

# KHASA NEWS

## June 2010

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Dearest KHASA Members:

It is hard to believe that I have now completed my two-year tenure as your president of this fine association. These past two years have presented opportunities for leadership, advocacy and growth beyond my expectation, and it has been my honour to serve you, your children and all children of this school district.

The Spring Fair, and our regular main-stay programs such as Hot Lunch, Fundraising, Crossing Guard, and Food & Veggie among others, proved overwhelmingly successful, all due to the dedicated parents here at Keating School. Many hands are required to bring these programs to our children, and special acknowledgement must be given to some key parents, listed throughout this newsletter.

### *KHASA 2010/2011*

#### *Executive*

President	Chris Wakefield
Vice-President	Leslie Keetley
Secretary	Leanne Flood
Treasurer	Shelley Golon
Co-Fundraising	Liza Glynn
Co-Fundraising	<b>VACANT</b>
COPACS Rep	<b>VACANT</b>
CPF Co-Rep	Caryl Paterson
CPF Co-Rep	Leah Lyne
SPC (3 positions)	TBD in October

I would also like to give special thanks to **Gillian England**, our out-going KHASA Vice-President, out-going COPACS Rep **Marnie Wilson**, and the Fundraising team of **Karin Johnson** and **Stephanie Bayer**. Remaining members will be **Tracy Zeisberger** our SPC Rep and Member at Large, Treasurer **Shelley Golon**, and I, Lori Beauvais, as Past President. Although **Leslie Keetley** is stepping down as Secretary, we are honoured that she has agreed to assume the role of Vice-President for 2010/2011. It was the work of these Keating moms that allowed KHASA to continue to grow in strength and foster key relationships in the community. Thank you, ladies, for your selflessness, and your willingness to find time in your busy family lives to better the educational experience for all Keating children. Further appreciation is given to **Mr. Notte**, **Mme Pinder** and **Mrs. Matthews**; it is your support and enthusiasm that allows us to offer the programs we do.

Lastly, I would like to leave you to ponder whether you might like to step up and volunteer a bit of your time next year. A number of programs and positions are in need of replacement volunteers next year. Please visit our website at [www.khasa.ca](http://www.khasa.ca) and learn more. Have a safe and happy summer holiday, and enjoy these times with your children; they grow up so fast!

**Lori Beauvais**, Past President



A big THANK YOU goes out to all our Keating families who have supported our fundraisers all year. Please be assured that every single contribution each of you has made is valued; your precious time, your amazing talent, your great ideas, and your much appreciated donations. Your name may not be in this newsletter but your efforts did not go unnoticed, thank you!

### Where do these KHASA Funds go?

- Class allotments of \$10/child that allows our children to enjoy field trips such as the BC Museum, Stelly's Climbing Wall, Sidney Spit, skating, etc.
- Author visits
- Red Cedar Book Program
- Assisted with Artist in Residence (Dansko)
- Calendar Fridge Magnets
- Family Events (Winter Decorating, Movie Night)
- Consumable Paper for classrooms
- Event Hosting (Staff Appreciation Luncheon, June Games Day, Ready, Set, Learn, Kindergarten Tea, KHASA meetings and Parent Ed nights)
- Contribution to District Coaches Banquet
- KHASA Website domain
- Earthquake Preparedness provisions
- Crossing Guard
- Missed Lunch Program (for students)
- Donation Fund (Keating Families in Hardship)
- and the list goes on!

### Une Grand Merci Beaucoup à...

This year's Budget Committee who through their thoughtful input created the 2010/2011 KHASA budget. This budget is critical in prioritizing how Keating parents want their funds spent next year.

Shelley Golon, Tracy Zeisberger, Karin Johnson, Mme Pinder, Chris Wakefield, Aran Wilson and Lori Beauvais.

### Hot Lunch

Don't forget that the last Hot Lunch will be Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. KHASA is pleased to offer a complimentary hot dog lunch to all Keating children. HUGE thank you's go out to our coordinators, Alison Cairns, Sandell Bowler, Darcy Winkel, Tracy Zeisberger, Sue Philip and Natalie Burgess (our Popcorn Ladies!), all the parent volunteers who made this popular program possible all year long, our suppliers and especially Bob and his team at True Value Foods.

