



KEATING SCHOOL

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ADMINISTRATION

Dear Parents / Guardians of Keating Students:

Happy New Year 2011 and welcome back. Everyone seems well rested and eager to return to the high energy and activity of Keating. Busy schedules abound with many scheduled activities throughout January and February. So watch the calendar closely; Basketball will begin soon, planning for CanWest Canspell is immediate as the date for this is January 20th and the Maple Man is scheduled for January 25th.

Sincerely,

M. Notte

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Principal

KEATING RENOVATIONS & BUILDING UPGRADES

With the Ministry's final approval of funds for building upgrades to both Brentwood and Keating Elementary, construction has begun. We are excited and also mindful of some considerations that we will all need to be dealing with as this begins.

The scheduled work: the addition of three classrooms, two in the back covered area which will provide for two full day kindergarten classes in September and a third classroom being added to the south wing will finally make it possible to house all Keating students within the school structure without portable use. A bonus for all of us. We will also be seeing a renovation to our Learning Resource Center and upgrades to our medical/first aid room.

Construction will bring added traffic and congestion to our grounds, as some areas will need to be closed off i.e. the access lane at the back of the school, back covered area and the parking lot directly in front of the gym. Please be prepared to alter your usual patterns of access as construction proceeds.

We ask you to be aware, cautious, patient, and mindful of changes that will occur as we adjust during the phases of construction.

SAANICH CORE VALUES

- Compassion
- Fairness
- Honesty
- Responsibility
- Respect

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.

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



January

February

DATES TO NOTE

Jan. 5 th	No Waste Wednesday
Jan. 10 th	Canadian Parents for French Mtg. MPR / 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 11 th	Swim Club; 3:15 CWP
Jan. 12 th	No Waste Wednesday
Jan. 13 th	KHASA General Meeting; 7 p.m. / MPR
Jan.17-Feb.25	FSA Testing; Grade 4's
Jan. 18 th	Swim Club; 3:15 CWP
Jan. 19 th	No Waste Wednesday
Jan. 19 th	Ready Set Learn; 3 – 6 p.m.
Jan. 20 th	Canspell; Grade 4/5's (a.m.) (more info to follow)
Jan. 25 th	Maple Man; Whole School
Jan. 25 th	Kindergarten Information Evening 7 p.m. - Keating Gym
Jan. 26 th	No Waste Wednesday
Jan. 26 th	Drop! Cover! Hold on! 10 a.m. (province wide)
Jan. 25 th	Swim Club; 3:15 p.m.
Jan. 27 th	Family Literacy Day
Jan. 27 th	French Immersion Program K-12 Information Evening; 7 p.m. District Education Centre (behind Keating School)
Jan. 28 th	Fun Day; Pajama Day
Jan. 28 th	Family Read-in; 8:50 – 9:15 a.m.
Jan. 28 th	Hot Lunch
Jan.31-Feb.4 th	2011/12 Kindergarten Registration
Feb. 1 st	Swim Club; 3:15 p.m.
Feb. 4 th	No Waste Wednesday
Feb. 7 th	Axis Theatre Presentation; 9 a.m.
Feb. 7 th	Burn Awareness Week
Feb. 8 th	Swim Club; 3:15 p.m.
Feb. 10 th	KHASA Education Evening; 7 pm
Feb 11 th	No Waste Wednesday
Feb. 14 th	Fun Day; Twin Day
Feb. 14 th	Valentines Day
Feb.22-25 th	Scholastic Book Fair
Feb. 23-24 th	Early Dismissal; 1:30 p.m.
Feb. 15 th	Swim Club; 3:15 p.m.
Feb. 18 th	No Waste Wednesday
Feb. 18 th	Non Instructional Day
Feb. 22-25 th	Scholastic Book Fair
Feb. 22 nd	Swim Club; 3:15 p.m.
Feb. 25 th	No Waste Wednesday
Feb. 25 th	Hot Lunch

**REMINDERS
FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE**

- ◆ *Visitors please sign in* to ensure your child's safety. A visitor sign-in sheet is located at the main office.
- ◆ **School Parking:** When parking in the school parking lot, please remember to use visitor parking spots or the lower parking lot (below the DRC). Staff marked parking spots are for Keating staff only. On staff at Keating we have many full time / part time employees. and **all** staff parking spots have been designated to a staff member. Please do not park behind a car; not only is this frustrating for the visitor or staff member when they're ready to leave but it can be very dangerous. If there is a car parked beside you, please open your door carefully as to not hit the car beside you. Since the start of this school year we have had car doors dinged by car doors parked beside them.
- ◆ **Morning Arrival;** Just a reminder to all students and parents that we have an adult 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. As we approach the winter season, 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. If you are phoning after 9 a.m., please call the school office at 250-652-9261.

FSA TESTING; Grade 4 students

Assessment will be administered during the period of January 17th – February 25th. Expect information home in the near future.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten Registration at neighbourhood Elementary Schools for IN DISTRICT students is the week of January 31st to February 4th (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 Monday, February 7th.

READY, SET, LEARN OPEN HOUSE

Parents and preschoolers (3 years and up) are invited to visit their neighbourhood school.

