



ÉCOLE KEATING SCHOOL

January 2012 Monthly Newsletter

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ADMINISTRATION

Dear Parents / Guardians of Keating Students:

Happy New Year 2012 and welcome back. Everyone seems well rested and eager to return to the high energy and activity of Keating. Busy schedules abound with many scheduled activities throughout January and February, watch the calendar closely. Basketball begins Tuesday, January 10th and our Artist in Residence program begins Monday, January 30th (Clay Art with Renee Sala).

Sincerely;

Mr. M. Notte

Principal

SAANICH CORE VALUES

Compassion, Fairness, Honesty, Responsibility, Respect

KEATING VISION STATEMENT

AT KEATING WE ARE A CARING COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS WHO TREAT EACH OTHER WITH RESPECT, WELCOME DIVERSITY AND CELEBRATE TOGETHER.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We provide a safe secure environment where students develop the critical thinking and social skills necessary to be confident and successful life-long learners.

January

Wed., Jan. 4th, 5th, 6th
Tues., Jan. 17th
Wed., Jan. 18th
Thurs., Jan. 19th
Thur., Jan. 19th
Mon., Jan. 23rd
Mon., Jan. 23rd – Fri., Jan. 27th
Tues., Jan. 24th

Wed., Jan. 25th
Fri., Jan. 27th
Fri., Jan. 27th
Mon., Jan. 30th – Friday, Feb. 3rd
Fri., Feb. 10th
Thurs., Feb. 16th
Fri., Feb. 17th
Wed., Feb. 22nd & Thurs., Feb. 23rd
Fri., Feb. 24th

February

Bottle Return Drop-off 8:15–9 a.m. & Friday 2:15–3 pm
CPF Meeting; 7 p.m. Deep Cove Elementary
Ready, Set, Learn: 3:15 – 6 p.m. / Keating School
Lockdown Drill: 10 a.m.
KHASA Meeting; 7 p.m. / MPR
Family Dance Training Session #2
Multi Cultural Week
Kindergarten (English & FI Program)
& French Immersion Program Information Evening
7 – 8:30 pm / Keating Gym
Family Dance; 'Les Cornouillers' 6:30 – 8 p.m. (Gym)
Hot Lunch
Family Read-In; 8:50 – 9:15 a.m.)
Clay Art with Renee Sala
KHASA; Donkey Derby
KHASA General Meeting; 7 p.m.
Non Instructional Day
Early Dismissal Days
Hot Lunch

FAMILY DANCE 'Les Cornouillers'

Wednesday, January 25th 6:30 – 8 p.m. / Keating Gym

Together Canadian Parents for French and KHASA are bringing back a Family Dance Night with Les Cornouillers! Les Cornouillers are a French Folk dance group that will lead the students and their families in traditional Quebecois square dances. Keating Parents, watch for the RSVP forms that will be coming home in the next couple of weeks. Last year was a huge success; please come and join in on the fun.

We are looking for volunteers to help with set-up and / or clean-up. Please contact Kim Currie if you can help for even a half hour. CPF.Saanich@gmail.com

KEATING'S SPRING FAIR 2012 Friday, May 4th, 2012

If you are interested to learn more or if you would like to volunteer, contact one of the coordinators.

Kat: 250.213.7898 kat@disputeresolution.bc.ca

Nicole: 250.652.3983 mnbains@shaw.ca

Chris: 250.652.3350 rachta10@shaw.ca

Kevin: 250.858.5755 ksbunting@shaw.ca

SAANICH SCHOOL DISTRICT; Our New Board of Education.

Chair	Wayne Hunter (elected in Saanich)
Vice-Chair	Jim Standen (elected in North Saanich)
Trustee	Jane Husband (elected in Sidney)
Trustee	Helen Parker (elected in Saanich)
Trustee	Tim Dunford (elected in Central Saanich)
Trustee	Nick Claston (elected in Central Saanich)
Trustee	Barb Menzies (elected in North Saanich)

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION at neighbourhood Elementary Schools for IN DISTRICT students is the week of January 30st to February 3rd (8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.). Please bring the following with you when you register at your child's catchment school:

- ★ proof of your child's age (birth certificate &/or passport);
- ★ proof of your address (resident driver's license, utility bill, etc.);
- ★ your child's BC Care Card.

Any families from OUT OF DISTRICT as well as all further Kindergarten registrants, are invited to register at the School Board Office, 2125 Keating Cross Road (across from the Co-Op Grocery store) starting Monday, February 6th.

READY, SET, LEARN

OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, January 18th

3:15 – 6 p.m.

Keating Elementary

Parents and preschoolers (3 years and up) are invited to visit their neighbourhood school.

- ★ Visit with our caring teachers.
- ★ Participate in fun, hands-on learning activities
- ★ Tour the school.
- ★ Learn ways to help your child get a great start for Kindergarten.