So much great work was completed under our Social Responsibility banner. Many thanks to **Jeanne Puritch** and all parents for donations of their time and for items to fill our Holiday Hampers. This five-year program has reached out to almost 80 families during their time of need over the holidays. Well done!

**Alison Cairns** should also be congratulated for her continued efforts all year with Keating's Compost Program. Additional thanks also go to the class of Mme Nicholson & Mme Pinder for their valuable assistance!



## Call Back/Safe Arrival Program

**Caryl Paterson** has been a master organizer scheduling our volunteers for this critical service for Keating families. Thank you to all of the parents who have donated a couple of hours once a month; in fact, many of them have been volunteering their time for consecutive years! This service would not be possible without your dedicated service: thank you all! Lastly, thank you to all parents that utilize the Call Back line when their child is absent/late. Having knowledge of a child's whereabouts is fundamental to their safety.

THIS PROGRAM IS IN DIRE NEED OF A COORDINATOR FOR 2010/2011. IF YOU CAN ASSIST, PLEASE ADVISE MRS. MATTHEWS AND KHASA @ khasa63@gmail.com

## Crossing Guard Program

Trish Mar you've done it again! For the third consecutive year You have maintained the gold standard that you yourself created in 2007/2008! Keating's program is one that sets the standard for others both in the school district and in Greater Victoria, and we congratulate you and thank you! Thanks must also go to our 50 dedicated student crossing guards, and their 25 supportive parents; commitment that results in success! This is Trish's last year as co-ordinator, so we welcome Gillian England into the co-ordinator role for 2010/2011!

## 2010-/2011 Fruit & Veggie Program

Keating Kids are so fortunate to have dedicated parents like **Katherine Demarchi** and **Kim Middleton**, who tirelessly ensured our children received their nutritious snack every week/two weeks. Thank you ladies! Thanks also goes to the Demarchi children who often helped Mom get the job done, and other parents (**Carol Ann, Chika, Leila and George!**) who always found the time to ensure our children are not forgotten. All Keating parents should be so thankful that these Moms and Dads ensured our kids were closer to meeting the Canada Food Guide on distribution days! *MERCI....*

*Merci encore!*

## By the time you read this.....

**Tonia Cherris** and her team will have served up yet another scrumptious meal for our deserving school staff! Thank you Tonia for stepping up yet another year and coordinating this event; thanks to all the moms who helped on May 26; and THANK YOU to all parents who made this year's event a success by donating your homemade food items. We are one fortunate school community!

## Keating Emergency

### Preparedness

Parents...did you know that in the event of a natural disaster your children will have the provisions they need to keep them nourished and safe? Thank **Leila Nazaroff**, as it was she that has ensured the necessary items are always on hand. Thank you!

Leila will be replenishing items next year and would love assistance. If you are able to find some time to help, please let us know at [khasa63@gmail.com](mailto:khasa63@gmail.com) .

## KHASA WEBSITE

For parents familiar with our website at [www.khasa.ca](http://www.khasa.ca) , the master behind this work is **Robin Howe**. KHASA has been very fortunate to have such a willing and able webmaster, and on behalf of all Keating parents, and everyone who has visited our site, **THANK YOU ROBIN!** Your two-year position is now complete now that you are moving on to Bayside, and we welcome **Leanne Flood** as she assumes the Webmaster role!

## Holiday Family Project

One of our more popular family events is the holiday decorating project offered each Christmas. This could not happen were it not for our newest co-ordinator, **Tanya Adam**...thank you, Tanya, for coordinating again this December!

## Imagine this many volunteers...

and no one to coordinate their names and contact info! **Corrina Laird** has been our faithful Volunteer Co-ordinator for a number of years now, and KHASA extends their sincere thanks for all her great work. She made it easier to identify parents for our many programs...**THANK YOU!** We are looking for a parent to replace **Corinna**; please e-mail [khasa63@gmail.com](mailto:khasa63@gmail.com) if you're able.

Keating Parents...take a bow for another successful year at the greatest school in the District!

