



ÉCOLE KEATING SCHOOL

April Monthly Newsletter

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ADMINISTRATION

Dear Parents / Guardians;

This school year is passing by very quickly and now with daylight savings time, community evening activities and hopefully more sunshine, everyone will be anxious to be outside. The playground is a very energized and happy place. Many of our students are getting an extra breath of air as they participate in cross-country and lunch time practices.

Thanks to all regarding Traffic Safety and commitment to following the parking lot procedures. Your commitment will make a huge difference. We thank you for your compliance as we address traffic issues and make it safe for your children. Remember drop and go can be assisted by children being ready, with packs loaded; so little time is required idling. If you are needing to park and stay, please remember the bottom lot off of East Saanich Road.

I wish to commend our KHASA executive and committee chairs for the wonderful work they have done throughout this year, and I encourage parents to read the KHASA newsletter and respond to the volunteer opportunities listed there.

With your help we make Keating the best it can possibly be for our students.

Respectfully,
Mr. Notte
 Mr. M. Notte
 Principal

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.

KEATING VISION STATEMENT

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



Apr. 7 th	French Assembly 10:40 a.m. / Gym
Apr. 11 th	CPF Meeting; 6:30 p.m. / MPR
Apr. 12 th	School Communities Meeting 3 – 5 p.m. Bayside Middle School
Apr. 12 th	Author Visit: <i>Jacques Pasquet</i>
Apr. 13, 20, 27	No Waste Wednesday
Apr. 13 th	Bayside Admin & students visit Keating Grade 5's English Students @ 9 a.m. FI Students – 12:15 p.m.
Apr. 13 th	ESL Luncheon; 11:05 - MPR
Apr. 13 th	Cross Country Meet: 3 p.m. Beaver Lake Park
Apr. 14 th	KHASA Parent Education Evening; 7 p.m. Parent Presentation; Conflict Resolution & Bullying
Apr. 15 th	Author Visit; Penny Draper
Apr. 19 th	Fruit & Veggie Day; Bell Peppers
Apr. 19 th	KHASA Fundraiser; Easter orders to be picked up in Room 5
Apr. 19 th	Public Budget Meeting; 7 p.m. Bayside Middle School
Apr. 20 th	Cross Country Meet: 3 p.m. Centennial Park
Apr. 20 th	KHASA Fundraiser Easter Lilies / Chocolates: Pick-up 10 – 3 p.m. Room #5
Apr. 21 st	Play; Le Theatre de la Seizieme (la Chaise Perdue)
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Apr. 22 nd	Good Friday Holiday – school closed
Apr. 22 nd	Earth Day
Apr. 25 th	Easter Monday Holiday – school closed
Apr. 26 th	K – Grade 12 Gift Exchange; Stelly's Sec. - 6 p.m.
Apr. 27 th	Cross Country Meet; 3 p.m. Centennial Park
Apr. 28 th	Mini Meet for Grade 2 Cross Country Runners 11:05 a.m.
Apr. 29 th	Hot Lunch Day
May 2 nd	Federal Election; Polling Station in the Keating Gym
May 2 nd	FI Grade 5 Transition; Grade 5's visit Bayside 9:45 – Noon
May 2 nd	Music Monday; 10 a.m.
May 3 rd	English Grade 5 Transition; Grade 5's visit Bayside 9:45 – Noon
May 5 th	Whole School Photo & Class Photo's
May 6 th	Family Read-in 8:50 a.m.
May 6 th	KHASA Fundraiser; Plant pickup 9 – 3 p.m. Room 5
May 8 th	Mother's Day
May 9 th	Non Instructional Day – no school for students
May 12 th	KHASA Annual General Meeting 7 p.m.

INFORMATION FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

PLANNING FOR NEXT YEAR: The School Administration, in consultation with the school staff, will determine the school organization for the following year. Consideration will be given to the number of students at each level, class size limits and the educational and social characteristics of each age level group. Class lists are developed through meetings of professional teams involving the current year's teacher, next year's teachers, school and district specialists, the principal and vice-principal. Parent input may be made in writing on the 'Parent Input for Student Placement' form. **This form is available outside the office.** Form to be returned to the school office no later than Friday, June 3, 2011. As registration information changes throughout the summer, our school organization and class lists will not be finalized until early September. Please note that all new registrations or requests for transfer to other schools in our district are handled at the school board office **only**.