PARENT / GUARDIAN INFORMATION EVENING

Thursday, January 24

7 – 8:30 p.m.

Keating Elementary Gym

*Kindergarten Information Evening for parents / guardians of children born in 2007
&*

Evening includes French Immersion Program Option; Kindergarten – Grade 12

GRADE 5 PARENTS

Parents of Grade 5 students who are interested in being part of the TOP SECRET Grade 5 Farewell Planning Committee (Activity takes place at Centennial Park on Friday, June 22nd, but planning commences beginning of April), please contact Mme Heron mheron@sd63.bc.ca or at 250.652.9261.

FSA TESTING; Grade 4 students

Assessments will be administered during the period of January 30th – February 29th. Grade 4 & 5 Parents / Guardians can expect information home in the near future

BOTTLE RETURN PROJECT

REMINDER; There is still time to drop off your bottles. Friday, January 6th 8:15 – 9 a.m. and 2:15 – 3 p.m. KOSC families who drop off earlier than 8 am are welcome to leave their returns in the covered area. Remember all the proceeds go to Keating's Green Initiatives. If you want more information regarding the contest go to

<http://www.return-it.ca/elementaryprogram/>

Thank you for participating!

CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS

Criminal Record Checks (CRC) are required for volunteers who have potential unsupervised access to students i.e. driving to and from field trips CRCs are valid for 2 years. If you obtained a CRC last year, it too will be valid for 2 years. Parents can obtain a letter from the school office that will allow them to obtain a CRC with NO fee (this letter can be requested by email, phone call or by stopping by the school office). Generally, your classroom teacher will let you know if a CRC is required. If you are unsure whether you have a valid CRC on file with the district, please email Mrs. Matthews (mmatthews@sd63.bc.ca) to confirm.

[Check out Keating's website:](#)

Website contains; monthly calendar of events, fieldtrips, etc., forms, newsletters, links and more.

Keating Website: <http://keating.sd63.bc.ca/>

FRENCH IMMERSION ASSMEMBLY FRENCH CERTIFICATE OF MERITE

As part of our last French Immersion Assembly, the following students were awarded a Certificate of Merit to recognize their French speaking abilities:

Div. 2 / M. Parent & M. Fraser

Erin Bazin, Gabe Shaw, Kitana Sivananthan, Christopher Combiadakakis, Jonas Kobrc

Div. 4 / Mme Nicolson

Selena Sivananthan, Lauren Mills, Allayna Frelick, Athena Fowler

Div. 5 / Mme Lepicq & Ms. Alford

Zoe Johnston, Ellen Pazder, Reese Wheeldon, Taegan Larvin

Div. 8 / Mme Gautrais

Lukas Zeisberger, Josephine Mills,

Div. 9 / Mme Pike

Julia Watson, Jayson Lindahl, Sarina Brooks, David Armstrong

Div. 11 / Mme Jorgensen

Samuel Eagles, Claire Heron, Mallory Neville, Maija Stewart

Div. 12 / Mme Cuthill

Jack Alcock, Lachlan Johnston, Aiden Schandl, Kirsten Whalley

Div. 14 / Mme Lord

Brian Murdock, Julia Bellamano, Jesse Harris

Div. 15 / Mme Barber

Jakai Donaldson, Abby Forsberg, Alexis Johnston

Div. 17 / Mme Gartrell Yeo

Alyssa Rapanos, Logan Jones

Div. 18 / Mme deBoer

Alexa Thomas, Jacob Ball, Alexander Moore

Div. 19 / Mme Thomasson

Joshua Schneider, Treana Sivananthan

Message from Superintendent's News January / February 2012

Parents, you are encouraged to review the BC Education Plan posted to the government website <http://www.bcedplan.ca> Click on the "The Plan" to see the plan itself along with a promotional video, or on "Engage" to see what people are saying about the elements of the plan and to post a comment yourself. The Ministry of Education has a strong team reviewing, categorizing and summarizing all of the feedback in order to provide government with guidance for next steps. Note that this is not a speculative or wistful document. The BC Education Plan has some substantial change elements built in, and it is clear that the provincial government is strong in its resolve to affect real change in the following five areas:

Personalized Learning
Quality Teaching and Learning
Flexibility and Choice
High Standards
Learning Empowered by Technology

Superintendent's News; What's New in the Saanich School District
To read more, go to our district website: <http://www.sd63.bc.ca>

SWIM CLUB

Our Swim Team is up and running. Enthusiastic swimmers from grades 3, 4 and 5 meet every Tuesday at the Commonwealth Pool. A BIG THANK YOU TO Mme Nicolson, Mme Cuthill & Ms. Windle for sponsoring this event. Upcoming FAST Meets are scheduled at the CWP for; Sunday, Jan. 29th 10 – 1 p.m. and Sunday, March 4th 11 – 2 p.m. (optional). Closer to scheduled FAST meet dates, an email will be sent to Swim Club families requesting an RSVP.

