

February 2024

# NEWSLETTER



## ROCKY MOUNTAIN ALTERNATE EDUCATION



### Parents/Caregivers of Grade 11 Students

Students in Grade 11 will be invited to complete a 35-40min online Youth Development Instrument (YDI) survey.

The YDI gives young people a voice in reporting their thoughts, feelings and experiences in school, at home and in the community. School and community partners can use the YDI information to improve supports and services for children.

The confidentiality of your child is strictly protected in this study.

You may opt your child out of this survey by following the instructions in the consent letter.

[CLICK HERE](#)

For a copy of the  
consent letter

[CLICK HERE](#)

If you would like  
to learn more  
about the survey

**YDi**

Youth  
Development  
Instrument

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### FEBRUARY 6

Report Cards  
(Semester 1/Term 2)

#### FEBRUARY 19

BC Family Day STAT  
(No School)

#### FEBRUARY 20

Pro-D Day  
(No School)

#### FEBRUARY 27

White Hatter Presentation  
(Students 1:00-2:30pm)

#### FEBRUARY 28

Pink Shirt Day

White Hatter Presentation  
(Parents/Caregivers)

#### MARCH 15

Last Day of School  
Before Spring Break

#### April 2

First Day of School  
After Spring Break

# SCHOOL SUCCESS PLAN

CLICK  
HERE

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

Rocky Mountain  
Alternate Education

## 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
- ODAS is introducing tech free hours on Mondays before community circle. Students can read, write, play board games (focus is on improving mental health/ability to focus)

## 2 NUMERACY & LITERACY

### OPEN DOORS

- Numeracy & Literacy Graduation Assessments session took place in January for Numeracy 10, Literacy 10 and Literacy 12. Next session in is April 2024



## 3 BUILDING STAFF CAPACITY

### OPEN DOORS

- ODAS staff are applying the Circle of Courage Framework via the use of Empathy Maps with 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 weekly
- Open Doors is hosting children (3 & 4yr olds) from Windermere Valley Childcare Center on a monthly basis
- Mr. Tenta will be visiting the school to teach students how to tie knots

### 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 took place in January for Numeracy 10, Literacy 10 and Literacy 12. Next session in is April 2024



### 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 are working on an upcoming project (crafting and dying flags) to contribute to the annual Snow King Parade

### 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

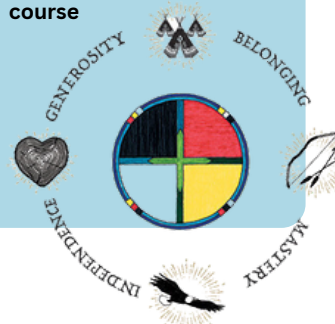
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### KAS

- 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 will be going downhill skiing at the local hill in February & March
- KAS students have been participating in a project at the food recovery once a week

Circle of courage  
framework

# FRIENDLY REMINDERS

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## RECOMMENDED READS



[Valley of the Birdtail: An Indian Reserve, a White Town and the Road to Reconciliation](#)



[Health Promoting Schools Newsletter](#)

## SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION PRESENTATION FOR PARENTS

WHEN:

Feb 20, 22 or 28  
from 6-7:30pm PST

[CLICK HERE](#)

For more info

[CLICK HERE](#)

To Register



## DIGITAL LITERACY PRESENTATIONS



### Gr 8-12 STUDENT Presentation:

Date: Tuesday, February 27th

Time: 1:00-2:30pm

Location: GAS/KAS/ODAS

\*Note: ODAS Students will attend at the SD6 Board Office in Invermere

### PARENT/CAREGIVER Presentation:

Date: Wednesday, February 28th

Location: Online - [LINK HERE](#)

Time: 6:30-8:30pm

[Click Here](#)

