

November 2023

NEWSLETTER



ROCKY MOUNTAIN ALTERNATE EDUCATION



IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER 2

Photo Retakes
KAS (@ SSS)

NOVEMBER 8

Smokii Sumac Presentation
at Open Doors (KAS to also attend)
Photo Retakes (GAS at LGES)

NOVEMBER 13

Remembrance Day STAT
(day off in lieu)

NOVEMBER 14

Open Doors Open House
2:30-4:00pm

NOVEMBER 21

Report Cards (Term 1)

The SchoolGuide App provides up to date events, blogs, and notifications to parents and students.

The BusStatus App is a service to alert parents and students of cancelled school buses.

These Apps are free and can be downloaded from your App store

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

RMAE STUDENT SURVEY

We would kindly ask that ALL students please take the time to complete this survey!



WE VALUE YOUR INPUT!

We are looking for your feedback to help you feel engaged, safe & connected in our school environment!

Survey link will be available on Nov 2!



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Hi RMAE Families,

Throughout the Newsletter, please be sure to check out how we are working towards our goals within each of our Strategies Priorities of our School Success Plan at our RMAE sites.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. We welcome your feedback and input!

Lisa Tenta



**CLICK
HERE**

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

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

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 were sent out on/before October 30th



Paper copies were sent home with students and emailed or mailed

VTRA FAIR NOTICE

Rocky Mountain School District No. 6 is committed to creating and maintaining school environments in which students, staff, parents/guardians and others feel safe.

We would kindly ask that you please take the time to review the Student Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) - Fair Notice to Parents, which can be found via the **CLICK HERE** link below:



Click Here



CODE OF CONDUCT

Please take the time to review the District Code of Conduct for Students:

Click Here

PARENT-TEACHER COMMUNICATION



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

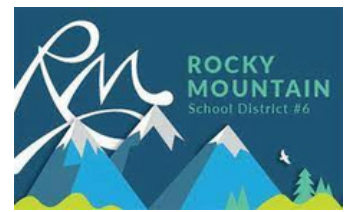
HEALTH PROMOTING SCHOOLS

Be sure to check out the Health Promoting Schools Parent Newsletter from Interior Health

CLICK HERE

OPEN DOORS ALTERNATE SCHOOL

Our 2nd floor is
OPEN and ready to
use as a learning
hub for students!



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November 8

Smokii Sumac Visit
@ 11am-1pm
(KAS also attending)

November 10

Remembrance Day
Assembly at DTSS

November 13

Day off in lieu
(Remembrance Day)

November 14

Open Doors Open House
2:30-4:00pm

November 21

Term 1 Report Cards

November 28

Avalanche Safety Session

GOLDEN HOUR

Students are encouraged to participate in "Golden Hour" on a daily basis, during which they place their phones into a bin so that they can participate in focused learning!



Each time they participate, their name is entered into a draw for a Fuze Gift Certificate at the end of the month



Students will be going
XC Skiing & Snowshowing at
Nipika in January - be on the
lookout for permission forms



After picture day,
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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Darby Photos at 604-274-0306

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STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



1 STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

- Our school counsellor, Shannon Warren, is on site every Wednesday
- Gwyn Robinson (YCW) held a session for the students to discuss anxiety and dealing with stress
- Grade 12 students are currently working on their CLC12 (ie. capstone) projects
- Michelle Biffis from East Kootenay Additions Services visits every Tuesday morning to educate students on substance abuse and to offer counselling as needed



2 NUMERACY & LITERACY

- In progress!
- Numeracy & Literacy Graduation Assessments will be completed Jan-June



Students made
Thanksgiving dinner
with all the fixings on
October 12

3 STAFF MENTAL HEALTH LITERACY

- Open Doors staff attended Crisis Prevention Intervention training on Oct 20 for the ProD Day
- Lainey Wilson attended a focus group centered around trends in alternative education
- Open Doors staff are applying the Circle of Courage Framework via the use of Empathy Maps with the students



4 COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

- Every other Tuesday afternoon, students will go to the Invermere Youth Centre Hub
- The students will attend an Avalanche Safety session on November 28



GOLDEN ALTERNATE SCHOOL



IMPORTANT DATES

November 8
Photo Retakes at LGES

November 10
Remembrance Day
Assembly at GSS

November 13
Day off in lieu
(Remembrance Day)

November 17
Avalanche Safety Presentation
9:30-11:30am

November 21
Term 1 Report Cards



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ATHLETICS



For GSS Athletics
Information, including
Coaches, Seasons of
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**Welcome
TO**

**NEW Counsellor
Amy Angheluta!**



STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

1 STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

- Our school counsellor, Amy Angheluta is available on site every Wednesday & Friday
- EKAS will be attending GAS on a weekly basis for individual and group counselling sessions and harm reduction info sessions
- Grade 12 students are currently working on their CLC12 (ie. capstone) projects
- Staff & students received Naloxone & Epi Pen training with the Public Health Nurse on October 23
- Students carved pumpkins last week to get in the spirit for Halloween!



2 NUMERACY & LITERACY

- In progress!
- Numeracy & Literacy Graduation Assessments will be completed Jan-June



3 STAFF MENTAL HEALTH LITERACY

- Staff engaged in an ADHD webinar on Oct 20 for the ProD Day
- GAS staff are applying the Circle of Courage Framework - giving students voice and choice, celebrating successes & welcoming students at the door. GAS staff are also focusing on student mastery & Empathy Maps

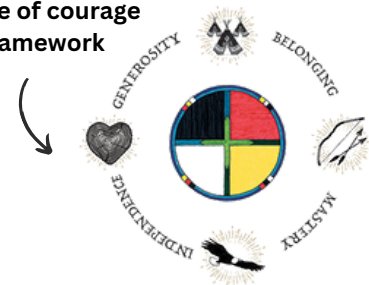


4 COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

- Students are going to the Climbing Wall every Thursday
- Students are volunteering at the Food Bank on Tuesdays



Circle of courage framework



KIMBERLEY ALTERNATE SCHOOL



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@ Open Doors (Invermere)
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STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

1 STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

- Our school counsellor, Ryan McIndoe, is on site every Wednesday
- Canadian Mental Health Association visits on Thursdays and holds sessions on mindfulness



- EKAS on Tuesdays for individual and group counselling sessions and harm reduction info sessions



- Grade 12 students are currently working on their CLC12 (ie. capstone) projects



2 NUMERACY & LITERACY

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3 STAFF MENTAL HEALTH LITERACY

- Staff are taking the UBC Racism & Equity course
- KAS staff are applying the Circle of Courage Framework and focusing on student mastery & Empathy Maps



4 COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

- Students are going to the Climbing Wall every Tuesday for 1 month
- Ktunaxa elders visited KAS on October 11 to discuss their past experiences to make Indian Tacos with the students

Indian Tacos at KAS

On a sunny but cool day in October 11, the staff and students at KAS were joined by neighbour/trustee Daryll Oakley in having Indian Tacos. Guests of honour Dolly and Pete Andrews, Ktunaxa elders from the Aq'am came to the school to talk to the students about their past experiences in school and life and show us all how to make fry bread. We are hoping to continue connecting with these elders in November with some traditional drum making at the school.



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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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



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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