

October 2023

# NEWSLETTER



# ROCKY MOUNTAIN ALTERNATE EDUCATION

hello  
October



## EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS

Open Doors Alternate School - October 25 (1:30pm)  
Kimberley Alternate School - October 17-19 (2:00pm)  
Golden Alternate School - October 24-26 (2:00pm)

## SCHEDULE 2023-2024

Open Doors Alternate School	Mon-Thurs - 8:45am-3:15pm Friday - 8:45am-1:30pm
Kimberley Alternate School	Mon-Thurs - 8:40am - 3:10pm Friday - 8:40am - 1:35pm
Golden Alternate School	Mon-Fri - 8:45am - 3:15pm

## IMPORTANT DATES

### OCTOBER 9

Thanksgiving Day STAT  
(No School)

### OCTOBER 12

Photo Day (GAS at LGES)  
Photo Retakes November 8

### OCTOBER 18

Photo Retakes  
Open Doors (@ DTSS)

### OCTOBER 20

Non-Instructional Day  
(No School)

### NOVEMBER 2

Photo Retakes  
KAS (@ SSS)

### NOVEMBER 8

Photo Retakes (GAS at LGES)

### NOVEMBER 13

Remembrance Day STAT  
(day off in lieu)

### NOVEMBER 14

Open Doors Open House  
3:30-5:00pm

### NOVEMBER 21

Report Cards (Term 1)



# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Our school year is off to a great start. We are happy to welcome students, staff, families and community partners. A link to our School Success Plan can be found below, which outlines our goals for the school year. Do not hesitate to reach out, your feedback and input is appreciated.

*Lisa Tenta*



**CLICK  
HERE**

**for a copy of the 2023-2024  
RMAE School Success Plan**

<p><b><u>Strategic Priority 1:</u> Equity &amp; Inclusion</b></p>	<p><b>GOAL:</b> to increase student engagement</p>
<p><b><u>Strategic Priority 2:</u> Nurture the Potential of Each Student</b></p>	<p><b>GOAL:</b> to increase student performance in numeracy and literacy</p>
<p><b><u>Strategic Priority 3:</u> Growing the Capacity of Self &amp; Others</b></p>	<p><b>GOAL:</b> to build staff capacity and knowledge with Mental Health Literacy</p>
<p><b><u>Strategic Priority 4:</u> Stewardship for the Future</b></p>	<p><b>GOAL:</b> to increase opportunities for place-based learning experiences and community connections</p>

# FRIENDLY REMINDERS



## ATTENDANCE

We believe that **GOOD ATTENDANCE** is an important factor contributing to the academic success of students.

**ABSENCE REPORTING**  
Please keep us informed to report student absences

Call or text one of the teachers at your site via the contact information provided below:

**Open Doors Alternate School**  
Lainey Wilson - 250-688-9474  
Deanna Middlemiss - 250-688-4164

**Kimberley Alternate School**  
Luc Tremblay & Andrea Watkins  
250-908-9024

**Golden Alternate School**  
Pamela Broderick  
250-439-9353

**\*Please be sure to include the full student name and reason for absence\***

## INTERIM REPORT CARDS

Interim Report Cards will be going out at the **END** of October



**\*Check your email inbox for more information regarding when they will be sent out\***



## START UP FORMS



THANK YOU very much to all parents/guardians for taking the time to fill out the online Start-Up Forms!

We appreciate your patience as we worked through some challenges with navigating a new system

**If you have not already completed forms, we would appreciate you taking the time to do so using the link below!**  
**Paper copies are also available at each of the schools**

*Click Here*

To access the online Clevr Start-Up Forms

*Click Here*

For a Clevr Guide for Parents/Guardians

## PARENT-TEACHER COMMUNICATION



Feel free to contact your child's teacher at **ANY** time if you have any questions or concerns!

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# OPEN DOORS ALTERNATE SCHOOL



## IMPORTANT DATES

**October 3**

BC Post Secondary School  
Visit at DTSS 2:30-3:30

**October 4**

Assembly at DTSS  
Michael Bortolotto on  
Inclusion & Bullying

**October 13 & 16**

Open Doors Students & Staff  
working at SBO while school  
reno is complete  
(furniture installation)

**October 18**

Photo Retakes at DTSS  
PAC Meeting at DTSS (7:00pm)

**October 25**

Early Dismissal Day  
(1:30pm)

**November 8**

Smokii Sumac Visit

**November 14**

Open Doors Open House  
3:30-5:00pm

\*See Page 1 for a FULL list  
of IMPORTANT DATES  
for Pro-D's, STATs  
and Term Report Cards\*

WELCOME  
TO

Gwyn Robinson  
Youth Care Worker

Stella de Magalhaes-  
Sam

Gwyn started with us  
on October 3

Indigenous Education  
Support Worker  
(starting October 18)

## ATHLETICS



For DTSS Athletics  
Information, including  
Seasons of Play  
& Tryouts

**CLICK HERE**



After picture day,  
order on  
[myorder.mountainwest.ca](http://myorder.mountainwest.ca)

Looking for your login code?

