



ÉCOLE KEATING SCHOOL

February 2012 Monthly Newsletter

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ADMINISTRATION

Dear Parents / Guardians;

Two of the three groundhogs who signal North American Spring have indicated that we are in for an early one. I will go with the majority as six more weeks of Winter is not my preference. True to this, look about and you will see tell tale signs of Spring; flowers starting to show in the garden, buds developing and the days stretching out. Have you noticed? Enjoy a lengthy family walk and see these signs of Spring.

Check the calendar for February and March; it is full with curricular and extra-curricular events. A busy place with lots of exciting things going on in classrooms.

Thank you to the many who came out in support of our Family Read-in. It is always a pleasure to see so many out to support the school and its programs. It is greatly appreciated. As well, it was great to see such a crowd and all multi generations enjoying the fun with over two hundred at our Family Dance.

Respectfully,

Mr. Mark 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.

DATES TO NOTE

Mon., Jan. 30 th -Fri., Feb. 3 rd	Whole School; Clay Art with Renee Sala (Session #1)
Tues., Feb. 7 th	Bottle Collection; 8:15 – 9 a.m.
Tues., Feb. 7-Thurs., Feb. 9 th	Maturation Talks; Grade 5s
Thurs., Feb. 9 th	FI Assembly; 1 p.m..
Fri., Feb. 10 th	Author Presentation; Grade 2/3 & Grade 3, 4 & 5
Thurs., Feb. 9 th	Royal Oak Open House Orientation 7 – 8:15 pm (families with students planning to attend Royal Oak in the 2012/13 school year)
Fri., Feb. 10 th	KHASA; <i>Donkey Derby</i> 6 – 8:30 p.m.; flyer attached
Mon., Feb. 13 th	Buddy Run; 10:30 a.m.
Tues., Feb. 14 th & Thurs., Feb. 16 th	Maturation Booster Session; Grade 5s
Tues., Feb. 14 th	Fruit & Veggie Day; Sliced Apples
Tues., Feb. 14 th	Pink Red & White Day
Tues., Feb. 14 th	Valentines Day
Wed., Feb. 15 th	School Board Meeting; 7 p.m.
Thurs., Feb. 16 th	KHASA General Meeting; 7 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 17 th	Non Instructional Day
Tues., Feb. 21 st	Spring Fair Kick-Off Meeting; 7:30 p.m. Library
Tues., Feb. 21 st	Grade 4s & 5s; Symphony Fieldtrip 8:50 – 11:20 a.m.
Tues., Feb. 21 st	CPF Monthly Meeting: Location; Deep Cove Elementary; 7 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 22 nd & Thurs., Feb. 23 rd	Early Dismissal Days; 1:30 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 24 th	Hot Lunch
Mon., Feb. 27 th – Fri., Mar. 2 nd	Whole School; Clay Art with Renee Sala (Session #2)
Tues., Feb. 28 th	Fruit & Veggie Day; Mini cucumbers
Wed., Feb. 29 th	Whole School Assembly; 8:50 a.m.
Wed., Feb. 29 th	Maturation Talks; Grade 4s
Thurs., Mar. 1 st	Southgate Band Visit 10:15 a.m.; Gym
Thurs., Mar. 1 st	Bonjour, Bonne Nuit; 6:15 a.m.
Mon., Mar. 5 th	Non-Instructional Day
Tues., Mar. 6 th	Bottle Return; 8:15 – 9 a.m.
Wed., Mar. 7 th	X-Guard Pizza Luncheon; 11:20 – 12:05 p.m.
Fri., Mar. 9 th	FI Assembly; 8:45 a.m.
Mon., Mar. 12 th – Fri., Mar. 16 th	Reporting Period
Wed., Mar. 14 th	School Board Meeting; 7 p.m.
Thurs., Mar. 15 th	KHASA Education Evening; 7 p.m.
Fri., Mar. 16 th	Family Read-in; 8:50 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.
Mon., Mar. 19 th – Fri., Mar. 23 rd	Spring Break
Mon., Mar. 26 th	Back to School
Fri., Mar. 30 th	Hot Lunch
Fri., May 4 th	Keating Spring Fair 2012; 5 – 9 pm

KHASA General Meeting
Thursday, February 16th
7 p.m. - Multipurpose Room



CPF and KHASA for sponsoring our Family Dance Evening
with
Les Cornouillers

Great turnout! Good Fun for all involved!

THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered to make this evening such a great event!

