounding the school grounds that are within walking distance (forest, beach, and creek). We have many awe-

some activities planned that will help bring our classes outdoors and will allow our children the opportunity to experience a quality education that reaches beyond the classroom doors! We will endeavor to keep parents well informed of upcoming activities through the use of the school newsletter.

Communication



An effective working relationship between home and school is essential to ensuring that all children experience success. As a staff, we invite you to contact us at any time via e-mail or by calling the school if you have any questions or concerns.



New Counsellor

Welcome to Mrs. Glynis Romanica who is joining our staff this year as she takes over the role of school counsellor from Mr. Gerry Brach.

Glynis is a highly respected and experienced school counsellor and is currently working at Henderson and Grief Point as well as KCCS. We are excited to have her join the team!

COUNSELLORS CORNER

ARE YOU FEELING CHALLENGED?

- By your child's power struggles?
- By their whining or attitude?
- By their lack of follow through?
- With bed time and morning routines?
- With getting homework done?
- With sibling conflicts?
- With chores getting done?
- Or something else?

Let's Get Together to Talk About Solutions

We can share ideas; what works, what doesn't, share resources, talk through strategies, access community resources, and more. Let's talk some kind yet firm, non-punitive, respectful methods to help get to the core of a child's behavior.

WHERE: Grief Point School (library)

WHEN: Fridays from 12-1, starting Oct. 5th (meeting twice a month)

HOW: Meet and talk about parenting; lunch and childcare provided

WHAT TO DO: Register by e-mailing me at gro-manica@sd47.bc.ca or calling Grief Point School. We'll need to know if you need childcare so we can plan ahead.

WHY'S: If you have any questions please call me; Monday, Tuesday at Henderson School (483 9162), Wednesday at Kelly Creek Community School (487 9022), Thursday, Friday at Grief Point School (485 5660) OR e

mail me at gro-manica@sd47.bc.ca

I'm looking forward to meeting you and working together to encourage our children to think for themselves, become more responsible and have a greater respect for themselves and others.

Glynis Romanica

SD 47 School Counsellor

STRONGSTART—OPENS MONDAY, SEPT 10TH

NEW SCHEDULE:

Tuesdays: 11:30 am to 2:30 pm

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 8:45 am to

Electronic Communication

We are constantly trying to improve the way we communicate with our students' families. Our website is a good tool to gather information about the school and upcoming events. The school website is: <http://www.sd47.bc.ca/school/kccs/>

There is also an option on our website to sign up to receive our monthly newsletters via e-mail. Please take advantage of this as you will receive information more timely and in colour.



September 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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9	10	11	12	13	14 Swim/Gym Starts	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 PRO-D Day No School	22
23	24	25	26	27 Open House 9:30 Terry Fox Run	28	29
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Student Information Updates

In the near future, a package of forms including: a student information verification form, a release of information form and an acceptable computer use policy form will be sent home. It is essential that these are updated and sent back to the

school as soon as possible. We appreciate your assistance with this.



Swim Gym

Thanks to the generous contribution of the PAC to fund our bussing, we are pleased to announce that the swim / gym program will be starting this coming Friday (September 14th). We will be starting with Division 2 (grade 4/5)

and with Division 3 (Grade 3/4). A notice will be coming home with students regarding the program. This is an awesome program and we are thankful to be able to offer it again this year to our students.



PAC

The Parent Advisory Committee is very instrumental in fundraising and in distributing those funds to the school and the students. The money the PAC raises helps to support many of our programs at the school. This

year, our first PAC meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 2nd at 7:00pm**. We meet in the Community House (at the back of the school). There are many returning PAC members, but are always

eager to see new parents come out. If you wish to come out and meet the PAC executive and see what it is all about, please save this date in your calendar! We look forward to seeing you here.

What Every Babysitter Should Know—Sept 15th

St. John Ambulance, Powell River Branch, is offering the above noted course at our Training Centre on **September 15, 2012** (Saturday). Cost of course: **\$45.00**

This 8-hour course is designed to teach young people ages 11 years and older how to babysit children and infants. The course will enhance knowledge of safety, responsible babysitting and will develop skills to cope with common emergencies. An outline of the lessons covered will include:

1. Becoming a Babysitter

2. Caring for Kids
3. Kids and Food
4. Getting Along with Kids
5. Kids and Play
6. Keeping Kids Safe
7. Handling Emergencies
8. First Aid

There is a multiple choice question exam. The instructor will also base your skill comprehension with an ongoing practical skill evaluation throughout the course. The combination of both the written and practical skill evaluation will determine successful completion of the course.

Students who successfully complete the program will be issued a:

What Every Babysitter Should Know Certificate of Completion

If you would like to register for this course, please call the office at (604)483-2250.



SHARE WEAR

On Thursday, **September 27th** the Kelly Creek Community Church share wear program will be set up in the gym during our open house / Terry Fox Run (9:30 - 11:30). Lucia and Mike Martnig have been busy collecting and laundering quality clothing for children. The aim of this program is to distribute the

clothing to anyone who might be of benefit. They also have many back packs for student use. If you plan on stopping by for the Open House, check out the variety of items they will have to share on display in the gym.



Mini Fun Day

On Friday, September 7th, all of the children gathered into small groups to enjoy an afternoon of fun and activities on the playground! Traditionally we have enjoyed a game of kickball on the first Friday of the school year;

however, this year the staff decided to focus on teaching/learning some good old fashioned playground games. Students learned the rules of square ball, practiced their hopscotch skills and also learned a few playground

and filed games. This activity was an awesome opportunity for children to interact with one another in a playground setting. Thanks to all the staff and students for making this such an amazing afternoon.

Mini FUN DAY— SEPT 7, 2012



Terry Fox Run / Open House —Sept 27—9:30 am

We will be honouring Terry Fox and his run for cancer this year on Thursday, September 27th. We will be taking pledges this year, please watch for pledge forms to come home.

We don't hold a traditional "Parent Night" so we try to incorporate this informal **Open House** into our Terry Fox event. We welcome parents to come to your child's classroom at **9:30** to mingle and chat informally to the teacher on the 27th. At 10:15, students go out for re-

cess and at 10:30 we gather out in front of the school for stretching and the beginning of the run.

We run from the school, do a "safe crossing" off the highway and run a long and a short route below the highway on the quiet streets in that area. We have parent helpers along the route to ensure student safety and help direct everyone in the right direction.

We hope that you can join us in the classrooms and then to either walk/

jog along with the students or help out along the route.

Special thanks to the Community School Association for providing all students and volunteers with a lunch; sandwiches and fruit will be handed out under the covered the area.

If you are able to join us on Sept. 27th please fill out the tear-off below to help us get an idea of how many to expect. Thanks for your help!



(Please cut out and return to school)

- ☐ Yes, I will be able to help as a "marshall" along the Terry Fox Route on Sept 27th
- ☐ Yes, I will walk/jog along the route with the students along the Terry Fox Route on Sept 27th

Parent's Name: _____ Phone: _____