

Principal's Message - Mike Kelly

Kootenay Discovery School (KDS) is bringing the goods. If you know you know. KDS K-9 brings more time outdoors, learning at your own pace, and teachers who know their students. KDS 10-12 brings the ultimate flexibility. Students learn when they are ready to learn, students have time for play and time for learning. KDS offers rigorous courses that deepen learning.

5 Benefits of Online Learning

1. **Learn According to Your Learning Style:** Online learning is directed by the student and is easily tailored to student learning preferences.
2. **Flexibility is an Advantage:** With self-directed learning and no mandatory live classes, online learning can play to student's strengths. Early riser or a night owl - work is done when it works for students. School can be done at lunch breaks at work! Split parent homes - students could work on the same course in Cranbrook or Fernie. Great for adult learners too!
3. **Enjoy a Comfortable Environment:** For some students, a traditional school can be incredibly uncomfortable, sparking social anxiety, behavioural problems, and other issues. These barriers can be removed by staying in a students' comfort zone while achieving their educational goals.
4. **Choose Enrollment Options for Your Lifestyle:** All sorts of options - only need one more course, want to go to school over the summer, need extra time for math. Wherever a student is on their path to graduation, online learning can help them get to the finish line.
5. **Get Useful Skills for the Future:** Online learning is offered in many universities and work environments. Online courses can also teach valuable job skills, such as how to navigate software, communicate over multiple platforms, and work without direct supervision.

Kootenay Discovery School serves students all over School District 5. with campuses in Cranbrook and Fernie.

KDS allows students to take control of their own learning.



SUPER

MARKET

When - May 1st 2pm -
3:30

Where - I.D.E.S Portable #223

Why - fundraising for Charity

What we

are selling

- Fire starters
- Bath Bombs
- Picture Frames
- Cord covers
- Painted Rocks
- Erasers

- Putty

- Candles

- 3D Printed Toys

BRING

CASH!!!



April Adventures

Volunteer day was with Elk River Alliance! We finished off the cycle of re-establishing and restoring Cotton Wood growth in the area. Students planted the cotton wood that they harvested back in November.

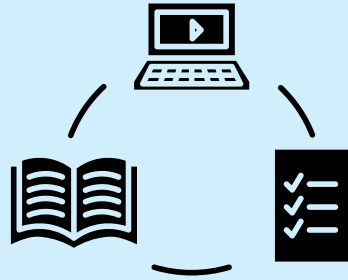


Grade 7-9's participated in a number of outdoor STEM challenges that included identifying natural landmarks and communication through signs and signals.



ONLINE COURSE INFORMATION

May 1st is the last day to enroll for courses if you want them on this year's transcript.



All online course requirements will need to be completed by June 15th in order for final grades to appear on BC Ministry 2023/24 School Transcripts.



Summer Information

Online courses are year round and students can register to do a course over the summer...we will have teacher support for July and August....stay tuned!



WAYS TO SURVIVE THE LAST MONTHS OF SCHOOL



1. Keep your school supplies organized.

Near the end of the year, it's easy to find yourself shoving papers in folders and pockets of your bag, never to be seen again. Clean out all the papers you don't need from your binders and notebooks and organize the ones you will need. This way, everything will be where you need to be when studying for finals, your life will be a little less cluttered and you'll feel a little more at ease.

2. Make the most of your downtime.

Rather than letting the hours fly by while you scroll through various social media sites, get up and enjoy yourself when you have some free time. If you absolutely need to check your Instagram feed, do it before you start your homework or wait until after. Set aside the technology to focus and get your work done.

3. Save the Netflix marathons for summer.

Of course everyone's dying to know what happens in the next episode, which is why Netflix has made it so easy to get pulled into a marathon vortex. However, instead of putting off work you have to do and clicking on the next episode, save it for a day when you have nothing to do.

4. Count down the days left, but don't dwell on them.

It's important to get excited for summer and all the fun and lazy things you will be able to do. No matter how many countdown apps you download, the days will continue to pass at the same speed. Focus on getting things done rather than procrastinating and the time will feel like it is flying by.

5. Keep up with your homework.

All teachers set dates at the end of the semester as limits for turning in any late work. The further behind you get in homework, the more stress you're putting on yourself right before the year ends. Finish it now and the end of the year won't be as chaotic.

6. Prepare for end-of-year tests.

Similar to your homework, the more you study for your tests collectively as the end of the year gets closer, the less work and stress you'll put on yourself during dead week. No matter how long you wait to study, finals, AP tests, SATs and ACTs aren't going anywhere, so start on them now.

7. Set incentives for getting things done.

Everyone would much rather go to the skate park or biking on a nice day than sit inside and finish a huge project. But instead of putting off the project, create rewards for yourself for completing assignments. This makes doing the work a bit more bearable and you'll be able to enjoy yourself rather than stressing about the work you're not doing.