For more information



## 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 Alternate

## REPORT CARDS



Were sent home on  
Tuesday, February 6th

## 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](#)



# OPEN DOORS ALTERNATE SCHOOL

## IMPORTANT DATES

February 6

Indigenous Education  
Fishing Trip to Lake Lillian

February 11

Registration Deadline  
for Grad Photos

February 14

Visit from Windermere Valley  
Childcare Society 3 & 4yr olds; Knot  
tying with Mr. Tenta

February 21-23

DTSS/ODAS Grad Photos

February 27

ODAS Student White Hatter  
Presentation @SD6 Board Office



## Mrs. Shaw!

Mrs. Shaw has returned as a part-time  
teacher for 2nd semester

In February, we also say goodbye to  
Mrs. Middlemiss, who was covering in  
Mrs. Shaw's absence.  
We will miss her dearly!



Memory maze! We spent the  
month of January celebrating  
Mr. Warren and enjoying our  
final month with him!

Mrs. Robinson leading  
an art project with the  
students!



Mr. Warren leading an  
activity where  
students had to  
explain to a peer how  
to draw their own  
picture



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## NEWS FROM DTSS



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

**CLICK HERE** 

## GRAD CORNER

SAVE THE DATE



Grad Photos  
February 21-23

**CLICK HERE**

For IMPORTANT  
INFORMATION

Grad Blurbs

Due by April 29th  
(please see Mrs. Wilson for forms)

Open Doors Year End  
Celebration/Graduation

June 18th at CPR Lodge

DTSS Grad Events

Grad March & Dinner - Wed June 26  
Grad Ceremony & Dry Grad - Thurs  
June 27

Scholarship Info Session

Mr. Warren will be hosting an info  
session on Wed Feb 14th from 9-10am

Grad Fundraisers

Sobey's and Bosley's Gift  
Cards were due on February  
5th. Gift cards will be issued  
in ~2 weeks!



# GOLDEN ALTERNATE SCHOOL



## IMPORTANT DATES

February 1

Grad Photos at GSS

February 8

Disc Golf with Ben Landry  
(Family Centre Counsellor)

February 10

Snow King Parade

February 27

GAS Student  
White Hatter Presentation



Our upcoming project is  
crafting and dying flags  
to contribute to the  
annual Snow King Parade

CLICK  
HERE

For more info!



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

Students participating in  
our Friday Art afternoons.  
We are doing a slow  
progress collaboration  
piece in this photo



Students will begin  
volunteering at the  
Golden Food Bank  
after Spring Break

## NEWS FROM GSS



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

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## GRAD CORNER

SAVE THE DATE



Grad Ceremony  
Thursday, June 27  
at the Golden Arena

Prom  
Friday, June 28 at  
the Wolf's Den

Scholarships &  
Bursaries  
**CLICK HERE** for  
more info

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





# KIMBERLEY ALTERNATE SCHOOL

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## IMPORTANT DATES

February 15  
Valentine's Dance at SSS  
(7:00-10:00pm)

February 21  
Permission forms for skiing DUE

February 27  
KAS Student  
White Hatter Presentation

KAS students have been participating in a project where they are at the food recovery once a week painting the walls to help to brighten up the space. Pictured below is a group of students and their talented work



## NEWS FROM SSS



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

**CLICK HERE** 

## GRAD CORNER

SAVE THE DATE



### Grad Fundraising

Flower Basket forms have gone home (due back March 1st)

### Grad Blurbs & Baby Pictures

Due February 16th

### Prom

June 14, 2024

### Grad Ceremonies

June 15, 2024

### Meetings

- Grad Meeting at SSS on Feb 21st at 10:00am
- Grad Parent Meeting (TEAMS) March 6 at 6:30pm

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



### Black History Month

We will be spending some time learning about Black History month and celebrating some important people and moments from both Canada and the United States. We also have a student who has prepared a Black History month presentation for her peers as a project from her Social Justice course. She will be presenting during the month of February.



SAVE THE DATE



Students will be going downhill skiing in February and March

Be on the lookout for permission forms



# 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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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.  
Visit [SKILLEDTRADESBC.CA/EMPLOYERS](https://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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