

NEWSLETTER

Kootenay Discovery School

Nov. 2024

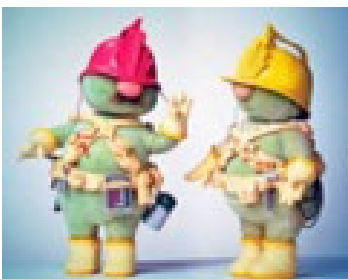


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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Work before Play

I thought I would be writing this newsletter on the importance of play. With the ski hill opening on November 29th and heaps of snow on the ground, it seemed like reflecting on the importance of play was the way to go.

However, I want all learners (and hopefully their parents) to take a moment to consider the learning students need to accomplish before the school year ends. The grade K to 9 students need to consider what pace they should be completing their course work at.

Students need to complete 8 courses per year in order to graduate at the expected time. It is important that the K to 9 students consider, each year builds upon the last and missed school work in one year will compound problems the next.

Consider KDS has 173 days of instruction in a year and if a student is taking two courses at a time, two courses should be completed every 43 days of school. Below is what that looks like on a calendar.

Completion of first two courses: November 7

Completion of second two courses: January 23

Completion of third set of courses: April 17

Final two courses: June 26

These dates are not an exact science, it will differ for different students. Some will want to move quickly in the fall because they focus on skiing in the winter, others are busy in the fall and dedicate more time to school in the winter. Teachers also need time for assessing and communicating student learning. What these dates do is give students and parents a guidepost for expected pacing of course completion.

I love to play, and I think it is a highlight of life. Play is great, but it is even better when you play after gaining a sense of accomplishment for the hard work you put in before taking the time to play.

UPCOMING DATES:

Dec. 12 - Report Cards
Dec. 17 - PAC Meeting
Dec. 21 - Jan. 5 - Winter Break
Jan. 13 - Cranbrook Assess.
Jan. 14 - Fernie Assess.
Jan. 21 - PAC Meeting
Jan. 24 - No School
Jan. 27 - Second Semester



PROVINCIAL ASSESSMENTS

Jan. 13 - Cranbrook
Jan. 14 - Fernie

April 7 - Cranbrook
April 8 - Fernie

Please note that KDS will NOT be hosting Provincial Assessments in June.

TAKE A BOOK, LEAVE A BOOK

We have been restocked thanks to the generosity of the IDES used book sale organizers!

Please feel free to browse the selection we have or leave some for others to enjoy.



“You will learn most things by looking, but reading gives understanding. Reading will make you free.” — Paul Rand



Are you or your child struggling with online learning?
Click the Help sign for some tips!



Find us on Instagram:
[KootenayDiscoverySchool](https://www.instagram.com/KootenayDiscoverySchool)

KDS PAC

Your Parent Advisory Council has been busy this month. We've welcomed new members to the council, and have been raising funds - both via apple sales, and grocery gift cards.

Thank you for your support!

The PAC has worked with KDS staff to develop branded merch to help show our school spirit.

The PAC will subsidize some of the cost to help make the items affordable for all. Please see below for the options and prices. Email orders to: kdspac2022@gmail.com Include item, size, name and contact information. Orders due: Dec 13/24

Payment can be made via e-transfer to: kdspac2022@gmail.com PW: logo

PAC is also planning a series of 'Life Skills' talks, the first of which will focus on financial literacy. More details to come in January.

The PAC has sufficient funds to support KDS enrichment activities, and we'd love to hear your input on what we should plan in 2025. There are constraints around the use of PAC funding, but in the past, PAC has paid for:

- BBQs
- Books
- Bussing to student activities
- Helping with the costs of KDS teachers attending PD training
- Coming in 2025 - a scholarship program!

If you have any creative ideas for how we can support our students' learning in new and interesting ways, please reach out at kdspac2022@gmail.com



B&C 3001cvc
Adult T-Shirt
Columbia Blue
Screenprint-Navy
Full Front
1A *Adult XS-2XL
\$10



