

May 2024

NEWSLETTER



ROCKY MOUNTAIN ALTERNATE EDUCATION

SD6 Online Community Engagement Sessions



Rocky Mountain School District will once again be holding engagement sessions on the School District Operational Plan

Next Online Session:
May 10 - 1:00-2:00pm

[CLICK HERE](#) >>

May

IMPORTANT DATES

May 20

Victoria Day STAT
(No School)

June 10-14

Graduation
Assessments

June 27

Last Day of Classes
Report Cards



Each site is hosting a
YEAR END CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

ALL students are welcome as well as
Grad students and their families

Golden Alternate School:

**Tuesday, June 4th (BBQ Lunch at GAS -
families are welcome)**

Open Doors Alternate School:

Tuesday, June 18th at CPR Lodge 5-7pm

Kimberley Alternate School:

Wednesday, June 19th at 5:30pm at the Nordic Club



FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Rocky Mountain
Alternate Education



REPORT CARDS

Report Cards were sent home on April 30

RECOMMENDED READS



[The Moon of the Crusted Snow and Moon of the Turning Leaves](#)

Series by Indigenous Author
Waubgeshig Rice



[Health Promoting Schools Newsletter](#)



TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

May 6-12



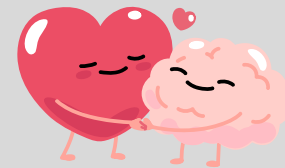
to all of our teachers at ODAS, KAS & GAS for your hard work. We appreciate all that you do!

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

Canadian Mental Health Week is May 6-12

FamilySmart is hosting an National Child & Youth Mental Health Day on May 7th from 6-8pm with Kim Barthel

You can register and find more information [HERE](#)



2024-2025 STUDENT EXPECTATIONS & CODE OF CONDUCT



for more info!

The BC Government is moving forward with the following three (3) concrete actions to keep kids safe online and in-school:

- Restricting the use of cellphones in schools;
- Launching services to remove images from the internet and pursue predators; and
- Legislation to hold social media companies accountable for the harm they have caused

RMAE is working on including these actions into our 2024-2025 Student Expectations and Code of Conduct, which will be made available to families and students before the end of this school year.

OPEN DOORS ALTERNATE SCHOOL

IMPORTANT DATES

May 30

ICBC Road Safety Presentation
(Gr 11 & 12) - 12:45pm @ DTSS

ICBC Roadside Presentation



With high school grad around the corner, ICBC Road Safety would like to share their road safety message with students before the celebrations begin! Sadly, speeding, distracted driving, and impaired driving are the top 3 contributing factors of fatal crashes involving youth in B.C.

Kevin Brooks will be touring the Southern Interior and Kootenay regions. He will share his personal tragic and motivational story about the consequences of making poor choices, the triumphs of building resilience and finally he will offer guidance on being a safe and responsible driver and passenger.

For more information about Kevin:

[CLICK HERE](#) 

DTSS students make community safer

Posted by Lyonel Doherty | Apr 8, 2024 | Local News, Local News, News | 0



DTSS and Open Doors Students were featured in the Columbia Valley Pioneer last week!



[READ MORE](#) 

Thanks to the support of the Brett Wilson Foundation, DTSS Parents Advisory Council, SD6 and the College of the Rockies, all Grade 10 students at DTSS and Open Doors had the opportunity to complete an emergency first aid course

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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



DTSS Grad Baby Photos

Please submit to
dtsssendins@gmail.com

Open Doors

Grad Parent Meeting
Thursday, May 9th at 7:00pm

DTSS Grad Events

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

Fundraisers

May 5 - Su Casa Authentic Mexican Kitchen (Fairmont) is hosting a Cinco de mayo celebration with funds going towards grad

May 18 - Grad students will be running a car wash at the Invermere Firehall

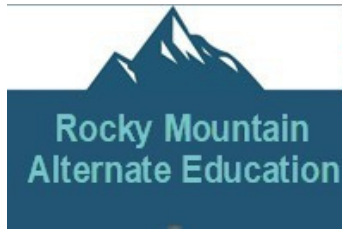
April & May - there will be donation boxes at the local liquor stores accepting cash donations for dry grad



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for more info about grad!

OPEN DOORS ALTERNATE SCHOOL



Bryce and Hunter working on Bryce's capstone project

Participating in group activities with EKASS

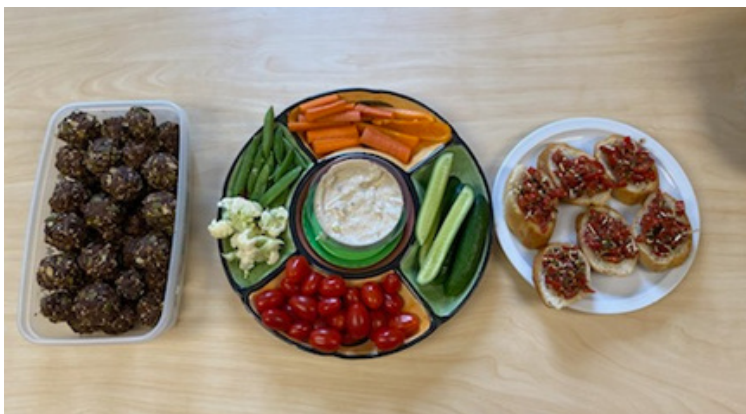


Interior Health visited twice this month. Once to present on contraceptives and STIs and again to host an immunization clinic for any students that were seeking updates or information



Kenthen Thomas, a traditional Secwepemc storyteller came to speak to ODAS students on May 2

The Open Doors snack trap has become a regular fixture in our kitchen...it disappears daily!



