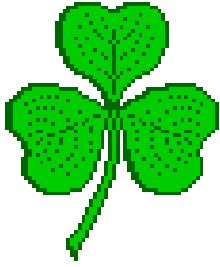


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UPDATE ON THE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION NIGHT AND THE VOTE

Technology evening saw 20 parents out for information on present and future directions. Our evening began in the computer lab with a presentation using the media projector and explanation of the Saanich District and Keating School websites, navigating around the moodle sites, and accessing available info and resources for student and parent use. The next part of the evening extended into two classrooms, Ms. Windle's and Mme Nicolson's, for a demonstration of the powerful learning possible and specifically the use of media projectors and document cameras. Thank you to both Mme. Nicolson and Ms. Windle for their part of a very informative presentation. Following the presentations, parents and KHASA executive unanimously supported the proposal to install media projectors in all classrooms and provide three document cameras which will be for use on a sign out basis to teachers.

The parents present that night voted to spend **\$14,994.13**, from funds raised at the last spring fair, on the installation of media projectors in each classroom (this includes adding more electrical outlets to each classroom) and the purchase of document cameras.

As additional resources through school accounts are made available, Mr. Notte will purchase more document cameras for use in classrooms. Our thanks to our parents group for supporting the Technology proposal. At this time, we have 5 projectors installed with an additional 14, purchased and awaiting installation closer to Spring break.

Thank you,
Mr. Notte and KHASA Executives

MY REACTION TO THE DEMONSTRATION

I was part of the group that went to Mme. Nicolson's classroom. She showed us how she uses the projector in her classroom to enable all the students to clearly observe lessons or demonstrations. She gave as an example: doing math lessons with objects that can be manipulated. If a student comes up to the math lesson set up (ex. Beans) and moves the pieces, it will be projected onto the screen at the front of the classroom allowing all the students to see from their seats, without having to crowd around the actual set up. She also showed how she could access the internet and project a video or lesson onto the screen for the students to watch. The other benefit was that Mme Nicolson did not have to prepare any overheads as she could put any documents or books right under the camera and project them to the screen. Mme Nicolson was very enthusiastic (as I am sure Ms. Windle was as well) about the technology. Leslie Keetley

STUDENT ACCESS TO THE COMPUTER PROGRAMS FROM HOME

Students are able to go to the school website and access the programs contained in each teachers file. Each teacher at the school has a file of programs that the students use in the computer lab. Each student has their own log-in information, that they are told not to share with others. If you click on the classes link at the top of the school webpage, the following teachers are available at this time: Mme Pike, Ms. Windle, M. Parent, Mme Boltrès, Mme Cuthill, Mme Nicolson and Mrs. Erdem. If you click on the computer lab link at the top there is a list that comes up on that page of fun and education websites for home or school. It is definitely worth checking out.

Your KHASA Executive

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

A big thank-you to all the ER preparedness volunteers and Leila Nazaroff for all their hard work. They researched the options available for storage and priced out many different options. They came back with the recommendation that we purchase a large secure storage unit, that would be placed at the back of the school. It would be used for storing safety supplies and during an emergency could also be used as a staging area or for a shelter for injured persons. The parents at the meeting voted to spend up to \$3,500.00 on the purchase and installation of a storage unit. The committee is looking at the deals available and will make the decision on which is the best option.

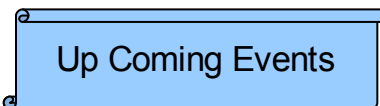
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES COMING UP

School Fair 2012 – contact Nicole Bains at mnbains@shaw.ca

Staff Appreciation Luncheon: Baking/dishes will be needed for the Staff Appreciation Luncheon Wednesday, May 25th. This is an early warning.

Hot Lunch: Friday, March 18th.

If you want to help collate the next hot lunch forms, please email the KHASA website (khasa63@gmail.com) and leave your name and it will be forwarded on.



Look out for some fun family events coming up soon. We have a fun family evening in April and the return of the car rally in May.

*Next KHASA General Meeting; Thursday, March 10th at 7 p.m..
Multipurpose Room*