

January 2024

NEWSLETTER



ROCKY MOUNTAIN ALTERNATE EDUCATION

January



Welcome Back

We hope everyone had an enjoyable & restful break!

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

JANUARY 15-26

Graduation Assessments

JANUARY 26

End of Semester 1

FEBRUARY 6

Report Cards

FEBRUARY 19

Family Day STAT
(No School)

FEBRUARY 20

Non-Instructional Day
(No School)

SCHOOL CALENDAR

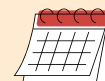
Public Consultation



The Board of Education has approved, in principle, the 2024-25, 2025-26, and 2026-27 school calendars.

Each calendar requires a 60-day public consultation period.

Please review the proposed calendars (links are included in the survey) and provide anonymous feedback by filling in the following form by February 11, 2024:



[Click Here](#)



SCHOOL SUCCESS PLAN

CLICK
HERE

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

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1 STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

OPEN DOORS

- School Counsellor, Shannon Warren, is on site every Wednesday
- EKASS Counsellor, Michelle Biffis, is on site every Tuesday
- Students set goals every Monday to work on throughout the week

2 NUMERACY & LITERACY

OPEN DOORS

- Numeracy & Literacy Graduation Assessments session will take place in January for Numeracy 10, Literacy 10 and Literacy 12



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 participated in a bottle drive to make a donation to the Christmas Bureau (they raised \$60!)
- 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
- Open Doors hosted children (3 & 4yrs old) from Windermere Valley Childcare Center in Dec

GAS

- School counsellor, Amy Angheluta is available on site every Wednesday & Friday
- Counsellors from the Golden Family Center will be on site weekly (Ana Marie on Mondays & Ben Landry on Wednesdays)
- EKAS will be attending GAS on a weekly basis for individual and group counselling sessions and harm reduction info sessions

GAS

- Numeracy & Literacy Graduation Assessments session will take place in January for Numeracy 10, Literacy 10 and Literacy 12



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
- GAS hosted a Christmas Luncheon in December. Staff, students and community members were all in attendance

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

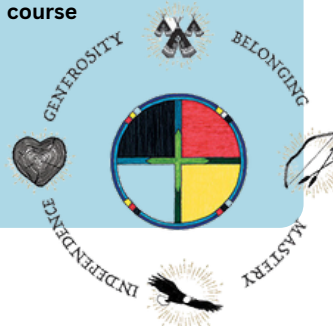
KAS

- Numeracy & Literacy Graduation Assessments session will take place in January for Numeracy 10, Literacy 10 and Literacy 12



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

- KAS hosted a Holiday Lunch in December. School staff, administration, school trustees and parents all attended!
- Students will be going downhill skiing at the local hill in February & March

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



GRADUATION ASSESSMENTS



All students graduating with BC Dogwood Diploma must write the following Graduation Assessments:

- Numeracy 10
- Literacy 10
- Literacy 12

Provincial Graduation Assessments are developed by B.C. and Yukon teachers and are cross-curricular measures of the provincial curricula.

Assessments will be taking place at ODAS, KAS and GAS throughout the two (2) weeks between Jan 15-26

Click Here

For more information about the assessments

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

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STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY



The Student Learning Survey (SLS) has been administered every year in B.C. public schools since 2001.

The survey provides feedback on the implementation of the curriculum changes, learning environment, student wellness and satisfaction, student belonging and engagement, and career preparation.

Schools and districts use the SLS to make informed decisions around long-term planning and goal-setting, and in providing individual students personalized support. In 2021, the student survey underwent a review to accommodate an updated conceptual framework that align questions with the core competencies of the curriculum and the British Columbia's Policy for Student Success.

PLEASE COMPLETE BY May 3, 2024

CLICK HERE



For a copy of the Ministry of Education and Childcare Letter for Parents/Guardians for more information

Click Here



to complete the survey!

