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Welcome!

AN INTRODUCTION TO 2017-18

We welcome all families to our school for the 2017-18 school year. This will be an excellent year! We are thrilled to have more than 100 students join us for the first time. While most of these students are in kindergarten, many others are coming into Grades 1–6.

Our school is a dual track school, with French Immersion and English programs. Students are grouped into twenty-three classrooms, eleven in French, twelve in English. We have an amazing staff, lots of exciting programs, clubs, and opportunities for children to thrive.

We extend a warm welcome to all!

SCHOOL THEME: THE POWER OF YET 2.0

Learning is tough work! Sometimes, we feel like giving up when the going gets challenging, or when we feel like we're not cut out for certain things. We may feel that other people are just born smarter or more talented. Well, current brain research actually shows us that the brain is capable of growing, changing, adapting, and learning. **Based on our success last year with learning about growth mindset and "The Power of Yet", we will continue to focus on having students embrace a positive thought pattern about their capabilities. Instead of "I can't do this.", we will be encouraging, "I can't do this yet."** Adding the word "yet" to the end of the statement reminds us that with perseverance, determination, and effort, we can learn, we can adapt, we can achieve. **Some say it's all about having grit! Parents can assist children in understanding the power of yet, but adding "yet" to the end of discouraging phrases. I'm not good at reading, becomes I'm not good at reading yet. By working together, we can focus on building the characteristics needed to encourage grit, drive, and purpose for learning.**



OFFICE HOURS:

8:00—3:30 M-F

CLASSES: 8:30—

2:30 M-F

SUPERVISION:

8:10—2:45 M-F

BELL SCHEDULE:

8:25 Welcome

8:30 Classes begin

11:10 Recess

11:34 Lunch

12:02 Cleanup after lunch

12:07 Classes begin

1:30 Recess

1:45 Classes resume

2:30 End of day

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Violin Program (Grades 4–6) begins Sept. 28
- School Fees due by Sept. 30
- PAC Meeting Sept. 13





SCHOOL FEES

School District #23 (Central Okanagan) encourages a program through which parents can purchase their children's school supplies. For \$30, a child receives all of the necessary materials for the current school year. All necessary paper, scribbles, writing/drawing tools, erasers, scissors, duotangs are provided for this one low fee.

In addition, the District supports cultural performers who provide us with inspiring cultural presentations throughout the year. Typically, the students will have 4 or 5 performances through the year for a fee of \$10. This is a low cost for the caliber of

performances that we see.

In total, fees for each student (materials + cultural performances) is \$40.00. If parents choose to purchase their own school supplies, the District still asks for the \$10 / student for the cultural performances.

The fees can be paid online, to the classroom teacher, or through the Office. If paying online, the website is: <https://centralokanagan.schoolcashonline.com/>

School fees of \$40/student are due by September 30.

STAYING IN TOUCH

PARENTS, PLEASE REMEMBER TO UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION WITH THE SCHOOL OFFICE. WE NEED CURRENT CELL PHONE, HOME PHONE AND ADDRESS FOR EACH PARENT. ALSO, PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR EMERGENCY CONTACT LIST IS UPDATED. EMERGENCY CONTACTS ARE ESSENTIAL IN THE EVENT THAT THE SCHOOL CANNOT GET IN TOUCH WITH THE PARENT AT THE TIME OF AN EMERGENCY.



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APPEALS PROCESS

A student, or a parent of a student, who is entitled to an educational program in School District No. 23, may appeal a decision of an employee of the Board of Education that they feel significantly affects the education, health or safety of the student. Employee decisions relating to individual students should be carried out in accordance with principles of fairness. The appeal process encourages all parties in dispute to understand the concerns of the other parties and make good faith efforts to resolve disputes to mutual satisfaction.

The Board of Education generally encourages complaints and disputes to be dealt with at the point closest to where the dispute first arises.

If an employee's decision is disputed or a complaint is made about an employee's decision, and the dispute or complaint is not resolved to the satisfaction of the student or the parent of the student affected, and the decision significantly affects the education, health or safety of the student, the Board of Education recognizes the right of a student and/or his or her parents (including guardians and persons acting in place of parents) to appeal to the Board.

