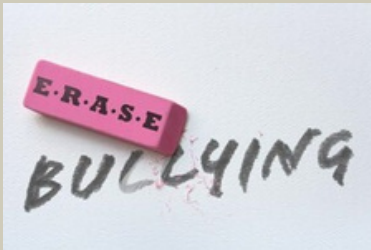


April 2024

# NEWSLETTER



## ROCKY MOUNTAIN ALTERNATE EDUCATION



If there is something worrying you or your friends at school, you can make an anonymous report by clicking [HERE](#)

### Additional Family Sessions for Social Media Awareness - NEW DATES

- Wednesday, April 10
- Tuesday, April 16

All of the trainings can be found by clicking:

[\*\*HERE\*\*](#)



### IMPORTANT DATES

**April 15-19**

Graduation Assessments

**April 19**

End of Term 3

**April 22**

Pro-D Day  
(No School)

**April 24**

GAS Early Dismissal  
(1hr Early)

**April 30**

Report Cards

**May 20**

Victoria Day STAT  
(No School)



# FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Rocky Mountain  
Alternate Education

## REPORT CARDS



Report Cards will be  
going home on  
Tuesday, April 30



Give SD6 a follow  
on Facebook to  
stay up-to-date on  
busing  
information,  
student stories,  
and District news.



The 2024-25  
School Calendar  
has been  
approved!



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## 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

## RECOMMENDED READS



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



Health Promoting  
Schools Newsletter



## 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

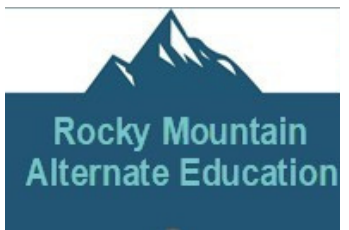
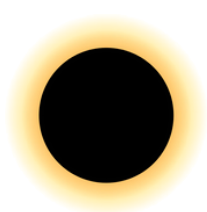
Download the **SchoolGuide**  
app and receive news, events,  
blogs, and announcements!



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for iOS

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# IMPORTANT SAFETY BULLETIN



On April 8th, 2024 there will be a partial solar eclipse that will be visible during the school day.

The eclipse is at 11:44-1:35pm, with a maximum exposure at 12:39pm.

Unfortunately, there are health risks related to this type of partial eclipse.



NEVER LOOK AT THE SUN WITH THE UNAIDED EYE, INCLUDING DURING AN ECLIPSE OR OTHER

SOLAR PHENOMENA! ALWAYS USE ECLIPSE GLASSES OR VIEWERS.

Students will be welcomed to stay inside for the lunch break that day.

Schools will not schedule outdoor PE classes or activities for any students between 11:30am and 1:40pm on April 8th.

## THE SUN'S LIGHT

The Sun shines bright in our daytime sky, sending lots of light and radiation to Earth. Sunlight is very important for life on Earth, but it can also be harmful. Radiation emitted by the Sun can be harmful to humans without appropriate protection. Similarly, the abundance of visible light is just as damaging. Just like putting on sunblock or clothing to protect our skin from too much Sun, we also need to protect our eyes when observing the Sun.

## PRECAUTIONS

- Sunglasses do NOT provide adequate protection to view a solar eclipse
- After only a few seconds, there is risk for eye damage
- When a retina is damaged, it can take hours for symptoms to appear

## SYMPTOMS OF EYE DAMAGE

Mild = headache, discomfort when looking at bright lights

More severe = blurry vision, blind spots, trouble seeing colours and shapes

If you experience any of these symptoms, please seek immediate medical attention



At maximum, the Moon will cover the entire Sun, leaving just the corona visible. *You may remove your eclipse glasses to view the maximum of a total eclipse.*

Which solar eclipse are you viewing?

Take appropriate measures to ensure eye safety. All partial phases of any solar eclipse require a filter to observe safely.



