

December 2023

# NEWSLETTER



# ROCKY MOUNTAIN ALTERNATE EDUCATION



Season's Greetings from the RMAE Staff!

Have a wonderful break!  
See you in the New Year!

## 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

**DECEMBER 22**

Last Day of School  
Before Winter Break

**JANUARY 8**

First Day Back to School  
After Winter Break

**FEBRUARY 6**

Report Cards  
Term 2

## RMAE STUDENT SURVEY

If you have not already done so, please  
take the time to complete the  
Student Survey

**WE VALUE YOUR INPUT!**

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



**TAKE SURVEY**



# SCHOOL SUCCESS PLAN



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



## 1 STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

### OPEN DOORS

- School Counsellor, Shannon Warren, is on site every Wednesday
- EKASS Counsellor, Michelle Biffis, is on site every Tuesday
- Smokii Sumac gave a presentation on Truth & Reconciliation on Nov 8
- Naloxone Training took place on Nov 14
- Junior Firefighter Presentation took place on Nov 14

## 2 NUMERACY & LITERACY

### OPEN DOORS

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



## 3 BUILDING STAFF CAPACITY

### OPEN DOORS

- ODAS staff are applying the Circle of Courage Framework via the use of Empathy Maps with students
- GAS Counsellor Amy Angheluta provided a presentation to ALL staff on emotion coaching to increase social-emotional awareness and to provide support for students

## 4 COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

### OPEN DOORS

- Students are participating in a bottle drive to make a donation to the Christmas Bureau
- BC Avalanche Training took place on Nov 28
- Students go to the Summit Youth Hub every 2 weeks & to the Public Library & grocery store on a weekly basis
- Students obtain materials for projects at the Thrift Store

### GAS

- 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
- Students have participated Naloxone & Epi-pen training
- An Opiod presentation took place in Nov

### GAS

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



### GAS

- GAS staff are applying the Circle of Courage Framework by giving students voice and choice, celebrating successes & welcoming students at the door
- GAS staff are also focusing on student mastery & Empathy Maps

### GAS

- Students will resume volunteering at the Food Bank on Tuesdays in the Spring
- Students went to the Golden Cenotaph on Friday November 10 for Remembrance Day
- Students participated in the Metis flag raising at Spirit Square
- BC Avalanche Training took place on Nov 17

### KAS

- School counsellor, Ryan McIndoe, is on site every Wednesday
- Canadian Mental Health Association visits on Thursdays and holds sessions on mindfulness
- EKAS attends KAS on Tuesdays for individual and group counselling sessions & harm reduction info sessions

### KAS

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

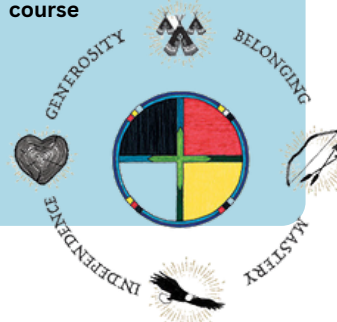


### KAS

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

### KAS

- Students participated in a Drum Making session with Delores (Dolly) Andrew, a Ktunaxa elder on Nov 21
- KAS students attended the Smokii Sumac presentation at ODAS on Nov 8



Circle of courage framework

# 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



In partnership with The Ministry of Education and Childcare's erase strategy, due to high demand, we are offering an additional "Social Media Awareness" Family Session on December 5th at 6:30pm. This 60 minute session will be held virtually via zoom.

To register for this session please click on the link below.  
[Family Session: Establishing Safe, Caring, & Respectful Digital Communities Tickets, Tue, Dec 5, 2023 at 6:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)

### [Worrisome Online Behavior Reports - Safer Schools Together](#)

Worrisome Online Behavior Reports complement the evolving needs of Safety / Threat Assessment teams. These reports enhance your organization's safety and individual welfare by identifying potential risks or threats in near real-time, allowing for proactive intervention.  
[saferschoolstogether.com](https://saferschoolstogether.com)

## REPORTING DOCUMENTS

We encourage you to visit the following link from the Ministry of Education for important information regarding K-12 student reporting

[CLICK HERE](#)

## GRIEF & LOSS

Please visit the following link for grief support resources and information

[CLICK HERE](#)

## FEEDING FUTURES

A new special purpose fund for 2023-24 is Feeding Futures. These funds will be utilized to ensure all learners receive the nourishment required to allow them to excel in their learning. This aligns with Strategic Priority 4 – Stewardship for the Future.

