**MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS**

Top FIVE Reads in our collection:

- The Fault in our Stars by John Green
- Divergent, Insurgent and Allegiant the trilogy by Veronica Roth
- House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer
- The Maze Runner by James Dashner
- The Maze Runner series (also at Costco)

If you are interested in purchasing books for your child for Christmas, here are some suggestions:

- Winger by Andrew Smith
- The Maze Runner by James Dashner
- House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer
- Divergent, Insurgent and Allegiant the trilogy by Veronica Roth
- The Fault in our Stars by John Green

If you would like more suggestions OR go to the KRSS Virtual Learning Commons Webpage and check out the schools scholarship & bursaries website for updated information. Grads are reminded to start the process of attaining reference letters for their awards application package.

**LOST & FOUND**

We have many Lost & Found items. Please have your child check the Lost & Found Blue bin that is located just outside the Common Room. If your child has lost a cell phone or other valuable item, please have them check the front office.

**MESSAGE FROM MR. WATT**

I am in my second year as a Vice Principal at Kelly Road, and really enjoy the culture and climate of working on the Hart. Having grown up at Nakka Lake and attended Kelly Road myself, I feel a special connection to our school and community. My background includes teaching at both the former Middle school and briefly at Kelly Road, before moving into administration and Vice Principal roles at Southridge and Heather Park Elementary schools. I was also Principal at Buckhorn and Haney Elementary Schools before taking the leap to learn more about the high school environment. I’m looking forward to a great year learning and working with the students, staff and families in our school community.

Mr. D. Watt, Vice-Principal

**MESSAGE FROM MR. DALLA LANZA**

I am proud to be a Vice Principal at Kelly Road and my focus is supporting student learning. I have really enjoyed being at KRSS for 7 years as I have been able to watch our students enter in grade 8 and graduate 5 years later. It means I have the privilege of watching your children mature and show how ready they are for their next steps. Celebrating successes and learning from failures recognizes their growth. KRSS staff work hard to support the academic, social and emotional success of students. If you see a teacher or staff member doing something good, please let them know. If you have any concerns about what is going on, please call or email me.

Mr. S. Dalla Lana, Vice-Principal

**COUNSELLORS**

Mrs. van der Hoek (A-L)  Mr. Gilbert (M-Z)

**Graduation Transitions**

Grads are reminded that their Graduation Transitions booklet should be completed and interviews booked before the holiday break. The due date for completion of both is January 23rd. Changes to second semester courses may result from discussing future plans with your counsellor.

**Scholarships & Bursaries**

Although current district award information will not be available until late January, grads are reminded to check out the schools scholarship & bursaries website for updated information. Grads are also reminded to start the process of attaining reference letters for their awards application package.

**Upcoming Field Trips**

December 2nd @ CNC & UNBC (Natural Resources tour): Grade 11 & 12 students interested in learning more about the Ecosystem Science & Management Program Degrees (UNBC) and the Natural Resources and Environmental Technology Diploma Program (CNC).

December 4th @ UNBC (Academic Achievers): Grade 12 students who met the selection criteria based on grade 11 results.

December 17th @ CNC & UNBC (Natural Resources tour): Grade 11 & 12 students interested in learning more about the Ecosystem Science & Management Program Degrees (UNBC) and the Natural Resources and Environmental Technology Diploma Program (CNC).

**MISSION STATEMENT**

Let it snow, Let it Snow, Let it snow!! Winter feels like it is here to stay!! With winter comes snowy days and icy road conditions. When entering and exiting KRSS, please be sure not to block the bus lanes and follow the "NO parking" signs posted around the building. Our special needs busses arrive and depart between 8:30 and 8:45 am and 2:45 and 3:15 pm daily, so it is critical to not park in "NO parking" areas at the front of the school (Handlen Road Entrance).

We have had a very busy month at Kelly Road. We had 15 Me to We students attend We Day in Vancouver, a group of 35 students got to go to UNBC to see Olympian Clara Hughes speak and tell her story, our leadership students along with many other helpers put on a TREMENDOUS Haunted House that was attended by our students, as well as students from Hart Highlands and Heather Park. Our Remembrance Day Assembly was significant. With excellent student performances, we are taking two lucky grade 8 students to the Grey Cup and BC Lions Skills for Life Summit, our Winter Formal and KUDOS assembly is on the horizon and athletics and some clubs are up and running. We were fortunate to have world renowned journalist Gwynne Dyer speak to our students about WWI. We are also planning our winter carnival for the last day before Christmas Break. Thanks to all the tremendous staff for the work they do to give our kids these terrific opportunities.

Our term 1 is winding down which means you will be getting your child’s report card. Please review the report card with your child. In particular, review the work habits in each class and assess with your child if they are working as hard as they should be in each and every class. Please be sure to attend our Parent/Teacher Night scheduled for Thursday December 4, 2014 from 5:30-7:30, and a reminder that this day has an early dismissal as the kids are dismissed at 2:00 PM. Thanks again to everyone in our Hart Community (all staff, parents, community members, businesses) for making our school the tremendous place that it is!!!
KUDOS is Back at KRSS

Our KUDOS incentive recognizes students for their achievements. Kudos identifies students who are on the Honour Roll, Principal’s list and Honourable mention along with students participating in Athletics or Clubs. The final component of KUDOS is “Caught Ya Doing Good”. If a student is seen doing a good deed, his/her name is entered into a draw. Fabulous prizes are drawn at assemblies. It’s important to note that this is an incentive program for every student at KRSS. Our 1st assembly is on Dec. 16, 2014. A special thanks to both Mr. Kuc and Mr. Bruce.