GOLDEN ALTERNATE SCHOOL



IMPORTANT DATES

May 27

Bringing the Salmon Home Presentation at GSS

June 4

GAS Celebration of Learning



Interior Health
Every person matters

Interior Health hosted an immunization clinic on April 30 for any students that were seeking updates or information

NEWS FROM GSS



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GRAD CORNER

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Grad Ceremony
Thursday, June 27 at the Golden Arena

Prom
Friday, June 28 at the Wolf's Den

[CLICK HERE](#)

For more information about GSS Grad

[CLICK HERE](#)



For the full GSS Grad Timeline on June 27 & 28

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



Golden Secondary School presents...

Kenthen Thomas

Traditional Secwepemc Story Teller



"Stsepetkwll" - Legends That Teach"
April 30th, 2024
GSS Gymnasium

Join us for dinner at 5:00pm for bannock, hamburger soup & labrador tea - \$10 pp

Performance begins at 6pm
\$10 Adults \$5 Students & Seniors 5 & under Free

Fundraiser in support of the Bamfield Marine Science Centre Trip in September 2024



A couple of our GAS students attended the GSS Assembly (April 30) featuring Secwepemc StoryTeller Kenthen Thomas

6 students participated in the Jordan Hood Memorial Fishing Trip organized by Golden Family Center on April 24



Food Bank Volunteering begins again this month - students will be going Tuesday mornings from now until the end of June



The Columbia River Salmon Reintroduction Initiative

BRINGING the SALMON HOME
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Students will be going to GSS on May 27 to view "Bringing the Salmon Home," co-organized by Wildsight. The organizers will bring a number of representatives from the three Indigenous Nations including elders and youth Salmon Warriors, to open the film and have an audience discussion afterwards.

KIMBERLEY ALTERNATE SCHOOL



IMPORTANT DATES

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 11
Rails to Trails Biking Field Trip

Students and staff braved a cold, windy afternoon at Riverside Campground. Despite the weather not cooperating, they still managed a hike on the trails along the St. Mary's River and a lunch at the campground picnic area



**NEWS FROM
SSS**

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GRAD CORNER

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Prom

June 14, 2024
Platzl Walk, Dinner & Dance

Grad Ceremony

June 15, 2024
Write-up due to Andrea ASAP

Meetings

Grad Parent Meeting (TEAMS)
May 21st 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



FORM

Be on the lookout for field trip forms coming home to be signed



KAS students enjoying delicious waffles with sausages and fruit



Students have started climbing at the Spirit Rock Climbing Centre. There will be more opportunities to get climbing through the month of May. We encourage all the students to come out and give it a try

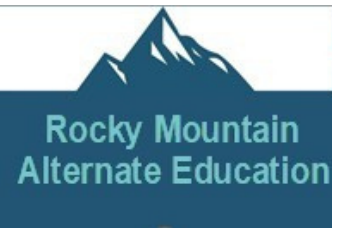


Using the Ktunaxa Ethnobotany Handbook, students were asked to identify a specific plant or tree while they were hiking. The book contains descriptions and habitat of all living things within the St. Marys River area. This helped to create an awareness of indigenous plants, used as medicines and herbs in the area where we live..

SCHOOL SUCCESS PLAN

CLICK
HERE

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



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
- Kenthen Thomas, a traditional Secwepemc storyteller came to speak to ODAS students
- Interior Health visited twice in the month of May

2 NUMERACY & LITERACY

OPEN DOORS

- Numeracy & Literacy Graduation Assessments session took place in Nov, Jan & Apr for Numeracy 10, Literacy 10 and Literacy 12. Next session in is June 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 this month
- Students attended an assembly at GSS featuring Secwepemc Storyteller Kenthen Thomas
- 6 students participated in the Jordan Hood Memorial Fishing Trip hosted by the Golden Family Center on April 24

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
- Field trips are planned

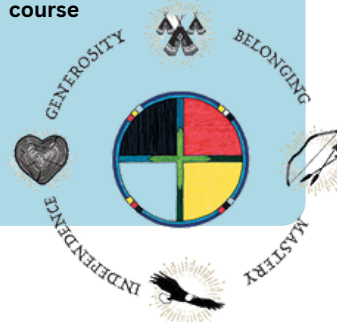
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KAS

- 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 went downhill to Riverside campground for a field trip and they will be going to the climbing wall on a weekly basis throughout the month of May

Circle of courage framework