Your login code can be found on  
the back of the QR code flyer or  
on the ID card that your child  
received after Photo Day

OR

**CLICK HERE**

and a Mountain West  
Representative  
will email you within 24 hours

## CONNECTING WITH COMMUNITY

Michelle Biffis from  
East Kootenay Addictions  
Services visits every Tuesday  
morning to educate students  
on substance abuse and to  
offer counselling as needed



# GOLDEN ALTERNATE SCHOOL



## IMPORTANT DATES

October 4

BC Post-Secondary Visit  
9:06-10:00am at GSS

October 5

Michael Bortolotto  
Guest Speaker D2/C2  
Inclusion & Bullying

October 12

Photo Day at LGES  
Grad/Parent Meeting  
at 7:15pm  
(Learning Commons)

October 16

GSS PAC Meeting (7pm)

October 19

Opioid Presentation

October 24-26

Early Dismissal Days  
(2:00pm)

November 8

Photo Retakes at LGES

November 17

Avalanche Safety Presentation  
9:30-11:30am

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## PHOTO DAY

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and Access Code, which can  
be found on the back of your  
Picture Day order form

**Lifetouch.**

## ATHLETICS



For GSS Athletics  
Information, including  
Coaches, Seasons of  
Play & Tournament  
Schedule

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## CONNECTING WITH COMMUNITY



A photo of Crowe Ferguson and  
Dawson Tataryn volunteering at  
the Golden Food Bank Society

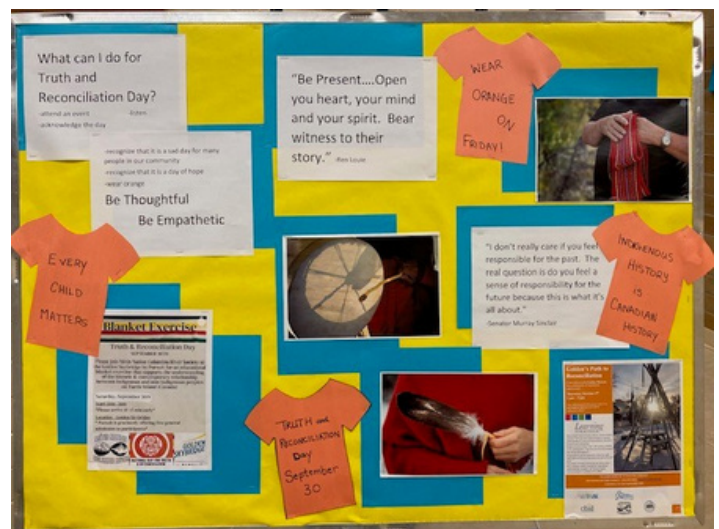


GAS students go to the climbing  
gym weekly at The Dirtbag  
Corporation

Emma hard at work  
making the Truth &  
Reconciliation Board



→  
*Check  
this  
out*



# KIMBERLEY ALTERNATE SCHOOL



## IMPORTANT DATES

October 4  
University of Alberta Visit

October 11  
Traditional Taco Making

October 17-19  
Early Dismissal Days  
(2:00pm)

October 16  
GSS PAC Meeting (7pm)

October 25  
Early Dismissal Day  
2:00pm

November 2  
Photo Retakes at SSS

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## CONNECTING WITH COMMUNITY

### KAS does "Rock Solid"

KAS started their school year with a field trip to Wycliffe Park and a day hosted by EKASS (East Kootenay Addiction Services Society). It was a full day event with many team building activities as well as independent challenges such as walking blindfolded through the forest. Students seemed to enjoy both the activities and the food provided as well as the nice fall weather. Thanks to Teresa et al for putting this together!



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## GRAD INFO



### SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 24 Grad Fundraiser at SSS. Mandatory for all Grads.  
Please discuss further with Andrea Watkins.

JANUARY 8-12 Grad Photo Week (tentative) at SSS. More details to follow

JUNE 14, 2022 Prom

JUNE 15, 2024 Grad Ceremonies

Michelle Lacobucci will be overseeing Grad this year. Please feel free to  
email her with any questions or concerns that you may have at  
[michelle.lacobucci@sd6.bc.ca](mailto:michelle.lacobucci@sd6.bc.ca)



# WORK IN TRADES



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YOUTH PROGRAMS



## SHAPE THE TRADES OF TOMORROW

SkilledTradesBC is the organization that advances British Columbia's trades training system. Our Youth Trades Programs help young British Columbians unlock their potential—creating a world-class workforce, one career journey at a time.

### WHY JOIN THE TRADES?

A career in the skilled trades is engaging and fulfilling. SkilledTradesBC's Youth Trades Programs give you the chance to try out different trades and:



DO SOMETHING YOU LOVE



BE PART OF A COMMUNITY



MAKE GOOD MONEY

100+ TRADES TO CHOOSE FROM

There will be 85,000 additional jobs in B.C. in the next decade. The opportunities are vast, and there has never been a better time to get started.