For more information, please visit <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2023ECC0020-000424>

At each of the Alternate Schools, funding from Feeding Futures is going towards the following:

- **Healthy Breakfast Program** - includes 2 hot meals/week and Grab N' Go items 3x/week
- **Snacks** - ie. granola bars, fresh fruit and vegetables, cheese and crackers
- **Kitchen Equipment** - to assist with preparing healthy meals and snacks

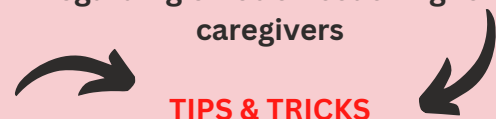
Supporting school food programs, so kids can focus on learning



## EMOTION COACHING FOR CAREGIVERS



We invite you to take a look at the following resources, which includes helpful information and strategies regarding emotion coaching for caregivers



[TIPS & TRICKS](#)

[Emotion Focused Family Therapy \(EFFT\) Caregivers video series](#)

# OPEN DOORS ALTERNATE SCHOOL



## IMPORTANT DATES

December 5

Consent Presentation  
with Constable Jillian & Michelle Biffis

December 19

ODAS Christmas Lunch  
(Students & Staff)

## OPEN DOORS

# Open House

Open Doors hosted an Open House on  
Tuesday, November 14  
from 2:30-4:00pm

The SD6 Board of Trustees,  
parents/guardians and staff throughout  
the district dropped by to check out our  
new learning space

The Foods 11 class prepared  
appetizers for the event, including  
Apple Pie tarts, tomato skewers,  
bruschetta. They used tomatoes and  
apples from the BC Fruit & Vegetable  
program



Smokii Sumac presentation on  
November 8



BC Avalanche Presentation  
on November 28



SAVE THE DATE



Students will be going Skiing at  
Panorama on March 4-6

Students will be going  
XC Skiing & Snowshowing at Nipika in  
January

Be on the lookout for permission forms

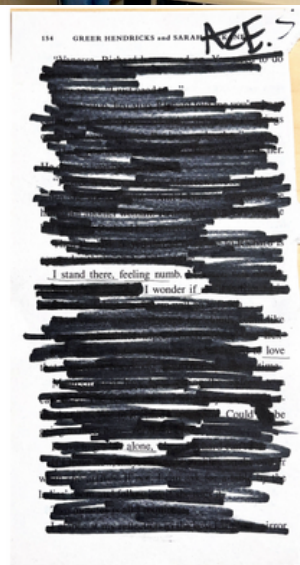
## NEWS FROM DTSS

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

[CLICK HERE](#)



EKASS session on Oct 31 with Michelle  
Biffis - Lord of the Rings themed sex  
education session  
(as per student request)



Poetry piece by Ace Slater

Danny Larsen from BC Wildfire visited Open  
Doors on November 14 and gave a  
presentation about the Junior Firefighter  
Program



# GOLDEN ALTERNATE SCHOOL



## IMPORTANT DATES

December 20  
Christmas Lunch  
(Students & Staff)

Students participated in the Metis flag raising at Spirit Square



## NEWS FROM GSS



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

**CLICK HERE** 

## GRADS

Grad Portraits are on Jan 29-31

Please contact [bridget.murphy@sd6.bc.ca](mailto:bridget.murphy@sd6.bc.ca) for more information

## WINTER DANCE

Takes place on Dec 13  
@ 6:30-9:00pm

Please contact [navneet.rondeau@sd6.bc.ca](mailto:navneet.rondeau@sd6.bc.ca) for more information



GAS students walking to the community Metis flag raising



GAS student working on some beading with Metis artist Monica Lovoi



Students will begin volunteering at the Golden Food Bank again in the Spring



Students made pumpkin tarts at the end of October

Students went to the Golden Cenotaph on Friday November 10 for Remembrance Day



# KIMBERLEY ALTERNATE SCHOOL



## IMPORTANT DATES

December 13  
Skating at Wasa

December 19  
Swimming at  
Fairmont Hot Springs

December 21  
Christmas Lunch  
(Students & Staff)



Students participated in a Drum Making session with Delores (Dolly) Andrew, a Ktunaxa elder on Nov 21



## NEWS FROM SSS



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

**CLICK HERE** 



## PEP Rally

KAS students attended the Pep Rally at SSS on November 23

## GRADS

For information regarding Graduation Ceremonies, Grad Photos, and Prom, please contact michelle.lacobucci@sd6.bc.ca



# WORK IN TRADES



SKILLEDTRADES<sup>BC</sup>

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

SkilledTradesBC is the organization that advances British Columbia's trades training system. We are building the most diverse and sustainable workforce in Canada by supporting equitable access to skilled trades and helping British Columbians unlock their potential—creating a world-class workforce, one career journey at a time.

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