

March 2024

NEWSLETTER



ROCKY MOUNTAIN ALTERNATE EDUCATION

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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

March 6

ODAS Early Dismissal
(1:15pm)

MARCH 15

Last Day of School
Before Spring Break

April 2

First Day of School
After Spring Break

Have a wonderful



FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Rocky Mountain
Alternate Education

RECOMMENDED READS



The Morning Bell Brings the
Broken Hearted: A Novel
by Jennifer Manuel



Health Promoting
Schools Newsletter



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
during the week of April 15-19

Click Here

For more information
about the assessments



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



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

STAFF PRO-D



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Staff from Open Doors, KAS, GAS and RMOL came together for a Pro-D session in Invermere on February 20

Ivan Coyote Keynote Performance: Virtual Session

Ivan delivered an engaging, story-driven virtual presentation to staff about life in between binary gender boxes.

Ivan uses the power of personal narrative to address issues of safety and resources for trans and non-binary students, faculty, employees and clients.



Art & Tapping into the Creative Mind

Natalie Ruby from Black Star Studio hosted an art session for staff. They learned how to make mountain scenes from clay and then took kits back to each site to complete with the students



EKASS Presentation

Michelle Biffis (EKASS Invermere) and Theresa Bartraw (EKASS Cranbrook) provided information and statistics on drug use and the incidence of overdose in the Interior Health region.

In particular, physical signs of overdose were reviewed with staff.

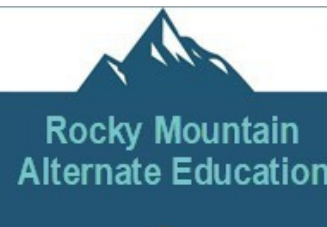
Staff have also been receiving ongoing Naloxone training throughout the school year.



East Kootenay
Addiction Services Society



OPEN DOORS ALTERNATE SCHOOL



IMPORTANT DATES

March 6

ODAS Early Dismissal (1:30pm)

March 7

Grad Meeting at DTSS

10:30am-12:30pm

(for students)

Grad Parent Meeting

7:00pm

March 9

DTSS Bottle Drive Grad Fundraiser

9am-1pm (Volunteers needed!)

March 12

Gr 10 First Aid Training @ DTSS

12:30-3:30pm

March 13

Gr 10 First Aid Training @ DTSS

9:00am-3:30pm

April 11

Catch Up Immunizations at ODAS

Gr 10-12 (1:00-2:30pm)



Knot tying
with
Mr. Tenta



Making macrame
key chains with Gwyn

Knome art project
with Natalie



Open Doors hosted 3 & 4yr olds from
Windermere Valley Childcare Society for
Valentine's day. They made cookies, read a
book with Mr. Tenta and did a craft!



NEWS FROM DTSS



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

[CLICK HERE](#)

GRAD CORNER

SAVE THE DATE



Grad Photo Retakes
April 3 (tentative)

[CLICK HERE](#)

For IMPORTANT
INFORMATION

Grad Blurbs

Due by April 29th

(please see Mrs. Wilson for forms)

Grad Student Meeting

Thursday, March 7

10:30am-12:30pm

[CLICK HERE](#)

For the agenda!

Grad Parent Meeting

Thursday, March 7 at 7:00pm

Open Doors Year End
Celebration/Graduation

June 18th at CPR Lodge

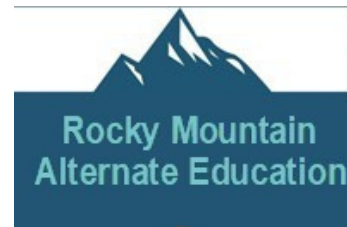
DTSS Grad Events

Grad March & Dinner - Wed June 26

Grad Ceremony & Dry Grad - Thurs
June 27



GOLDEN ALTERNATE SCHOOL



IMPORTANT DATES

March 15

Last Day of School
Before Spring Break

April 2

First Day of School
After Spring Break



GAS students enjoying
the sunshine with a
game of basketball



Clay art projects,
courtesy of Black Star
Studios in Invermere



Golden Family Center

- 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 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

March 6

Skiing @ Kimberley Alpine Resort
Grad Parent Meeting at 6:30pm

March 13

Skiing @ Kimberley Alpine Resort

April 11

Catch Up Immunizations
Gr 10-12 (8:40-11:00am at SSS)



NEWS FROM SSS



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

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GRAD CORNER

SAVE THE DATE



Prom

June 14, 2024

Grad Ceremonies

June 15, 2024

Meetings

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



Mrs. Wardle,
Ms. Betker,
Mrs. Watkins
and Mr.
Tremblay on
Pink Shirt
Day on
February
28th



KAS students
working on
clay art
projects
using kits
from Black
Star Studio
in Invermere

Black Star
studios.workshops.gallery



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

- EKASS Counsellor, Michelle Biffis, is on site every Tuesday
- Students set goals every Monday to work on throughout the week
- ODAS has tech free hours on Mondays before community circle. Students can read, write, play board games (focus is on improving mental health/ability to focus)
- Gwyn Robinson (YCW) hosts a weekly yoga session

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 go to the Summit Youth Hub every 2 weeks
- ODAS hosts 3 & 4yr olds from WVCCS daycare on a monthly basis
- Students go to the Public Library & grocery store weekly
- Students volunteer at ICAN on Thursday afternoons

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

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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

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

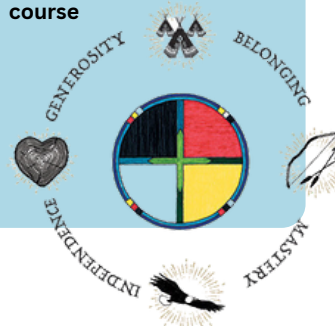
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KAS

- 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 March
- KAS students participated in an art project from Black Star Studios in Invermere, BC

Circle of courage
framework