## Wondering where to start?

Our Youth Trades Programs will help you gain the knowledge and skills needed for a career in the trades. We have programs for all levels—from initial trades discovery sessions to in-depth learning, classes, and even on-the-job training.

### YOUTH DISCOVER THE TRADES

SPARK YOUR INTEREST WITH HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES

These school- or community-led programs vary from one-day events with local tradespeople to regular classroom activities that incorporate trades thinking and skill building. You'll learn all about what makes trades great.

Is the Youth Discover the Trades Program for you?  
— You're in grade 5-10  
— You're looking for an introduction to the trades

### YOUTH TRAIN IN TRADES

GET A HEAD START ON YOUR TECHNICAL TRAINING

Attend a trades training class at a local high school, a partner post-secondary institution or training facility. You'll learn from skilled instructors and earn credits that count towards your high school diploma and Level 1 of your technical trades training.

Is the Youth Train in Trades Program for you?  
— You're in grade 11-12  
— You found a trade that you like and want to learn more

### YOUTH EXPLORE THE TRADES

TRY OUT DIFFERENT TRADES AND BUILD YOUR SKILLS

You'll learn the basics and get a sense of what trade you want to pursue. You'll also gain practical skills and even complete certifications that employers are looking for.

Is the Youth Explore the Trades Program for you?  
— You're in grade 10-12  
— You're interested in trying out different trades  
— You may have some trade experience already

### YOUTH WORK IN TRADES

GET ON-THE-JOB TRAINING AS A YOUTH APPRENTICE

Get paid, earn up to 16 credits towards your high school diploma and log 400 or more work-based training hours toward your trades credential.

Is the Youth Work in Trades Program for you?  
— You're in grade 10-12  
— You want to get on-the-job training in your trade

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It's never too early to start your Trades journey.

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## Your ticket to a Skilled Workforce

There will be one million new jobs in B.C. in the next decade—and 85,000 of these will be in the skilled trades. Sponsoring apprentices is an investment that not only strengthens your business, but also ensures B.C. will meet the future labour demand.

## Why sponsor an apprentice?

### A SOLID INVESTMENT

Apprentices are a smart business decision. According to the Canadian Apprenticeship Forum, every dollar invested in an apprentice returns \$1.47. As a sponsor, you're also eligible for substantial tax credits.

### A LEGACY OF LEARNING

Apprentices bring the latest techniques and technology to your workforce. They are enthusiastic and have fresh ideas—guaranteeing the continued growth of your business.

### A TAILORED TALENT POOL

Sponsoring apprentices enables you to recruit, train and retain the right people. And with a shortage of skilled workers, it's crucial to have a fully certified workforce.

### YOUTH ARE THE FUTURE

Doing your part to support apprentices helps continue a tradition, where sponsors guide eager minds towards building a better future for everyone. When you invest in a youth apprentice you're investing in your business—and your trade.

47% ROI

EACH \$1 INVESTED IN TRAINING YIELDS \$1.47

Claim 10% of eligible apprentice wages per year

FOR RED SEAL TRADES

Claim 20% of eligible apprentice wages per year

FOR NON-RED SEAL TRADES

### SPONSOR AN APPRENTICE

Help more British Columbians get a foothold in the labour market—sponsor an apprentice today.

Visit [SKILLEDTRADESBC.CA/EMPLOYERS](http://SKILLEDTRADESBC.CA/EMPLOYERS)



## What does an employer sponsor do?

Employer sponsors are responsible for teaching apprentices the skills of the trade by providing supervision and feedback from a certified journeyman. They support apprentices during technical training, track training hours, and recommend the apprentice for certification.

### HOW TO SPONSOR AN APPRENTICE

We are here to help you with the apprenticeship journey, which includes:

- RECRUITING AND HIRING
- CREATING WORKPLACE ORIENTATION AND TRAINING PLANS
- REGISTERING YOUR ORGANIZATION AND YOUR APPRENTICE
- TRACKING AND REPORTING TRAINING HOURS
- REVIEWING AND CONFIRMING DOCUMENTATION
- RELEASING YOUR APPRENTICE FOR TECHNICAL TRAINING
- RECOMMENDING CERTIFICATION

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Employers have a range of financial support options:

**RED SEAL TAX CREDIT** – 10% of wages, up to a maximum of \$2,000 per year, for Red Seal apprentices for the first 24 months.

**BASIC TAX CREDIT** – 20% of wages, up to a maximum of \$4,000 per year, for non-Red Seal apprentices for the first two years.

**COMPLETION TAX CREDIT** – additional tax credits for employers that hire apprentices who are First Nations or have disabilities.

**EMPLOYER TRAINING GRANT** – up to two-thirds of the cost of training an employee, with a maximum of \$10,000.

**APPRENTICESHIP SERVICE SUPPORTS** – Employers hiring new first-year apprentices in Red Seal trades can get up to \$10,000.

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ABOUT SKILLEDTRADESBC

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