



# Katimavik Elementary School

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School Hours: 8:45 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

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## August 2016 Update

### Retirement

Helen Bowes, our school librarian, has announced that she will be retiring as of Wednesday, August 31, 2016. Helen has worked at KES for some time and I know that she will be missed greatly by staff, parents, and students. Congratulations to Helen on her retirement. I would like to welcome **Roxanne Merits** to Katimavik ES as our new Library Technician.

### Staff Changes

There have been some staffing changes over the summer that I would like to share with you.

- **Cara Doxsee** has accepted a position working at the board office as a Learning Support Consultant and will not be returning to KES this year as a Learning Support Teacher.
- **Natalie Ramsden** will return to her original position as a Learning Resource Teacher.
- **Andrew Thorp** will return to teaching the EFI Gr. 5/6 homeroom and Junior Phys-ed/Health
- **Bruce Gray** will be returning to KES and will teach the EFI Grade 8 class and Intermediate Core French.
- In addition, I would like to welcome **Kylie Plummer** to Katimavik ES. Kylie will be teaching French Junior Arts this year.

### First Day of School - Tues, Sept 6 at 8:45 a.m.

As you can see there are often changes in staffing and student enrolment over the summer which cause changes to the school organization of teachers and class lists. Therefore, class lists are not published ahead of time. However, this year we are trying something different. You will receive an email from me just before the September long weekend with your child's homeroom teacher and instructions for the first day of school. Class lists will not be posted outside on the first day of school, but school staff will be outside to assist students if needed. Parents are welcome to accompany children to the yard that morning for opening remarks and the singing of 'O Canada' outside. Please ensure that we have your updated email contact information.

### STAY INFORMED

The OCDSB has created new school websites for next year and I am in the process of updating our site (a slow process). The new school website can be found at [katimavikes.ocdsb.ca](http://katimavikes.ocdsb.ca). I will also be keeping the school community updated via a new twitter account @katimavikschool. A twitter feed will be embedded on the main page of the new website. I encourage you to create a twitter account as well and follow us to stay informed.



### Office Hours

The school office re-opens Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m.- 3:45 p.m. Please contact the school office if you have questions about your child's education. The office staff will direct you to the appropriate staff that can help you. As always, feel free to contact me anytime via email at [jeff.gervais@ocdsb.ca](mailto:jeff.gervais@ocdsb.ca) or by phone at 613-592-5462. I try to respond within 24 hours.

### Meet the Teacher

Mark your calendars – come meet your child's teachers, visit the classroom, and school on **Tuesday, September 13, 2016 from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

### Updated: KES Staff 2016-2017

Homeroom Teachers	
R4/5A	Rob Hamm
R5/6A	Sheri Wilson
R7A	Carissa Blaseg
R8A	Jordana Polowin
EF4A	Mary Leclerc
EF4B	Laamea Morbi
EF5A	Laura Quirk/Janice Goodier
EF5/6A	Andrew Thorp
EF6A	Jamal Touabi
EF7A	Chantale Hart
EF7B	Scott Macleod
EF8A	Bruce Gray
GLP (Gr. 4-6)	Megan Reid
Jr & Int LDSIP	Lisa Baker/Heather Massie
Rotary Staff	
Rotary - Math	Anik Mackey
Rotary - EFI	Janice Tittley-Goodier
Rotary - EFI Arts	Kylie Plummer
Rotary – Music/ETFI	Len Ferguson
Rotary - Math	Heather Massie
Rotary – PE/Health	Harry de Roo
Support Staff	
Learning Support Teacher	Kim Esdaile
Learning Resource Teacher	Natalie Ramsden
Educational Assistant	Sandy Czempiel
Educational Assistant	Brenda Abbott
Educational Assistant	Darlene Beachamp
Principal	Jeff Gervais
Vice-Principal	Harry de Roo
Office Administrator	Sandra Agro
Office Assistant	Carolyn Robertson
Chief Custodian	Josh Herrick
Librarian	Roxanne Merits

### Student Fee

For the 2016-2017 school year there will be a voluntary student fee of **\$20 per student** with a family maximum of \$40. We are requesting the voluntary fee during the first week of school. Your support is appreciated.

### ***What will the voluntary student fee cover?***

*To enhance the Social Studies curriculum with a focus on First Nations, Metis, Inuit (FNMI) Education, To enhance the Drama and music curriculum, and To support the use of Technology in the classroom.*