

# MCKIM MIDDLE SCHOOL

## January 2012



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*We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful holiday and are feeling refreshed coming back to school! We would like to remind students who may have received new electronic gifts to please keep them safely at home. We would hate for anything to get lost or broken at school.*

### Winter Activity Days

Every year at McKim we celebrate our Winter Activity Days! With the great resource we have in our local ski hill, each grade will be offered one full day for ski hill activities. Students have three choices for these days: downhill skiing, snowboarding or cross-country skiing. All of the above are dependent on us having enough parent volunteers to help out.

On these days students need to come to school with proper clothing for the weather, gear and equipment, or they can rent their equipment from the ski hill. There will be pre-fit days at the school for students who want to rent. All rentals, payments and organization are completed through the office with the **deadline being 2 weeks before each Activity Day**. Please note that cheques can be postdated for the actual day.

All students are required to take a lesson at 9:30. **This is a ski hill requirement** and every skier can benefit from instruction. **ALL** students will ski in a group with an adult supervisor. These groups will be based on skiing ability. Anyone willing to volunteer must have a clear, current criminal records check on file at McKim and **MUST** be prepared to ski with 8-10 students grouped by the school based on skiing ability. If you are able to assist for any of the dates listed please contact the school.

**Ski Dates:**    **Grade 6/7**    **February 14th**            **Grade 4/5**    **February 2nd**

#### *Kimberley Alpine Resort 2012 Local School Rates—Basic Package Components*

##### **Downhill**

Lift Ticket/Lesson/Rental	\$28.00
Lift Ticket/Lesson	\$23.00
Ski Package Rental/Lesson	\$23.00
Lesson only	\$12.00
Helmet Rental (mandatory)	\$0.00

##### **Snowboard**

Lift Ticket/Lesson/Rental	\$27.00
Lift Ticket/Lesson	\$22.00
Package Rental/Lesson	\$22.00
Lesson only	\$12.00
Wrist Guard Rental (mandatory)	\$3.00
Helmet Rental (mandatory)	\$0.00

##### **Other Options**

Cross Country Trail Fee	\$2.00
Cross Country Rental	\$7.00
Adult Lift Pass	\$24.00
Adult Ski/SB Rental	\$23.00

##### **Notes:**

- **Students are required to come to the school on ski days in order to take attendance.**
- All prices include taxes.
- Lessons are mandatory for all participating students (ski/board) including season pass holders. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Helmets are mandatory for ALL students in our district. Snowboarders are also required to wear wrist guards either from the ski hill or their own.
- All students require a lift ticket or season pass while riding the lifts. If they have forgotten their season pass, they will be required to purchase a lift ticket for the day.

### PAC News ~ Meeting Wednesday, Jan. 11th @ 7:00pm

The 5th annual McKim Recycle Shopping Spree was a huge success! Thank you so much to Lisa Crane-Winters and her parent elves for donating their time to set up this event that would not have been possible without their involvement. Students had a wonderful time bringing in their donated gifts from home and shopping for their loved ones. We would like to thank the Kimberley Dynamiter players who came to help wrap gifts and the Selkirk students who came to volunteer. Thank you also to the Back Door, The Dollar Store, Fields and Togs & Toys for their donations. This was a real community event!

We would also like to thank all of the students who brought in their donation of a toonie as we were able to give the Kimberley Helping Hands Food Bank a cheque for \$391. Way to go! Please keep in mind as you are cleaning up after the holidays that we would welcome donations of Christmas cards, gift tags, wrapping paper and bows for us to store for next year's shopping spree.

## Grade 6/7 Basketball

Once again McKim is offering an extensive Basketball Program to the grade six and seven students after school. The girls are practicing on Tuesdays and Thursdays and the boys on Mondays and Wednesdays. Practices will start immediately after school and go until 4:15 pm. Mr. Loftsgard and Mme. Vezina.

## Character Education

Before the break all of the students completed the first two skills of our No Putdowns character education program. Next week we will introduce the third skill in our program called "Shield Myself". This skill teaches students that they can shield themselves from putdowns. Students look at their own personal strengths and challenges and develop an authentic sense of self. Students develop a sense of confidence by setting and reaching realistic goals for themselves. There is also a significant amount of time devoted to developing positive self-talk and recognizing the negative impact that putting yourself down can have on building self esteem.

We encourage you to discuss all of the skills with your child and hope that we can further develop these skills outside of the school environment. Thank you for your ongoing support and please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions.