BASKETBALL

Basketball begins next Tuesday for grade 4 and 5 students. Mr. Notte had a sign-up meeting this week with interested Grade 4 and 5 students and to-date 63 students have signed up to participate. More information will be sent home with students over the next week or two.

FAMILY READ INS

FAMILY READ-INS: Family members are invited to come and read with their children in places throughout the school (gym, hallways, library, etc. - 8:50 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.)

Dates to note:

Friday, January 27th, March 16th, April 27th & Tuesday, June 12th or 15th (June date to be confirmed).

W.I.T.S. UP?

Keating Students Use their W.I.T.S.

(Walk Away, Ignore, Talk it Out, Help)

On Thursday, January 5, as a follow-up to the W.I.T.S. assemblies, students took part in a second grade-group assembly led by our school counsellor Lynn Wray. She taught the children concrete skills on how to ask for help and how to talk it out when they find themselves in a conflict.

For more information on the W.I.T.S. program, please check out the website at <http://www.witsprogram.ca/> You will find a great new link on the site for families. There are lots of resources, like a toolkit for parents and a book list. You may want to visit your public library to see if you can find one of the recommended reads.

Mme Heron, Interim Vice-Principal

K KORNER

Helpful Tips for Healthy , Happy Kindies

Please find attached an article that appeared in Parents Canada magazine entitled *Independence Day – 5 Must-Have Skills for Kindergarten Success*. It is a great article for school start-up in September; however, as we start a new year, there are some great reminders to help out with the transition back after the two week break. Thank you to Fiona Schandl for passing this article on to me. Enjoy! If you have any suggestions for the K Korner, please email Mme Heron; mheron@sd63.bc.ca

COMMUNITY NEWS

PIRANHA SWIM CLUB is looking for SWIMMERS! If you like water; swimming; learning and having fun, you too can be a Piranha. Winter registration is taking place at the Panorama Rec Centre: Friday, Jan. 6th 2012 from 5 – 7 p.m. Saturday, January 6th, 2012 from 5 – 7 p.m. *Come check us out.*

PENINSULA TRACK & FIELD: Are you looking for a way to keep your child active during the winter months? Why not join the Cross-Country program at Peninsula Track and Field! 8-11 year olds run once a week on Friday evenings from 5-6 p.m. and more serious athletes aged 12 and up run 2 or 3 times a week (depending on their age and other commitments). In March we switch from cross-country to our track and field program which includes sprinting, middle distance running, long jump, high jump, shot put, javelin, discus and hammer. For more information, please contact Karen at 250.655.4981. You can also check us out on the web at www.pentrack.org

CENTRAL SAANICH LITTLE LEAGUE 2012; BASEBALL SESSION REGISTRATION DATES: Sunday, Jan. 15 & 22; 1 – 4 p.m. and Saturday & Sunday Feb. 4th & 5th and Feb. 11th & 12th 1 – 4 p.m. Registration forms are available at www.cslittleleague.com. Please complete all forms and bring to registration or mail in by February 24th, 2012.

NORTH SAANICH VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS CHRISTMAS TREE CHIPPING: The North Saanich Fire Department will be chipping trees from 10 – 2 pm on January 8th at the Wain Road Fire Hall. (corner of Wain Road and West Saanich Road). Cost is by donation in support of a Peninsula family in need and CFA's Santa's Anonymous. Phone in, pick up requests for North Saanich and Sidney residents will require a minimum \$10 donation; call 250.656.1931. Please join us for hot dogs, drinks, fire safety activities and fire truck rides. www.northsaanichfire.ca

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB: Parenting Program Winter Sessions 2012
Parenting Without Power Struggles; For parents of preteens (8-12 years)

For more information call Jan Townsend at 250.384.9133 ext 222

A full description of both programs can be found at www.bgcvic.org

PUBLIC HEALTH; Check out the following Health Files

Chickenpox Health File; <http://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthfiles/hfile44b.stm>

Quadracel Health File: <http://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthfiles/hfile15a.stm>

KHASA Meeting
Thursday, January 13th
7 p.m. - Multi Purpose Room.

All parents / guardians of Keating Elementary students are welcome to attend.

Peninsula Connections for early childhood

PCEC "1000 X 5" Children's Book Recycling Project

Please help support our community literacy initiative....

If you can donate gently used children's picture books, please leave them at Keating's school office. They will be forwarded to volunteers at the Saanich Learning Centre (old Saanichton Elementary) who process them for distribution to children and families on the Peninsula. For further information about the PCEC "1000 x 5" Project, please contact: Daphne Macnaughton, PCEC "1000 x 5" Project Leader dlnvictoria@shaw.ca