

KHASA NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2011

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PIZZA, POPCORN, PJ'S AND A SHOW! It's Family Movie Night in the gym Thursday, December 15, at 6:30 pm so come out to watch "The Santa Clause." We look forward to sharing laughs and good times together---and popcorn!!! Pizza will also be available for purchase. Bring a water bottle, blankets, pillows, stuffies and wear your PJs! Note: adult supervision is required; this is not a drop-off activity.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR MME MARILYN PINDER

On Saturday, November 26, a wonderful event was held to celebrate the life of Mme Marilyn Pinder. The family was deeply touched by the support and generosity of the community that came together to remember an amazing woman. KHASA would like to thank all of the parents and staff who made food and helped in so many countless ways. It was truly a celebration with many personal touches that helped us remember and heal. It was said best by a parent in attendance: "we laughed loudly and cried softly."

PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

With support from Administration, Keating Staff and KHASA, the Playground Committee will begin to investigate the needs and wants of the Keating School Community as we revitalize and provide new equipment for the needs of Keating students. Parents with children from K-5 are needed to share their thoughts and ideas to have a plan that will meet the needs of all age groups. First meeting: Wednesday, December 7th at 7:00pm, Keating Elementary Multi-Purpose Room. For more information, please email Nicole @ mnbains@shaw.ca.

SMILE CARDS

Want to earn money for Keating at the same time as earning your regular Thrifty's points? Keating Elementary has qualified for the Smile Cards community fundraiser - hooray! Pick up your card at the office today.

COOKING SUPPLIES

Early in the new year, KHASA will be collecting cooking supplies for the Multi-Purpose Room for classes to use. So, if you get any new pots, pans, spatulas or other cooking utensils over the holidays, please set aside your old ones for the school! More details to come, so stay tuned.

LOST AND FOUND

Run out of all your snack containers? Missing sweaters now that they are needed? Last chance to check over the stockpile located by the Multi-Purpose Room will be Friday, December 16th after which time the items will be donated to charity.

VOLUNTEERS & VISITORS

Please remember to sign in on the sheet outside the office when volunteering or visiting the school - this is for everyone's safety!

TRAFFIC SAFETY

Did you know? Children up to 11 years old cannot accurately judge the travelling speed of vehicles, and some children are unable to tell if a vehicle is actually coming towards them. Making sure no one gets hurt at drop-off and pick-up is a primary concern for KHASA and Keating staff, but it requires everyone's participation. Quick tips to remember:

1. Obey the signs	2. Ensure kids are aware	3. Be polite!
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BOTTLE RETURN PROJECT Merci beaucoup to all Keating Families for participating in our first Bottle Return for this school year. We had a great turn out and raised \$505.70!!!!!! Thank you to KHASA for their support, our adult volunteers and to Keating's Environmental Ambassador Team: we could not have done it without you. Keating is competing in Encorp's Return It for Elementary School Program. Keating has a chance to win cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place that will be matched by Encorp. And of course Keating gets to keep ALL of the money earned for the Bottle Returns! All money raised will go towards our Green Initiatives, and first on the list is a new compost area with new composters. In February, we will be adding one monthly drop off, the date will be announced after Christmas break. For more information regarding the competition, please see www.return-it.ca/elementaryprogram/.

Our next Bottle Return Drop Off

Wednesday, January 4, 8:15-9 am

Thursday, January 5, 8:15-9 am

Friday, January 6, 8:15-9 am

Friday, January 6, 2:15-3:00 pm

KOSC Families who drop off earlier than 8:15 am are welcome to leave their donations in the covered area on bottle drive mornings.

GO KEATING! GO KEATING! GO KEATING!

KEATING SPRING FAIR Our committee is up and moving, thanks to our parents who have stepped forward already. Your help is greatly appreciated! We are currently looking for 2 more volunteers to join our Restaurant Committee, we need these volunteers to step forward before Christmas so this team can start up after the holidays. We only need one of the members to have their Food Safe, if you have this certificate please consider stepping forward. Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Karin Johnston at mailkarin@shaw.ca. Check out the website www/khasa.ca/spring_fair_2012.php for all of the Spring Fair Newsletters.

Mark your Calendars: Friday May 4th from 5 till 9 pm.

Friday, December 9th

Hot Lunch (volunteers always welcome)

Friday, December 9th

Poinsettias & Purdy's Choc. pick-up (10-3 by the gym)

Thursday, December 15th

Family Movie Night

Wed., January 4th -

Bottle Return

Friday, January 6th