



Chute Lake Elementary

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Principal's Message

It is with great pleasure and excitement that I return to Chute Lake Elementary. My memories of working in such a vibrant and supportive school community have always stayed close to me. It is with great privilege that I take the role of principal and a feeling of great happiness to see my friend Mr. Bruce McKay become the principal of OKM. I look forward to continuing the learning journey that Mrs. Hamilton, Mr. McKay, the staff and the parent community have been forging ahead with. I am strongly committed to the vision that we created and fostered at the opening of the school. But, I am equally excited to keep the momentum moving forward with our evolving school, community learning plan. I look forward to seeing many old and new faces soon. I hope you all had a wonderful Spring Break and I know we will be ready to have an amazing final term of this school year. Thank you for making me feel welcome and I look forward to chatting with all you over the coming months.

Mrs. Brenda Kirsch
Principal

Dates to know in April

April 11

Running Club begins

April 12

Art Gala

April 14/17

Good Friday/Easter
Monday – no school

April 20

Battle of the Books
hosted by CLE

April 28/29

CLE's Second Annual
Speech Arts Festival

and coming up in early
May...

ELFF night: May 1st
Class Photos: May 9



IMPORTANT!!! Are you planning a MOVE??

Please contact Mrs. Bradshaw at the office if you are going to **change schools** for 2017/18. We are planning for September and organizing classes, so it is **very** important to know if your child will not be here next year. Lise.bradshaw@sd23.bc.ca or 250-870-5139. Thank you!!

Art Classes

Art classes for Spring are being offered by professional watercolourist Janice Keirstead who just painted with all CLE students from March 1-10.

Classes for students in grade 2 or higher are on Mondays 4 – 5:30 pm starting Apr 10 – June 5 in the artist's studio. Details can be found at www.artbyjanice.com

Welcome Back!

With spring ready to bloom, students and parents, please take note of a few reminders as we start Term 3.



Rules for bike use and storage at school:

1. Bikes, skateboards and scooters must be 'WALKED' on school grounds, when coming to school and going home.
2. Bikes and scooters may be locked in any of the designated bike racks.
3. We do not recommend leaving your bike or scooter at the rack overnight. We cannot be held responsible for lost or stolen bikes.
4. **Scooters must NOT be stored inside the school as they present trip hazards.**

Crossing Guards:

As more students walk and ride in the warm weather, it is critical that everyone obey the crossing guards as they assist pedestrians and vehicles on Quilchena Drive.

PARKING and Drive Through:

Another reminder to parents that parking in the staff parking lot, or on either side of the drive through lane in front of the school entrance is NOT allowed. Now that the weather is good, we expect more students will be walking and riding bikes and hopefully the car traffic will decrease. Your cooperation keeping our parking lot and drive through lane clear is appreciated by our SD23 bus drivers, operations crew and all staff.



Decrease Traffic Congestion - Start a Walking School Bus!

With the nice weather upon us, why not start a walking school bus? A walking school bus is a group of children walking to school with one or more adults. If that sounds simple, it is, and that's part of the beauty of the walking school bus. It can be as informal as two families taking turns walking their children to school to as structured as a route with meeting points, a timetable and a regularly rotated schedule of trained volunteers. Check out this site for more info www.walkingschoolbus.org



Second Annual Chute Lake Elementary Speech Arts Festival

As you know, we are having two assemblies at the school to give the students a chance to perform in front of a large audience. The times are as follows. The grade 4-6 assembly will be April 25 and the grade 1-3 assembly will be April 26. Parents are most welcome.

On Thursday, April 27 and Friday, April 28 we will be reciting our solos and duos at the CLE gym. We have an amazing, official, experienced adjudicator, Linda Beavin, who will be giving our children praises for their performances and food for thought. We were so fortunate to get someone of this caliber. There will participation certificates and first, second, and third certificates given to each of the participants after their recitations. All parents are invited to attend the performance.



The grade 3's will recite "Adventures of Isabel" to kick off the festival. You should have received a newsletter with your child's day and performance time. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Stacy Jaschke at the school.

The students have worked so hard and should be encouraged and praised for undertaking this rewarding challenge. We are very excited to be hosting this wonderful opportunity for our CLE Speech Stars!

Running Club

Running Club is starting again! We will be running Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunch starting April 11th. Students in the run club will again have the opportunity to take part at the Mission Creek District race as well as CLE's own Mission Madness cross country run at the Crawford trails. Stay tuned for the dates some time in early May!



Spring Musical

Please note the slight adjustment to dates: Tuesday May 16 and Wednesday May 17. Our intermediate students are beginning their preparation for the spring musical "The Trial of the Big Bad Wolf". If there are any parents who would be willing to help with props and costumes, or volunteer their time to set-up, please contact Mrs. Tina Hoek at tina.hoek@sd23.bc.ca Thanks in advance!



ELFFF (Early Learning for Families) Night

Do you (or a neighbor) have a child who is 3 years old (4 this year)? If so, you are invited to join us for **ELFF Night** at Chute Lake Elementary School **Monday, May 1, 2017 from 5:00 – 6:30 pm.**

You can RSVP by clicking [here](#)

This event is brought to you by School District No. 23 and ReadNowBC, (Ready, Set, Learn)

We will...

- Eat supper together (please bring a blanket for picnic)
- Learn together while the children play
- Play together with our children
- Give you a "goodie bag" for home

ELFF is a program for **3 year-old children** (turning 4) and their parents.

It is designed to help families make early connections with their neighbourhood school. When parents are involved in their children's education, their children do better. ELFF is free of charge for all members of your family.

Please bring a blanket for your family picnic supper.

Please note: Our apologies, but we cannot accommodate siblings at the event. Please make childcare arrangements for your older or younger children.

Also, please note that this is not an event for students entering kindergarten in the fall. They will be invited to an orientation in early June. Thanks!

Shoe Bank Canada – donations please!

Shoe Bank Canada provides donated footwear for free to the struggling and unemployed in Kelowna. The Shoe Bank Store on Ellis across from the food bank provides footwear to those in need in Kelowna as they work with 30 different local agencies, including schools, that help marginalized families and individuals.



If you have any footwear (adult or child size) suitable for donation, please drop off in the receptacles at our school. Thanks in advance!



CLE Absentee/Late Call In Line:

250-870-5139

or email cle@sd23.bc.ca

Please notify by 8:45 am



APRIL 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 Welcome Back! Term 3 begins	4 Hot Lunch: Pita Pit	5 learning in depth LiD	6 Richardson/Guidi-Swan FT to Rotary Centre & Museum Hot Lunch: Wrapzone	7	8
9	10	11 Hot Lunch: Jugo Juice	12 Art Gala	13 Hot Lunch: Pizza	14 Good Friday 	15
16	17 Easter Monday 	18 Hot Lunch: Subway	19 Aboriginal Presentation – Grade 3s	20 Gr. 6s to OKM for Social Media Pres. BATTLE OF THE BOOKS Hosted by CLE Hot Lunch: Sushi & Rice Bowls	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Care & Make it Fair	28	29
Speech Arts Festival						
30	May 1 ELFF Night (for 3 yr olds: Early Learning for Families)	2 Hot Lunch: chicken strips, tortellini and soup	3	4 Hot Lunch: hot dogs & Jugo Juice	5	