Opportunities for Input Directly to the Board of Education 2011 / 2012 Budget

The Board looks forward to seeing you at one of these meetings. Once the draft budget plan is finalized, the district will conduct a survey on our web site www.sd63.bc.ca You can also provide e-mail input at budget@sd63.bc.ca

School Communities Meeting
Bayside Middle School
Tuesday, April 12, 2011
3-5 p.m.

Public Budget Meeting
Bayside Middle School
Tuesday, April 19th – 7 p.m.

- ◆ ***Parent Work Numbers:*** Please ensure that you keep your information up-to-date in our student database....remember us when you move or change home address, cell or work phone numbers and/or e-mail address.
- ◆ ***Call-Back:*** If your child(ren) will be **late or absent**, **PLEASE** remember to phone the Call Back line at 250-652-1312 prior to 9 a.m. If you are phoning after 9 a.m., please call the school office at 250-652-9261. If the Call Back line is busy, please phone the school office at 250-652-9261. Thank you.
- ◆ ***Satisfaction Survey 2010/11 for Grade 4 Parents:*** The Provincial Satisfaction Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gather information from parents, teachers and students on topics related to school environment, safety and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective. In February, the Satisfaction Survey was administered to students in grade 4, and surveys were sent home to grade 4 parents. We encourage grade 4 parents to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the province; in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues are included. Grade 4 parents/guardians with students in Grade 4 should have received a letter via their child with information about completing the survey. Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. All that is required is the logon number that the school provided in the letter that was sent home. Provincial, district and school reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site, without a logon number. For parents who do not have a computer, please stop by the school office and we will set you up on a school computer. Deadline date has been extended to **April 25, 2011**.

WE ARE UP & MOVING AT KEATING

District Swim Meet: We were really proud of the conduct and the swimming of our Keating children at the district swim meet held March 15th. They did an excellent job representing our school, while doing their very best swimming. Thank you to all our parents who supported their swimmers with driving to Tuesday's Swim Club and all those Sunday Swim Meets. A special thank you to our Coaches Mme Pinder, Mme Nicolson, Mme Johnson and special student helper Alexa Bryant (Bayside student).

Grade 4/5 Basketball: January, February and March were filled with practices, intramural games and home/away games with Brentwood Elementary. Our season was finished up with a Jamboree at Stellys on March 18th. A fun time was had by all. A Big thank you to our parent drivers and to our Coaches Mr. Notte, Mrs. Erdem, Mme Pike and Mrs. Notte.

Keating Cross Country Team: The Keating Cross Country team is once again going strong! This year we have 190 runners on the team in grades two through five and several staff out running as well. Parent helpers are always needed to supervise corners and crosswalks or if you prefer, to run with the group. We practice three times each week, running distances between 1.5 and 3.0 km around the neighbourhoods adjacent to the school.

District meets will take place ***Wednesday, April 13th (Beaver Lake {Park}), April 20th and April 27th (Centennial Park)***. As grade 2's do not participate in these district events, we will have our own Grade Two Mini-meet at the end of the running season on Thursday, April 28th. Parents are encouraged to come and cheer on their young runners. More info to come on that!

Special thank you to all the staff members and parents who volunteer their time to support our Cross Country Team.

Upcoming Dates to Note:

Track / Field Events

Tuesday, June 7th

Location: Keating Elementary

Time: 12:05 – 2:40 p.m.

District Track Meet

Thursday, June 9th

Location: U-Vic Stadium

Time: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (approx.)

WANTED!!!!!!

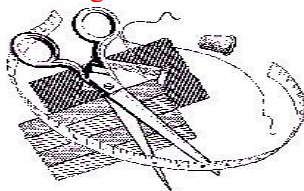
KEATING JERSEY'S

We are missing quite a few jerseys. Please return to the school office ASAP.

Keating's Healing Quilt – Stitched with Love

Thank you Keating Families and Staff for the donation of beautiful fabric.

Mrs. Tutte is busy putting the Quilt together and is hoping to have it finished next week.
The Quilt will be brought to Keating to share with the school before gifting it to Mme Pinder



UPDATES FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

SALMON UPDATE from Mrs. Lee / Div.001 , Mme Gautrais / Div. 007 & Mr. Notte.....

All of our Little Coho Salmon have now begun to swim up out of the rocks looking for food. They have grown from little alevin with large yolk sacs to small, sleek fry. We will now start feeding them each day and expect to release them into the stream later this month. This week we will be inspecting Tetayet Stream (also known as Shady Creek) in hopes that we will be able to release our salmon there this year.

