

WHAT'S NEW

KEATING OUT-OF-SCHOOL CARE

DECEMBER 2023

Winter Break Camp

Registration still open!

There is still space available for all days of Winter Break Camp. The cost per day is \$40, and registration is flexible – you can sign up for any combination of days. You may sign your child up by completing a Winter Break Camp registration form and returning it via email to kosckids@telus.net or in person to KOSC staff.

KOSC Winter Break Camp will run on December 27th-29th, as well as January 2nd-5th. We will be closed on December 25th for Christmas Day and on December 26th for Boxing Day, as well as January 1st for New Year's Day. The camp runs from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

Confirmations for Winter Break Camp will be sent out via email on or around December 6th, 2023. Parents will then have a seven-day grace period to make any cancellations or changes to their days of care. Once the deadline has passed, all registrations will be considered final, and families will be charged for their registered days of care regardless of attendance. Fees for Winter Break Camp will be debited via PAD on January 15th, 2024.

KOSC reserves the right to close on any day with fewer than 10 children registered. Should any day be closed due to low registration, KOSC will endeavor to notify families as early as possible during the confirmation period so that other arrangements can be made.

To register your child for KOSC Winter Break Camp, please complete a Winter Break Camp registration form and return to kosckids@telus.net or in person to KOSC staff. 😊



UPCOMING DATES

December 6th – Confirmations for Winter Break Camp registration.

December 22nd – Last day of Before and After School Care before Winter Break.

December 25th – KOSC closed for Christmas Day.

December 26th – KOSC closed for Boxing Day.

December 27th – First day of KOSC Winter Break Camp.

January 1st – KOSC closed for New Year's Day.

January 5th – Last day of KOSC Winter Break Camp.

January 8th – Before and After School Care resume.

Wintry Weather!

KOSC policies for weather-related closures

While we haven't had any flurries so far, as we head deeper into the winter season, there is an ever-increasing chance of snowfall. As such, now seems like a good time to review KOSC's policies for weather-related closures, which were recently updated by the KOSC Board of Directors:

Purpose:

The Program Manager may decide or is required to close the Keating Out of School Care Program to ensure the safety of Program Staff and children in attendance. Those events include, but are not limited to, severe weather, staffing ratio requirements, school district closures, natural disasters, emergencies, facility maintenance or any other circumstance that prevents KOSC from operating safely.

The Board of Directors will retain the authority to close the program at their discretion.



Policy:

- At any time, KOSC may close due to unforeseen circumstances. In the event KOSC is closed before school or during school hours, parents and parent alternates will be contacted by Program Staff to inform them of the closure and to pick up their child as soon as possible.
- In some circumstances the school may be open, but the decision has been made to not open the KOSC program or to close it part way through the school day. The Program Manager may decide to close the program if it cannot operate in a safe manner as outlined above.
- In the event the school closes during the day and KOSC is in operation, children who are registered with the program will proceed to their assigned KOSC location and Program Staff will contact parents or parent alternates to pick up their child(ren) as soon as possible.
- Parents will be reminded of this policy through regular communication bulletins and where possible parallel information will be provided on the KOSC answering service.

Fees:

If the KOSC Program is closed, parents will receive reimbursement for fees in the event a program closure lasts three or more days. No refunds will be issued prior to the third consecutive day of closure.

Lower Parking Lot Accessible Parking Upgrades

A special thanks to Five Star Paving and Scho's Line Painting!

As those of you doing drop-offs and pick-ups at our Lower Building have likely noticed, KOSC has had some upgrades to the designated wheelchair-accessible parking space in our parking lot. This was an improvement we have been wanting to make for quite some time in order to improve accessibility to our building for parents and children, especially during the wetter months when the lower parking lot becomes extremely muddy and difficult to navigate, so the KOSC Board of Directors' Facilities Committee made finding a way to get it done before the worst of the winter weather set in one of their top priorities this year.

KOSC would like to give special thanks to Five Star Paving and Scho's Line Painting. These two companies donated the labour and materials necessary to make this project happen. We are so grateful for their incredible generosity! We are also thankful to School District 63 for approving the project.

In addition to providing better ease of access to the Lower Building, it is our hope that the paving and painting will make it more visually clear which space is designated for vehicles with a valid parking permit, as well as the amount of clearance that needs to be given in order for the



space to remain accessible for people using wheelchairs or other mobility aids. We kindly ask all families to be mindful of this and stay out of the accessible space unless your vehicle is displaying a placard, even if you will only be parked for "just a minute" while you sign your child into care.

KOSC thanks you all for your cooperation and consideration in making our facility more accessible to our entire community. 😊

The KOSC Board of Directors meets monthly via Zoom. If you are interested in learning more or becoming involved with the Board, please contact Rachel at koscpm@telus.net or our Board President, Jonathan Malerby, at kosc.president@outlook.com