SURVEY INSTRUCTIONS:

Scroll down to the Parent Login

- Please use the "Direct Access" option (no login required)
- District - "School District 6"
- School - Open Doors, Golden Alternate or Kimberley Alterate

DIGITAL LITERACY & SAFETY RESOURCES



The White Hatter offers digital literacy and internet safety education resource materials for teachers, students, parents and businesses

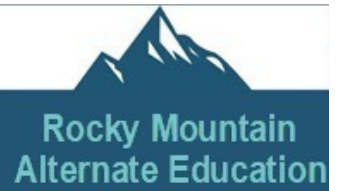
An online presentation will be taking place in February for students & parents.



Check your email inbox in the coming weeks for a link to join the presentation!



OPEN DOORS ALTERNATE SCHOOL



IMPORTANT DATES

January 23

XC Skiing & Snowshoeing at Nipika



Open Doors students participated in a bottle drive to make a \$60 donation to the Christmas Bureau



SAVE THE DATE



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

Be on the lookout for permission forms



Natalie Ruby (EA) led the students through a group art project (reindeer heads)



The Foods class created an AMAZING Holiday Luncheon where we hosted many different members of the community, including Kevin Morrall, Brent Wilson, Michelle Biffis and Sasha Jordan

Kaylie CRUSHING goals and finishing projects. We set goals every Monday to tackle throughout the week!



Gaige showing off his macrame plant holder



ODAS hosted kiddos from Windermere Valley Child Care Society on Dec 19th. Students led them through craft, cookie and story reading stations



Left: Bryce and Bryce making cookies. Big Bryce was a SPECTACULAR role model in the kitchen!



Right: Mrs. Haggard working on a snowman craft with her girls

Victoria and Dom gearing up for Panorama this winter

NEWS FROM DTSS



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

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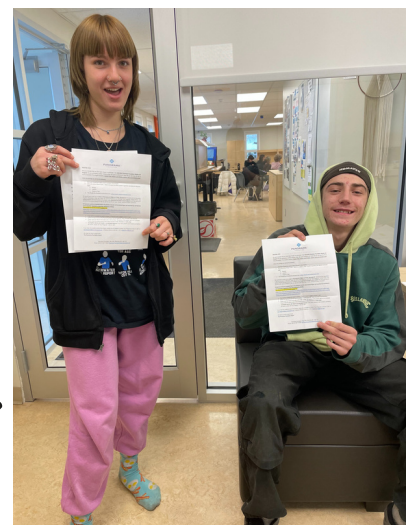
GRAD CORNER



Grad Photos
TENTATIVELY booked
for Feb 21-23



Stay tuned for more information and a booking link!



GOLDEN ALTERNATE SCHOOL

IMPORTANT DATES

January 29-February 1
Grad Photos at GSS



GAS hosted a Holiday luncheon on December 20. They prepared a turkey dinner for the staff and students. Special guests included Jim Mason from SD6 Maintenance and Ben Landry, Counsellor from the Golden Family Center



Krue Walker showing off his gingerbread house skills before the holidays!

COMING SOON

- Ana Marie - counsellor from the Family Centre will be at GAS every Monday
- Ben Landry, counsellor from the Family Center will be at GAS every Wednesday



Golden Family Center



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



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

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GRAD CORNER



Grad Photos
take place on
Jan 29-Feb 1



Click Here

To book your spot!

Please contact
bridget.murphy@sd6.bc.ca for
more information



KIMBERLEY ALTERNATE SCHOOL

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IMPORTANT DATES

February & March

Skating, curling & downhill skiing

Please keep an eye out for
permission forms!

This year for our Holiday lunch, we
invited school staff, administration,
school trustees and parents.
Students prepared and cooked a
delicious turkey dinner which was
enjoyed by all.



KAS went to Fairmont Hot Springs
in December where the students
and staff enjoyed a soak, followed
by a pizza lunch



KAS went to Wasa Lake in December.
The rink wasn't ready, so they went for
short walk around part of the lake and had
a fire to roast hot dogs



Huge CONGRATULATIONS to
Chloe Gordon - she won 3rd place in the
Legion Remembrance Day poster contest!

NEWS FROM SSS



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

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GRAD CORNER



Grad Photos
take place on
Jan 8-12



Click Here

To book your spot!

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



**GOOD
THINGS
AHEAD**

During the months of
February and March, KAS
students will be participating
in skating and curling
activities and heading to the
Kimberley ski hill for some
downhill skiing.

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 480 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 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.

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.

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.

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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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