TEDDY BEAR PROJECT: Division 9 / Mrs. Erdem & students have partnered with a school in Pueblo, Mexico to be part of the Teddy Bear Project. This collaborative project is based on the original idea from the iEarn organization based in New York City, USA. It's main purpose is to promote the partnership between schools around the world by sharing their culture, traditions and friendship through the exchange of a stuffed Bear that travels, from one school to the other, bringing his/her passport, journal, postcards / pictures from his/her home town, some souvenirs for the students he/she will be visiting with and information about his/her school. The students will write in the Bear's journal. At the end of the School year, the journal is returned to the original school, so students and teachers there will learn about the other country's culture. The bear stays at the visited school.

PRIMARY CHOIR: The Primary Choir celebrated the end of their season by performing on Tuesday, March 29th. This performance was dedicated to the memory of Mr. Stu Calder, who was a teacher at our school and who also volunteered for many years by playing the piano for our choir. Thank you also to Mr. Bocking who accompanied us on his guitar! The choir did a really good job and proudly sang in both English and French. Well done choir students! Mme Boltres

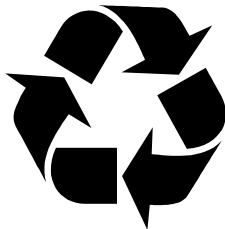
LIBRARY:

- ✓ Thank you KHASA for funding our upcoming Author Visit; scheduled for April 15th
- ✓ Reminder that families can order French and English books from Scholastic Book Clubs through the library should their class not participate. Order forms are available outside the library and orders with payment (cheques only) can be dropped off just inside the library door.
- ✓ Family Read-in scheduled for Friday, May 6th 8:50 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.



RECYCLE OLD PHONE BOOKS

Bring your old telephone books into the school (to be put on the stage). All donated phone books will go to 'Riding for the Disabled'.



SAANICH CORE VALUES

Compassion, Fairness, Honesty, Responsibility, Respect

COMMUNITY NEWS

Support Japan2011

Saturday, April 16th 11 – 4 p.m. Ecole Victoria Brodeur School
Free admission (see attached flyer)

Keating Out of School Care (KOSC) Program Manager, Markus Anastasiades

Website: www.keatingoutofschoolcare.com e-mail: kosckids@telus.net Phone Number: 250.652.5546

PCEC “1000 X 5” Children's Book Recycling Project continues to seek donations...if you can donate gently used children's picture books, please leave them at Keating's school office. They will be forwarded to volunteers in the district who process them for distribution to children and families on the Peninsula. For further information, please contact: Daphne Macnaughton, PC EC “1000 x 5” Project Leader d1mvictoria@shaw.ca

2011 VIKES SUMMER CAMPS: Summer is just around the corner! This year, discover The Power of Play with the U-Vic Vikes. We offer an array of sport and activity camps in a friendly, inclusive environment, taught by high-caliber coaches and camp leaders. Vikes camps include Basketball, Hockey, Youth Leadership Development, Girl Power, Mini Vikes (full and half day), Raquet Sports, Soccer, Multisport, Swimming, Tennis, Track & Field, Field Hockey, Speed and Agility, Run/Jump/Throw, Vikes Adventures, and Volleyball. Participants are provided with t-shirts, a camp certificate and swimming is included in most full day camps. Full-day camps run from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., with before and after care also available. Participants are provided with t-shirts, a camp certificate and swimming is included in most full day camps. Full-day camps run from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., with before an after care also available. Registration started April 1st. Visit www.vikesrec.uvic.ca/summer-camps and click Summer Camps' on the tool bar to register!

Victoria Autism Awareness Walk, Sunday, April 17th @ Beaver Lake

www.victoriaautismwalk.com

Piranhas Registration; Saturday, April 16, 2011 at the Panorama Pool, from 3 – 5:30 p.m. Please take record of Birth and a cheque.

Youth Soccer – The 25th Annual Coast Capital World Cup Youth Soccer Festival will be held April 22nd – 24th. Registration: worldcups.ca



Mother's Day; Sunday, May 8th

KHASA is pleased to offer BASKETS, BEDDING PLANTS & HANGING BASKETS

All the plants are grown by local Marigold Nursery

Please complete and return the order form that was sent home by Wed., April 13th

A drop box will be placed in each classroom plus one is located by the office.

Extra forms are available outside the office.

Please make cheques payable to KHASA

Pick-up date will be Friday, May 6th 10 – 3 p.m. Room 5

Any questions? Call Liza @ 250-652-4123 arpiseta03@yahoo.ca