Final authority on decisions falls to the Superintendent of Schools. For the purpose of bringing an appeal, the failure of an employee to make a decision shall be considered a decision.

Policy

1. The usual process for an appeal is:

*meet with the employee who made the decision to try to reach a solution;

*if the problem is unresolved, meet with the employee's supervisor(s);

*if the problem is unresolved after meeting with the employee's supervisor(s),

meet with the area Director of Instruction; then, if unsuccessfully resolved, to the Superintendent, then to the Board of Education

For more information, please see: <http://www.sd23.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Section%204%20%20Students/460.pdf#search=appeals%20process>



School photo day:



HOME SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Home school communication is important. Here are some ways that we stay in touch with parents:

- 1) Week-at-a-Glance: emailed to parents each weekend, this day-to-day attachment informs parents of weekly activities.
- 2) School website: www.gpe.sd23.bc.ca is your source of information to our school calendar, and link to School District news, as well as to the Health Unit, Public Library, and School Board policies.
- 3) Teacher newsletters & websites: Each classroom teacher will indicate their preferred method of keeping in touch with parents. Some use a website, others send newsletters, write in student agendas, or send emails to parents. Please connect with the classroom teacher for more information.
- 4) PAC Meetings: Held once a month, the Parent Advisory Council provides an opportunity to stay in touch with other parents regarding events/ activities in the school, as well as to help plan upcoming events. Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. in the school library.
- 5) Parent-Teacher Conferences & Report Cards

Here are some ways parents can stay in touch with the school:

- 1) Read notices, emails, websites pertaining to your child's class.
- 2) Complete forms, permission slips, surveys.
- 3) Update the school on changes to your address, phone numbers, email addresses.
- 4) Attend events at the school, chaperone a field trip, volunteer in the classroom.
- 5) Attend a PAC meeting, volunteer to help out with PAC events.



STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

WE ARE DISTRIBUTING STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE FORMS FOR THE INSURANCE COMPANY. IF INTERESTED IN SIGNING UP FOR STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE, PLEASE FOLLOW DIRECTIONS INSIDE THE ENVELOPE AND RETURN THE FORMS DIRECTLY TO THE INSURANCE PROVIDER.

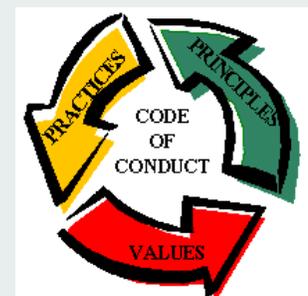
STUDENT BEHAVIOUR

AT ALL TIMES, INCLUDING WHEN COMING TO AND FROM SCHOOL, STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO BEHAVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT.

EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENT BEHAVIOUR ARE TAUGHT IN ALL SCHOOL SETTINGS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR AND REVIEWED AS NECESSARY.

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT AND FOLLOW-UP CONSEQUENCES FOR MISBEHAVIOUR ARE STATED IN THE FRONT SECTION OF THE STUDENT AGENDA AND ON OUR WEBSITE

[HTTP://WWW.GPE.SD23.BC.CA/ABOUT/CODECONDUCT/PAGES/DEFAULT.ASPX](http://www.gpe.sd23.bc.ca/about/codeconduct/pages/default.aspx)





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2017-18 School Calendar

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- Instructional
- Non-Instructional
- Vacation
- Statutory Holidays
- Parent-Teacher Conferences Early Dismissal

Report Cards distributed on: December 15, March 15, and June 28

Bell Schedule

8:25 Welcome

8:30 Classes begin

11:10 Lunch recess

11:35 Lunch

12:05 Clean up time

12:10 Classes resume

1:30 Recess

1:45 Classes resume

2:30 Dismissal

Late Arrivals and Early Departures

If your child is arriving after the 8:30 bell, your child needs to report to and sign in at the office.

If you are taking your child from school prior to the 2:30 dismissal, please sign your child out at the office.

Please note, children cannot leave the school property without their parent/guardian during the school day.

Absences

If your child is going to be away from school, please call our school office at 250-870-5103 to report the absence.

School Theme for 2017-2018

The "Power of Yet 2.0"

"Believe you can learn, believe you can grow, believe you can improve, believe that mistakes are teachable moments, believe that if you don't have it now, it's because you don't have it YET!"