8. Work outdoors.

If it's a sunny day and all you can do is find yourself dreaming of laying outside instead of working on the physics packet in front of you, work outside somewhere. As long as you're not distracted by the things going on around you, you can enjoy yourself and get some vitamin D at the same time.

9. Make a schedule to manage your time.

If you know you have a lot going on at the end of the year, such as preparing for prom, create a schedule to manage your time so you can both get things done that you need to do and still have time for the things you want to do.

10. Remember, you're almost there.

Although these next couple of months may feel like they will never come to an end, just keep reminding yourself that they're closer than you think. Although powering through and getting everything done that you need to get done seems awful and never-ending at the moment, in the end, it will be much more rewarding than slacking off through your last months or weeks of the year.



Email Etiquette



GREET YOUR CONTACT PROPERLY

Include a greeting! It is as simple as: Dear Miss Magill. Use a formal title such as Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss unless the person introduces themselves in that manner.

INTRODUCE YOURSELF

While it is tempting to go straight to your question, take time to briefly remind the person who you are. Example: This is Emma from your 1st period class.



BE BRIEF, POSITIVE & FRIENDLY

Keep your email brief and to the point. Make sure to use a friendly and polite tone. Give options if necessary to show you're willing to work with them.

BE POLITE

Always remember to say "please" and "thank you" as necessary throughout the email. If you are upset, give yourself time before sending the email.



PROOFREAD BEFORE PRESSING SEND

Look over your email for any grammar or spelling mistakes before you send it. These can distract the reader from what you are trying to say to them.

Why Is Email Etiquette Important?



Professionalism
Show that you are ready for your future career



Efficiency
Look efficient sending to-the-point messages



Respect
Avoid unnecessary embellishments & small talk.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INFORMATION



Attention Grade 12 Students:

Scholarship and Bursary Opportunities

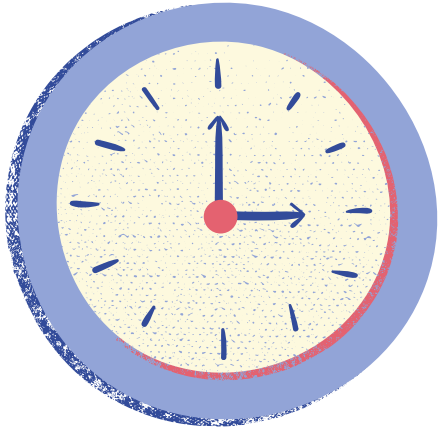
- ✓ Full time KDS students are eligible to apply for District and Provincial scholarships.

Please see scholarship information on our website **KootenayDiscoverySchool.com** for links to scholarship applications & more information.

Provincial & District Scholarship Information and Applications:

<https://www.sd5.bc.ca/studentparent/Scholarship/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

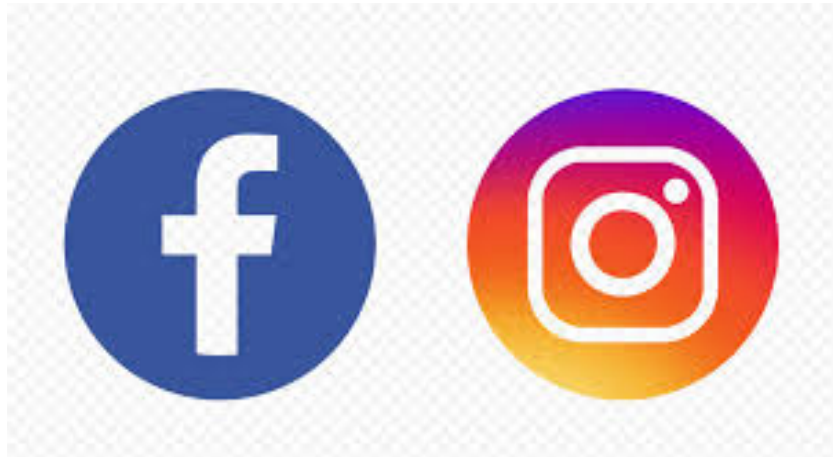




Exciting News
**The Fernie Campus is open
3 nights a week until 7 pm!!**

**Ms. Paula Evoy on Tuesdays & Thursdays
Ms. Deirdre Bailey on Wednesdays**

Check us out on Social Media



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Get ready, it's KDS Calendar time!

May 10 - Kikomun Run

May 17 - School Break

May 20 - Victoria Day Stat Holiday

May 27 - KDS Cranbrook Open House

June 7 - Professional Development Day

- No school June 14 - School Break

June 27 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL



Feedback

We are in the process of defining our vision and mission at Kootenay Discovery School.

We need your feedback on existing programs, as well as your hopes and dreams for the future of distance and blended learning in SD5!

[Click here](#) to share your insight!

THINK IT,
WANT IT,
GET IT

