



A Message From Ms Louisa

Dear School Community,

I hope you all had a wonderful winter break and are ready to welcome the start of 2025! We are excited to see everyone back on Monday for a fantastic second term.

Please join me in welcoming our new staff members: Cassia, who will be at reception, allowing Alicia to take on the new office manager position; Ms. Reid (ECE) and Ms. Rebecca (ECE) who will be joining the Childcare aftercare team.

I would like to thank the Dynamiters who came in and spent time helping in the classrooms. We are excited to have them return this term.

Starting a new term after time at home can be a hard transition for some children. Please remember to prepare and encourage your child for their first day back. Being on time or a little early sets a child up for a successful day. Arriving late and not attending can impact not only the students' learning but their levels of anxiety. If you need support with punctuality or attendance, please reach out.

As we embrace the new year, we look forward to an engaging term filled with exciting learning opportunities for our students.

ABSENCE AND LATE - SAFETY!

Please notify the office if your child is going to be absent or late. You can call the school, or email the main office (frontoffice@kis.ca) this will ensure your child's safety.



January Dates To Remember

January 6-10	January 6 - First Day Back To School January 10 - Flex Friday
January 13-17	January 17 - Flex Friday January 17 - PSG Welcome 2025 Dance
January 20-24	January 20 - Pro D Day (no school - School Agel) January 23 - Spirit Day (Snowman Day) January 24 - Flex Friday
January 27-31	January 31 - Flex Friday - Winter Carnival

Flex Friday options: Cross country skiing, Snowshoeing, STEAM

JANUARY TUITION REMINDER TUITION IS DUE ON JANUARY 1ST

First term Statements have been sent out. If you did not receive yours, please let the office know.



**SPIRIT DAYS -
JANUARY 23 -
SNOWMAN DAY**



MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND BE PART OF OUR PARENT SUPPORT GROUP!

The parent support group is a vital part of the KIS community.

The PSG, not only helps with building community through the monthly events, but they are also a big part of the school's ability to apply for grants. Many grants that can be available to us will help us to build and grow what is available to the students.

Being on the PSG membership will cover your full year of volunteer hours provided you contribute to the meetings and events.

Please let the front office know if you are interested.

UPCOMING PSG COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Jan 17th - Welcome 2025 Dance

**WINTER CARNIVAL SNACK
OPTION:
\$2 INCLUDES:
HOT CHOCOLATE & SWEET
TREAT**



An email has been sent to all school-aged parents regarding information on sign-up for Cross-Country skiing and Downhill skiing.



Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

School success goes hand in hand with good attendance!



Did You Know?

- Being on time for school sets your child up for a great day of learning.
- Even in kindergarten, absences can cause children to fall behind in their learning.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it difficult to learn to read – a critical future skill.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit early so your child learns right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work.

What You Can Do

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, administrators, or other parents for advice on how to make her feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Only allow your child stay home if he or she is truly sick. See the Saskatchewan Health Authority's guidelines.
- Avoid medical appointments and family trips when school is in session.

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Chronic Absence:
18 + days

Warning Signs:
10-17 days


Good:
9 or fewer days

Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

December Memories



A huge thank you to Ms Kelci and Ms Jen for organizing and putting on Elf Jr The Musical! Congratulations to all the students and staff for a magical winter evening!



Kimberley
Independent School

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The Musical

December 19, 2024 | 5:00pm
McKim Middle School Auditorium | Admission by donation
Directed by Kelci Vandenberg | Assistant director Jen Roberts
Inspired by the film Elf directed by Jon Favreau and written by David Berenbaum.