INFORMATION FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

- ◆ ***Parents / Guardians / Guests:*** *Reminder that ALL visitors* are to sign in at the main office. This is for the safety of our students and for the safety of all visitors in the case of an emergency. Thank you.
- ◆ ***Morning Arrival:*** Just a reminder to all students and parents that we have adults on supervision starting at 8:22 a.m. Students should not be arriving or be dropped off at school before this time. In addition, a reminder to all students to please wait until the 8:37 a.m. bell has gone before entering the school. Students should dress warmly and have proper footwear for the cold and wet mornings. If it is raining it will become and 'IN DAY' at 8:22 a.m. Announcements will be made inside and outside of the school as to where the children can go inside.
- ◆ ***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. or email: keatingabsence@sd63.bc.ca If you are phoning after 9 a.m., please call the school office at 250-652-9261.
- ◆ ***Kindergarten Registration*** at neighbourhood Elementary Schools for IN DISTRICT students is the week of January 30th 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 next Monday, February 6th.

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

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Kevin: 250.858.5755 ksbunting@shaw.ca

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.

K Korner - Helpful Tips for Healthy and Happy Kindies

Check out the the Heart and Stroke Foundation website during their February Heart Month! There are lots of great ideas for fun fitness activities for kids and healthy, heart information.

http://www.heartandstroke.bc.ca/site/c.kpIPKXOyFmG/b.3644761/k.6366/Healthy_Kids__Fun__Fitness.htm



THE SALMON HAVE ARRIVED!

This week Keating received 600 Coho Salmon eggs, which will live in the tanks in Mrs. Lee's, Mme Gautrais' and Ms. Pettigrew's classrooms. The eggs will spend the next three weeks floating in little baskets on the top of the water and should hatch later this month. We are looking forward to taking care of our salmon for the next three months and learning about their habitat and the importance of taking care of the environment. In April, we will release our little salmon fry into the cool, clear water of Sandhill Creek, across the street from our school. Drop in to one of these classrooms to see our little coho friends!

BOTTLE RETURN PROJECT

Tuesday, February 7th is the next bottle drive at Keating. Bottles can be dropped off to the front covered area between 8:15 and 9 a.m. KOSC families who drop off earlier than 8 am are welcome to leave their returns in the covered area. ALL 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!

WE ARE UP & RUNNING AT KEATING

Keating After School Swim Team: Our Swim Team is up and running. Enthusiastic swimmers from grades 3, 4 and 5 meet every Tuesday at the Commonwealth Pool. Last Sunday we had many kids participate in the FAST meet at CWP. Our last FAST Meet for this season is scheduled Sunday, March 4th (11 - 2 p.m. / CWP). More info to follow on the District Swim Meet.

Grade 4/5 Basketball: Basketball is well underway at Keating. We have 45 students signed up for basketball which make up 4 teams of grade 4 and 5 girls and boys. Inter-mural games are scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays with Wednesday lunch hour as skill practice time.

SAANICH CORE VALUES

Compassion, Fairness, Honesty, Responsibility, Respect

COMMUNITY NEWS

PENINSULA CONNECTIONS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD (PCEC) is pleased to announce the launch of its on-line Family Resource Directory, which can be accessed at www.peninsulaconnectionsforkids.ca. This valuable resource helps connect families of young children (ages 0-6) living on the Saanich Peninsula to a wide variety of activities, parent groups and family support programs within the Peninsula and Greater Victoria area.

PENINSULA TRACK & FIELD: Peninsula Track and field offers programs for athletes of all ages. The track and field season begins in March with coaching available in : sprints, middle distance running, long jump, high jump, shot put, discus, javelin and hurdles. Registration: Thursday, Mar. 1st or March 8th from 5-6 p.m. at the track beside Parkland High School. If you have any questions about registration please call our Registrar, Lesley 250.656.5660 (lesley.foster@me.com) or check out www.pentrack.org

LOWER ISLAND SOCCER ASSOC. PRO-D DAY SOCCER CAMP for 7 – 11 year old Boys & Girls

February 17th Half Day 9 – Noon \$35.00 Full Day 9 – 3 p.m. \$60.00 Location: Tyndall Field and Clubhouse
<http://lisa.soccerregistrar.com/index.php?>

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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>

GREATER VICTORIA MINOR FOOTBALL – SPRING LEAGUE Registration is now on for 2012

Attend a FREE ONE DAY SESSION on Sunday, February 12th at all parks. For more information and to download a registration form please visit www.victoriafootball.ca

CENTRAL SAANICH LITTLE LEAGUE 2012; BASEBALL SESSION REGISTRATION DATES:

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.

BC PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS' BURN FUND'S 16th ANNUAL BURN AWARENESS WEEK (BAW) program runs Feb. 5th to 11, 2012. The fire safety safety program is available on-line at www.burnfund.org. It is designed to teach kids to be responsible for their own safety, and help make their families aware of potentially harmful situations.

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
dilmvictoria@shaw.ca

NON INSTRUCTIONAL DAY
Friday, February 17th