LEARNING TIPS FROM KRSS “SOCIALS DEPT”

Tips to help your son/daughter with Socials:

1. Encourage them to be an active participant in their learning. Getting involved in class discussions and asking questions will go a long way to ensure they have a full understanding of the daily lessons. This includes asking for extra help outside of class time if needed.

2. Encourage them to make good use of their textbook. The textbook is more than just a resource used to find answers to complete a worksheet. For each lesson, they should read the corresponding pages in the textbook each day. This takes only a few minutes and will help to put more information into context and provide a bigger picture of events, concepts and themes. Sources other than the textbook are encouraged.

3. Encourage them to complete all assignments by due dates. The learning demonstrated in a Formal Assignment is going to be directly applicable to the following unit test. Not having these complete means they will be missing vital information that is necessary for having success.

4. Encourage them to prepare well in advance for tests. There are no secrets when approaching tests; studying should not be left to the night before. Formal essay questions are given at least one week in advance. They will have greater success when they do their “due diligence” and create comprehensive outlines and write rough copies for the test essays.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS 2013-2014

Congrats to the following Graduated students who are the Examination and Transcript System Scholarship Winners from last year. All these students scored higher than 86% on at least 3 provincial exams.

Bonne Chow Hannah Duzzuballe
Colton Everall Nicole Rustad
Mikayla Gairns Erica Hertz
Corin MacPhail Robbie Sims

Grad NEWS

Grade 12 students must be passing their courses required for graduation by the end of the third term (April 17th, 2015). In order to participate, students must be meeting the minimum graduation requirements at the end of Term 3. Those not meeting the requirements must schedule a grad planning meeting with their Counsellor and (Vice) Principal.

DRIY GRAD NEWS

Chairperson: Anne Gill anneegill@shaw.ca
Craft Fair Nov 29th-30th. If parents or students have not yet signed up for a shift please email Diane at twin66@telus.net to help out. This is our biggest fundraiser for dry grad so please come out and help if you are able to do so.
Fashion Show will be Jan 13th, 2015 at the Hart Community Centre. Tickets $20. More on this event at the December meeting.

DRIY GRAD COMMITTEE

Grad President: Emily Gill Vice-President: Mikayla Wozney
Grad Committee: David Septon, Chelsea Goodall, Braeden Jordan, Lacey Flegel, Kaitlynn Rodcliffe, Dominik Kitzan

Dates to Remember

November
29th-30th...Craft fair
1st.............Report Cards to Students
4th..........Early Dismissal 2:00 pm
9th...........Quarter 2 ends for Gr. 8 Electives
16th..........KUDOS Assembly

December
3rd..........Winter Formal Dance 7:00-10:00
4th...........Parent/Teacher interviews 5:30-7:30 pm

January
5th...........School Resumes
23rd..........KUDOS on School
29th-30th...School Exams

Athletic News

Congrats to our Volleyball teams successful season.
Gr. 8 Girls all finished with a 4-1 record in district. Our team finished 2nd overall. Way to go girls.
Our Gr. 8 boys were undefeated in the Round Robin at the district tournament. Our team finished 4th overall. Way to go boys.
Gr. 9-11 girls, Sr. Girls, Sr. B Girls & Sr. Boys all had a successful season, district & zone tournaments. Our Sr. Girls were the only school in Prince George to have a Sr. Girls & 9th. Great participation. CONGRATS to all our players.
Its great to see a revamp of Soccer and Football. Congrats to all the players and coaches.
Thanks to all coaches, sponsors and athletic personal at KRSS for our Fall season.
On the horizon in the Winter Sports season: Basketball, Wrestling, and Curling.
Gr. 8 Basketball season begins in March. Good Luck to all

2014-2015 YEARBOOK

The yearbook club is always looking for more pictures to make the yearbook bigger and better. If you and your child have any pictures of school events or student life around the school that you would like to share please mail to mikayla.wozney@gmail.com. You can also put the photo on a jump stick with your name and number and hand into the front office. Photos MUST be submitted by April 1st, 2015.

Moodle

If your child is missing school, please have them check “Moodle”. Most teachers use this to keep students up to date with current lessons, schedules and assignments. Moodle access can be found on the KRSS website.

AB. Ed. DEPARTMENT

November was a busy month in the KRSS Aboriginal Education Department. We attended a Potlatch, a Lahal tournament and volunteered for the Festival of Trees.
We are planning an open house in December. Raven House will be open from 9am - 3pm. Food will be provided throughout the day. We encourage you to come share and celebrate the space that we have created to nurture and support a sense of community amongst Aboriginal students.

Kelly Road Theatre presents "HOLKA POLKA", December 10th-13th.
The Prince is under a sleeping spell and the Witches of Fairytale Land have been blamed. Come join us for this pun filled comedy and watch how the sweet witch Splenda and her daughter Brenda, along with Pinocchio, Humpty, the Big Bad Wolf and other fairy tale characters solve the mystery and save the witches magic. Great for all ages.
Evening plays run Dec. 10-13th. Doors open at 7 tickets available at the door
Adults: $10 Students and seniors $5 Children under 12: $2