



ÉCOLE HRE

HAWK NEST NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2025



Note From The Principal

Welcome Fall

We are all once again very grateful for the wonderful weather that we have been able to enjoy while out on the playground, and we hope you have been able to do the same at home. We hope you will continue to enjoy the outdoors over the long weekends coming up! We also want to take this opportunity to wish all our families a wonderful Thanksgiving.

We've had a busy month since our Terry Fox event and fundraiser. We had our photos taken, and some classes ventured out on their first field trip of the year. We also had the opportunity to do some learning about Truth and Reconciliation during the week leading up to Orange Shirt Day. Throughout the last five weeks of school, we also spent time building community and establishing routines and expectations that will serve us all year long. Finally, we are all very grateful for the many families who were able to join us during Parent-Teacher Conferences or during our Welcome Back BBQ! We thank our generous PAC and Nesters Market for their donations and support of our BBQ. If you have not had the opportunity to meet your child's teacher yet, please reach out to him or her to set up an appointment soon.

We're looking forward to all the learning, growth, and fun that the Fall season brings. Thank you for your continued support and partnership—we're so glad to have you as part of our school community.

Wishing you a joyful Thanksgiving and a wonderful October ahead!

Warm regards,
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SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

- The Okanagan School District uses SchoolCash Online for all school payments.
- SchoolCash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees. Now, with a few clicks, you can pay for your child's student fees, class trips etc.
- All you have to do is register an account, attach your children and in no time you will be able to make payments online.
- SchoolCashOnline.com
- Below you will find step by step instructions on how to register, attach a student, and more.
- [School Cash Online help document](#)



SAFE ARRIVAL

SCHOOL ABSENCE

Please use the SchoolMessenger for school absence .

Safe Arrival Absence Reporting system to mark your child absent, early dismissal, or late arrival.

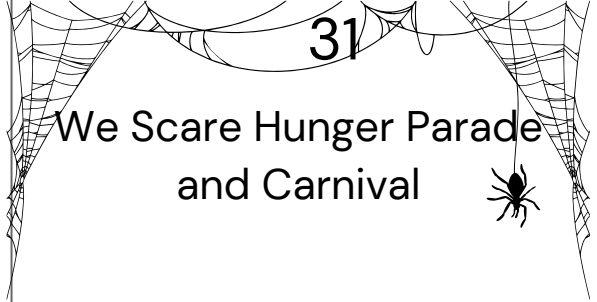
The Safe Arrival system processes all reported absences and promptly calls parents or guardians of students who have not yet been accounted for. When a parent or guardian receives an automated call or text they can resolve the issue by proving a reason for the absence. If they are unaware of the absence they are directed to call the school.

Three ways to connect:

- SchoolMessenger Safe Arrival app on your phone
- SchoolMessenger Website: <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>
- SchoolMessenger Safe Arrival touch tone system. Call the school at 250.870.5106, dial 1 to report an absence and follow the prompts.



École HRE October Calendar

Events					
Coming up	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
- October 3rd ~ Spirit Day~ wear your favorite jersey or team shirt! - October 10th ~ Pro D Day, (School not in Session) - October 14th – 31st ~ We are doing a story book pumpkin patch in the library. If you want to participate, please see the paper coming home in your child's book bag. - Oct 20–30 ~ We Scare Hunger Food Drive: We are collecting non-perishable/non- outdated food items for the Food Bank. - October 21st ~ PAC Meeting 6:30pm at HRE - October 23rd ~ Retakes Photos for students - We Scare Hunger School Parade and Carnival in the Gym			1	2	3 Everyone Rides (Grade 4/5)  
	6	7	8	9	10  Teacher Professional Day (School Not In Session)
	13  Thanksgiving Day (School Not in Session)	14  First day to start bringing in your pumpkins to the library story book pumpkin patch	15	16	17
	20	21  PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm in the Library	22	23 School Photo Retakes 	24  Teacher Professional Day (School Not in Session)
	27	28	29	30	31  We Scare Hunger Parade and Carnival
					
			We Scare Hunger Food Drive		

WE SCARE HUNGER FOOD DRIVE



The We Scare Hunger Food Drive begins on Monday, October 20th. Bring in as many non-perishable items and toiletry products as you can to support the West Kelowna Food Bank.

Donations can be brought in until the end of October.

ITEMS IN NEED:

- Boxed Stuffing
- Cranberry Sauce
- Rice
- Pancake Mix
- Syrup
- Jam
- Mac and Cheese
- Canned Soups
- Canned Brown Beans
- Chunky Soups
- Pasta and Pasta sauce
- Healthy Cereals Stage 1 & 2 Formula

STORY BOOK PUMPKIN PATCH



We are growing a storybook pumpkin patch in the library and we would love to have your help!