At maximum, the Moon will cover all but a sliver of the Sun's surface. *You must use proper eclipse glasses or viewers to observe this sliver.*



# OPEN DOORS ALTERNATE SCHOOL

## IMPORTANT DATES

April 9

Open Doors Grad Parent Meeting  
@ 6:30pm

April 11

Drop-In Immunization Clinic  
(Interior Health) at ODAS



Crazy Hair Day  
before Spring Break



Open Doors met  
3 & 4 yr olds  
from  
Windermere  
Valley Childcare  
Society at the  
Invermere  
Public Library

A few  
students  
attended a  
Red Cross  
First Aid  
course at the  
College of the  
Rockies in  
March



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Alternate Education

## NEWS FROM DTSS

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

**CLICK HERE** 

## GRAD CORNER

SAVE THE DATE



### Grad Blurbs

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

### DTSS Grad

#### Student Meeting

Friday, April 5th at 9:00am

### Open Doors

#### Grad Parent Meeting

Tuesday, April 9th at 6:30pm

### 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



**CLICK HERE**

For more information about  
Scholarships



# GOLDEN ALTERNATE SCHOOL



## IMPORTANT DATES

**April 24**  
GAS Early Dismissal  
(1hr early)

**April 30**  
Gr 10-12 Catch-Up  
Immunization Clinic at GAS



GAS students planted  
sunflowers before  
Spring Break



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



## 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

Gr 12 local scholarships  
are due by April 15

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



**Come and learn about Jordan's story**

**April 24th, 2024**  
8:45 am - 2:00 pm

Fish, Relax and Connect with a helping Community

15 spots available

Find out more and register at [jtelfer@ekass.com](mailto:jtelfer@ekass.com)

Lunch, Gear and Instructions Provided

**In Memory of Jordan Hood**  
04-11-16

Relax in a group of people who know and understand the struggles of mental health and substance use.

Brought to you in part by the Golden Local Action Team as part of the Child and Youth Mental Health and Substance Use (CYMHSL) Collaborative, funded by First Steps/Early Addiction Services



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



**There will be a Job Fair at the  
Golden Senior Centre on April 10th!**



# KIMBERLEY ALTERNATE SCHOOL

Rocky Mountain  
Alternate Education

## IMPORTANT DATES

April 9

Immunization Clinic at SSS  
@ 8:40-11:00am

April 30

Field Trip to  
Riverside Campground

May 1, 15, 20, 29

Climbing Wall Sessions

May 8

Field Trip to Wycliffe Hoodoos

May 16

Field Trip to Wycliff Butte

May 28

Mini Golf & Elizabeth Lake Walk

June 10

Field Trip to Fort Steele

June 13

Rails to Trails Biking Field Trip

YOU'RE  
INVITED

KAS grads and families  
and KAS students are  
invited to a Grad dinner  
and celebration on

Wednesday, June 19th

more details to follow



KAS students  
went skiing  
to Kimberley  
Alpine Resort  
on March 6  
and 13



## NEWS FROM SSS



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

**CLICK HERE** 

## GRAD CORNER

SAVE THE DATE



Prom

June 14, 2024

Grad Ceremonies

June 15, 2024

Meetings

Grad Parent Meeting (TEAMS)  
March 6 at 6:30pm

Scholarships

**CLICK HERE** for more info



**Click here** for a full  
Grad timeline of  
events and  
deadlines

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



# 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
- Interior Health provided a presentation to students on Sexual Health on April 3rd

### 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

### 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

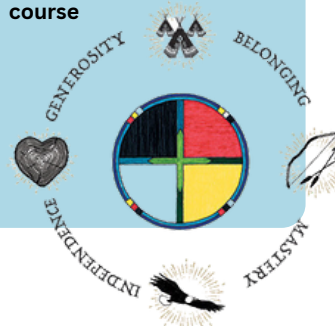
### KAS

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



### 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 went downhill skiing twice in March to Kimberley Alpine Resort

Circle of courage  
framework