B&C 3001cvc
Youth T-Shirt
Htr Columbia Blue
Screenprint-Navy
Full Front
1B *Youth S-XL
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B&C 3739
Adult Hood
Navy
Screenprint-2 Colour
Left Chest
1C *Adult XS-2XL
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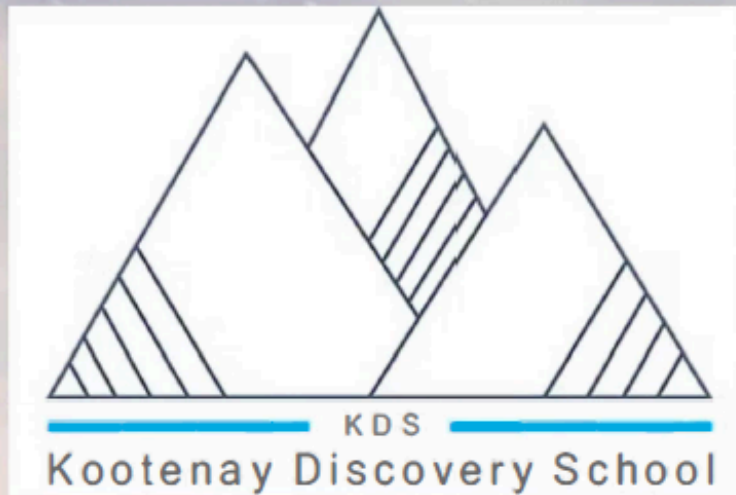


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Youth Hood
Navy
Screenprint-2 Colour
Left Chest
1D *Youth S-XL
\$20



FF 6006
Hat
Black
Cork Patch
Front Centre
1E *One size fits most
\$10





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Grocery Card Fundraiser

Buy Cards | Shop for Groceries | 8% back to KDS!

✉ Email KDSpac2022@gmail.com by Dec. 6th
with: your name & requested gift card total

Gift cards reedemable at all Save on Foods

Email transfers due on Dec. 9th
Pick up at KDS Campus on Decemeber 13th

Students in Cranbrook took the time to make some Christmas Crafts



Campus Hours

Fernie:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday:

8:30am-3:30pm

Tuesday, Thursday:

8:30am-7:00pm

Cranbrook:

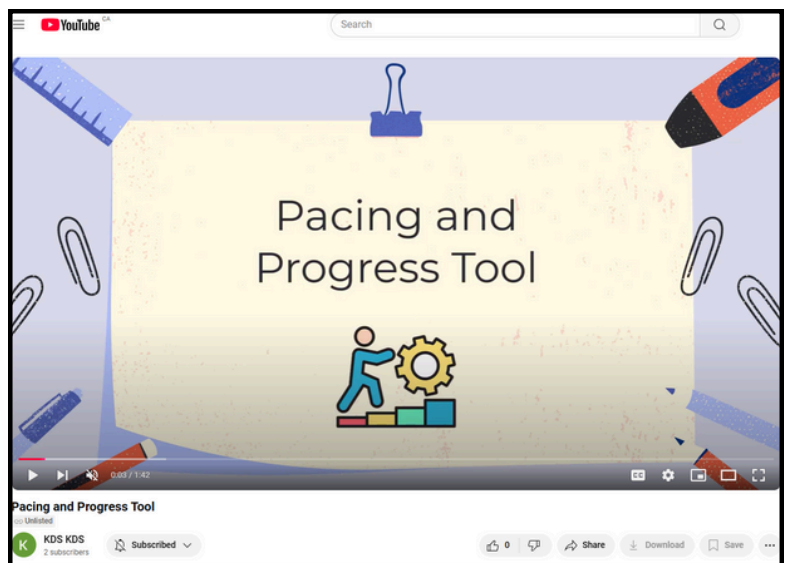
Monday:

8:30am-6:00pm

Tuesday-Friday:

8:30am-3:30pm

TECH
TALK



Are you having trouble uploading your projects to Brightspace? How about using the Pacing and Progress Tool?

There's a video for that!

Our High School teachers have been busy creating content on YouTube to help guide you through the necessary steps to these issues and more.

These are videos for our students, so searching for them won't give you access.

Click the photo above to take you there.

Our teachers are always looking for ways to help guide our students, so if you have any ideas for a video, please let us know!

This channel will be updated with more content over the next few months.



Counsellors' Corner



Did you know KDS has TWO Counsellors to assist you, or your child, to keep on track to graduate?

To do this, they must meet with you!

If you haven't met with Lindsay Knight or Barb Kaufman this year, use the links below to set up an appointment.

If you live in the South Country or Cranbrook, contact Barb Kaufman:



If you live in Fernie, Sparwood or Elkford, contact Lindsay Knight:



Credit

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Want more credits?

Do you have a part-time job? Did you have one last summer? Are you planning on getting one?

Did you know you could get graduation credit for the work that you do?

Contact Paula Evoy for more information:
paula.evoy@sd5.bc.ca