- Think of your favorite book or book character and **paint, or color with permanent marker** your pumpkin and come and plant it in the library.
- *** No cut or carved pumpkins ***
- A letter will be coming home with your child during their library block at school with all the instructions on it.
- Bring it to school between October 14th -30th
- Pick up your pumpkin on the 31st at the end of day



HALLOWEEN

On Friday October 31st, students will be allowed to wear costumes to school. Some classes will allow students to wear costumes all day, others may request that they are worn for the afternoon only.

Please make sure that students do not bring/wear:

- inflatable costumes – these costumes pose a risk and so many big emotions at school that we ask that they are kept for trick or treating, or for family activities outside of school. Dead batteries, broken motors, limited visibility and overly excited students are only some of the issues that we encounter on a day when these costumes are brought to school.
- pretend-weapons of any kind (and of course no real ones either!), even if they are part of their costume
- blood or gore
- masks (as they restrict vision and create hazards)
- excessively frightening or revealing costumes

Students will have the opportunity to show off their costume to the entire school during a fun parade at the end of the day.

Finally, it is always nice if you pay close attention during the days following Halloween to make sure the sandwich-made-with-love is not swimming in a lunch box filled with, if not entirely replaced by, chocolates and candies.



INSURANCE



Student Insurance

Central Okanagan Public Schools **does not insure expenses for student injuries that occur on school grounds or during school activities.**

Parents and guardians can voluntarily purchase private accident insurance. Student Accident Insurance by StudyInsured is a voluntary plan that provides coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses, and critical illness.

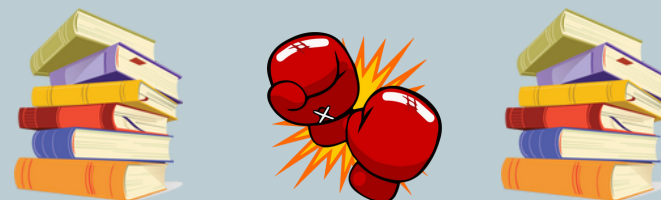
To apply for the Plan or to find out more, click [here](#).



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



Over the next few weeks, intermediate students will be invited to sign up for **soccer intramural**. We thank Mr. Friesen and Mr. Bertoia who will be inviting our students to join a team and come spend some time playing the game inside at lunch



The first **Battle of the Books**' meeting will take place in the coming weeks.

Battle of the Books is a friendly competition amongst students of the same grade who are interested in reading a pre-selected list of books. Students will get together regularly and test their knowledge and understanding by identifying facts from the books they read. It is not too late to join, but students cannot join mid-year as it will then be too late to get caught up on the reading. If you have a child who loves to read, perhaps this would be an extra curricular activity that they would enjoy. Encourage them to listen to the announcements for the invitation to the first meeting.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



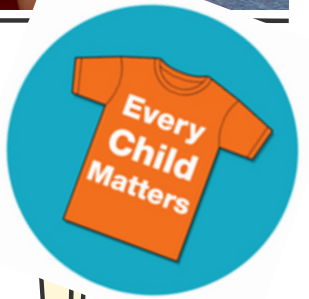
As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, we are reminded of the importance of gratitude, kindness, and community.

At École Hudson Road, we are especially thankful for our incredible students, dedicated staff, and supportive families. Each day, we see examples of learning, growth, and connection that make our school a truly special place.

Thank you for being part of our school family. Your partnership, encouragement, and care help create an environment where every child can thrive.

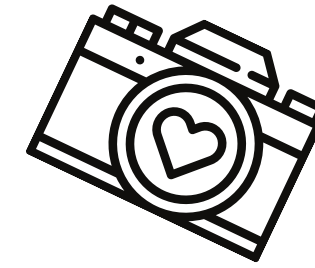
We wish you a joyful and restful Thanksgiving filled with warmth, togetherness, and wonderful memories.





TERRY FOX RUN!

THIS MONTH AT HRE



HOUSE TEAMS



ATTENTION: Parents, Students and Schools



Central Okanagan
Public Schools

Together We Learn

Central Okanagan Public Schools

is pleased to offer the **"School Bus Stop"** which is located on our website at www.sd23.bc.ca



School Bus Stop

Parents, students and schools can now sign up to receive email or text alerts when the school bus route is delayed.

To register for alerts and to view a complete list of bus routes displaying the current status, select the school bus icon on our website at www.sd23.bc.ca or go to the site directly at <https://schoolbusstop.sd23.bc.ca>

Our first priority is the safety and well-being of our students. Due to the varied reasons our school bus routes may be delayed or in extreme situations, cancelled, it is not practical for drivers or staff to personally phone all those affected. Safety is everyone's responsibility and we must all be diligent when staying up to date on the status of our school bus routes.

All school bus route cancellations and delays in excess of 10 minutes will be posted on the "School Bus Stop"

If you have signed up for the alerts, upon posting the delay, you will receive an email or text with the route delay, length of delay and reason for the delay.
You could also expect to see general alerts when weather conditions or an emergent situation arises regarding the bus route.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

6:00 AM—5:00 pm

250-870-5151

transportation@sd23.bc.ca

STAY INFORMED ON BUS ROUTE DELAYS—SIGN UP TODAY!