## Important Reminders

Please remember to call the school if your child is going to be away for the day or for a few days. When your child does not arrive at school and we don't know why, the secretary then has to make phone calls to try and ensure that the student is okay. We always start with the home and then as time or circumstances allow, move on to cell phones or work numbers.

If you are looking for something to do with all those Christmas cards you received, please send them to school so we can recycle them into gift tags for next year's shopping spree!

Please watch for important ski day information coming home next week!

## January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>New Year's Day Stat</i>	3 <i>School Re-Opens</i>	4	5 <i>*4-2 Swim 1:00-2:00</i>	6	7
8	9 <i>Character Ed. Skill 3 *4-1 Swim 1:00-2:00 *Gr. 4/5 Ski Forms home</i>	10 <i>*4-3 Swim 10:00-11:00</i>	11 <i>PAC Meeting at 7:00</i>	12 <i>*4-2 Swim 1:00-2:00</i>	13 <i>Trent Arterberry Presentation @ 9:30 *Gr. 4/5 Ski Forms due</i>	14
15	16 <i>Recognition Assembly @ 1:30</i>	17 <i>*4-3 Swim 10:00-11:00</i>	18 <i>Gr. 4/5 Ski Prefit</i>	19 <i>*4-2 Swim 1:00-2:00</i>	20	21
22	23 <i>Gr. 6/7 Ski Forms home *4-1 Swim 1:00-2:00</i>	24 <i>*4-3 Swim 10:00-11:00</i>	25	26 <i>*4-2 Swim 1:00-2:00</i>	27 <i>Gr. 6/7 Ski Forms due</i>	28
29	30 <i>*4-1 Swim 1:00-2:00</i>	31 <i>*4-3 Swim 10:00-11:00</i>				

## Celebrating Family Literacy Week in Kimberley

ABC CANADA Literacy Foundation and Decoda will launch the 14th annual, **Family Literacy Day**, a national awareness initiative, held annually on January 27, to celebrate the many successes and promote awareness of the value of family literacy. **Family Literacy Day** spotlights the fact that learning is a family affair. Every year Canadian families celebrate this special day at literacy-themed events coordinated by literacy organizations, schools and libraries.

### Events in Kimberley: January 23rd - January 28th

#### 1. **"Battle of the Books" Contest**

We are inviting families, adults and students of all ages to enter the Contest. Entry forms are available at the schools and Kimberley Public Library. Everyone will be entered in a draw for prizes. Nominate your favourite book and we will generate a Kimberley popular book list. At the elementary schools we will do a school wide vote to select the 10 most popular books. CBAL Kimberley is organizing this event in partnership with the Public Library and the schools.

#### 2. **Families with Children under 6: StrongStart Free Drop-in Program**

Early Learning Center: Monday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00-noon  
Wednesday Family Fun Night Supper Program: 4:00-7:00

Marysville School & Early Learning Center: Tuesdays: 10:00-1:00

Join us as we celebrate National Literacy Day the week of January 23-27.

Lots of fun gym and play activities will be offered. Grandparents and caregivers welcome.

#### 3. **Community Read-A-Rama and Book Sale**

Kimberley Public Library: Saturday, January 28th 10:00-2:00

Hosted and organized by the Friends of the Kimberley Public Library. Pledge forms are available through the schools or the public library. There will be Surprise Celebrity readers throughout the event, prizes for top pledge earners and special spot prizes for those participating. Refreshments and snacks will be provided. Wonderful books will be for sale.

For more information about free literacy programs available in our community call Kim Roberts - CBAL, Kimberley Community Literacy Coordinator 250-427-4468 or e-mail [kroberts@cbal.org](mailto:kroberts@cbal.org).

## Kimberley Soccer Association

2012 Early Bird Registration will be OPEN for all players (house and rep) from Kimberley for the month of February!! Special deals when you sign up early! Go to [www.kimberleysoccer.com](http://www.kimberleysoccer.com) to sign up.

## February Fun Day

The College of the Rockies in Kimberley is having a February Fun day full of activities, games, face-painting, exploration and much more! This one day event is being held on February 6th from 9am-3pm on the School District's Non-Instructional Day. For children between the ages of 6-11. Remember to bring a lunch and snacks.

Registration is FREE until January 25th! After January 25th, registration will be \$25 (per child). Spaces are limited. For any questions or more information, please contact the Kimberley Campus at 427-7116 x3752 or by email at [Kimberley@cotr.bc.ca](mailto:Kimberley@cotr.bc.ca).