Register Today!

Big White Ski Club BLAZERS:

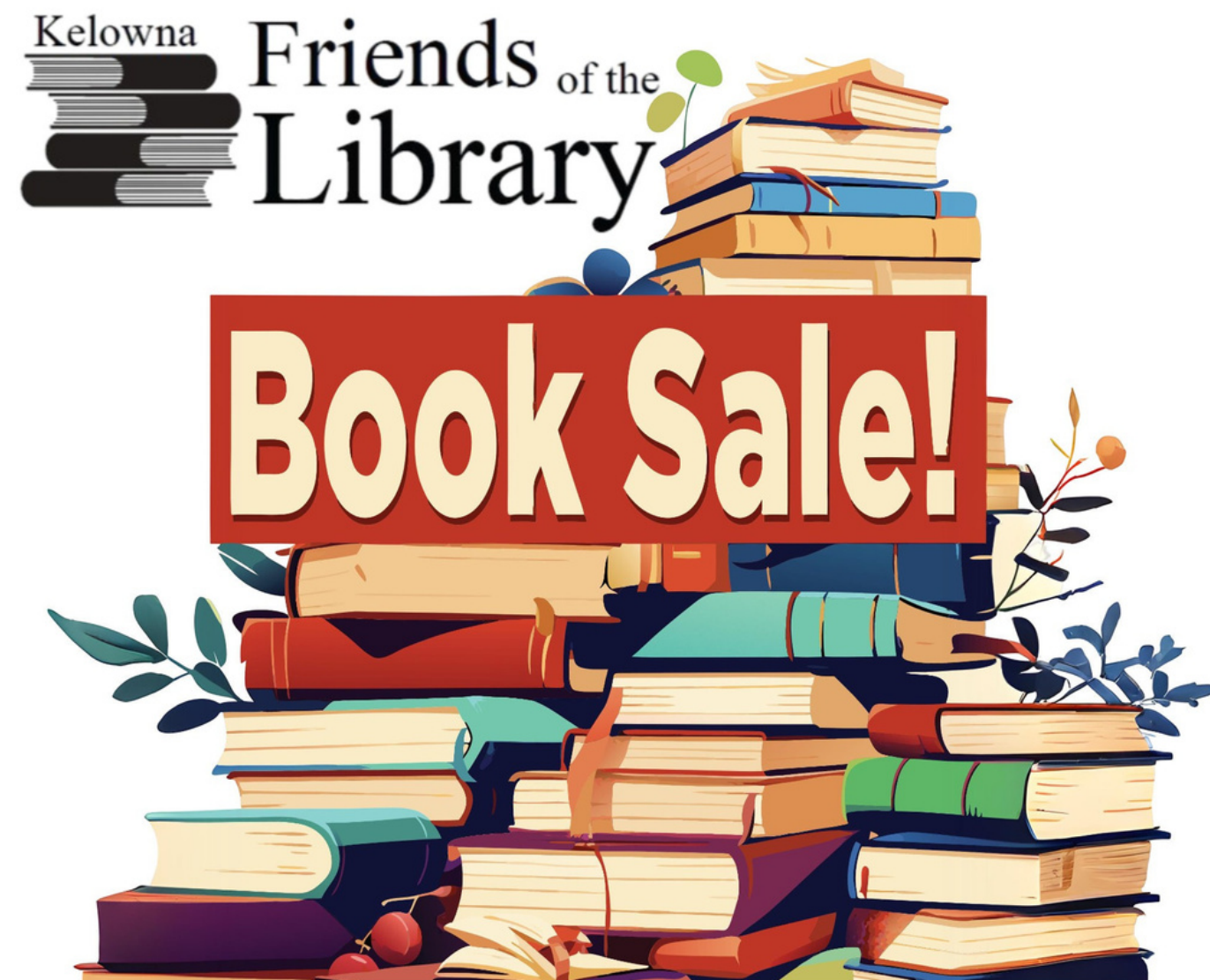
- 10 week program
- Starting early January, choose Saturdays or Sundays
- An introduction to ski racing
- For skiers aged 6-11 (not a learn to ski program)



*payment plans available



www.bigwhiteskiclub.com/registernow



35th GREAT OKANAGAN BOOK SALE
SUPPORTING ALL BRANCHES OF OKANAGAN REGIONAL LIBRARY

Wednesday	October 15	2:00pm to 8pm
Thursday	October 16	9:30am to 8pm
Friday	October 17	9:30am to 8pm
Saturday	October 18	9:30am to 2pm

Location: Immaculate Conception Parish Hall
839 Sutherland Avenue, Kelowna

Church Parking: New One-Way System
Enter: West Alley (by Church) Exit: East Alley (by Hall)

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