- ✓ Visit with our caring teachers.
- ✓ Participate in fun, hands-on learning activities
- ✓ Tour the school.
- ✓ Learn ways to help your child get a great start for Kindergarten.

Wednesday, January 19th Keating Elementary 3-6 p.m.

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION EVENING

for parents/guardians of children born in 2006.

Date: **Tuesday, January 25**

Time: 7 – 8:15 p.m.

Location: Keating Elementary Gym

FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM K to 12 INFORMATION EVENING

Date: **Thursday, January 27**

Time: 7 – 8 :15 p.m.

Location: District Education Centre (behind Keating School)

Visit www.sd63.bc.ca for more information.

CANSPELL & THE BEE Keating's 5th Annual Spelling Bee

On Thursday, January 20th Keating will be holding the 5th Annual CanSpell Keating Spelling Bee. This event is open to interested Grade 4 and Grade 5 students. Students interested in participating have signed up with Mme Pinder. It's still not too late to be involved. If your child is interested but hasn't signed up, please have them stop by the office to see Mme Pinder. Also, check out the website; www.canspell.com

CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK

The Criminal Record Check Review Act requires the school district ensure a valid CRC is on file for volunteers in the school district. Under the Act, anyone who works with children directly, or having unsupervised access to children in the ordinary course of the day must submit a CRC. This will include Parent Drivers who will be driving children on field trips, and for sporting and special events. Criminal Record checks can be done at your local Police Station and the \$50 fee will be waived if you have a letter from the school indicating that you are volunteering your time. The school prepares a letter for volunteer to take to their local police station requesting the fee be waived. Stop by the school office to request your letter.

LIBRARY

January 27th is **Family Literacy Day!** Check out the national website to promote literacy for some fun activities and literacy ideas.

<http://www.abclifeliteracy.ca/en/family-literacy-day>

Family Read in

Friday, January 28th 8:50 – 9:15 a.m.

Literacy Tip: It is important to read aloud to your children – find out how to get the most enjoyment and learning out of your time reading together. Below is a link to the first chapter of Jim Trelease's book *The Read Aloud Handbook*'. If you find this chapter interesting we have a copy of the book in the parent library located in our school library.

<http://www.trelease-on-reading.com/rah-ch1.html>



PRIMARY NOON HOUR GAMES

Primary Noon Hour Games for grade one and two students started today and will run each Wednesday until the end of February. The games will vary each week. All grade one's and two's welcome! Coordinator: Mme Boltrès.

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. A BIG THANK YOU to Mme Pinder, Mme Nicolson, Mme Johnson for sponsoring this event and to Alexis Bryant (Bayside student) for volunteering her time for Swim Club. FAST Meets are scheduled at the CWP for; Sunday, January 30th (10 – 1 p.m.) and February 27th (10 – 1 p.m. / tentative). District Swim Meet is scheduled for Wednesday, Mar. 16th 11:30 – 3:30 p.m. (more info to follow).

Grade 4/5 Basketball: Basketball begins this month for grade 4 and 5 students. January will be practices with inter-mural games and February will have scheduled Home/Away games with Central Zone schools. A basketball tournament will be held in March. Please encourage your child to come out and take part. Mr. Notte has scheduled a sign-up meeting for this Friday; 11:05 a.m. MPR.

Our very popular Kid Fit and Mindful Stretching continues in the new year. Each week classes are invited to participate in Kid Fit and Mindful Stretching

Intermediate Kid Fit
Lead by: Mrs. Lee / Mme Heron
Tuesday and Thursday mornings

Primary Kid Fit
Lead by: Mme Johnson
Wednesday and Friday mornings

Mindful Stretching
Lead by: M. Fraser
Intermediate Classes: Friday afternoon
Primary Classes: Monday afternoon

WORD OF THE MONTH

'CANSPELL'
In previous years monthly newsletters have included a Keating Cougar cut-out for parents to sign and return to child's teacher. Now that our monthly newsletter is sent electronically, we'd like parent(s) to just sign a scrap piece of paper, include the word of the month and have your child (oldest only) return to their classroom teacher.
(your signature indicates that you have read the newsletter)

Division(s) getting 100% return get a treat from our Principal, Mr. Notte

PRIMARY CHOIR

Primary Choir will be starting up for any interested grade one, two and three students on Tuesdays at lunch time. Our first session will be held next Tuesday, January 11th and then each Tuesday until Spring Break. All welcome to join us! Choir leaders; Mme Boltres, Ms. Brochu and Mr. Bocking.



***IMMERSION ASSEMBLY
FRENCH CERTIFICATE OF
MERITE or CERTIFICATE
D'EXCELLENCE***

As part of the monthly French Immersion Assembly, in December the following students were awarded a Certificate of Merit or Certificate d'excellence to recognize their French speaking abilities:

Div. 002; M. Parent / Mme Pike

Lauren Hutchinson, Tyler Knowles, Rebekah Cunningham, Ellen Roberts

Div. 004; Mme Nicolson / Mme Pinder

Brighde Fyfe, Savannah Miles, Cameron Kwan

Div. 005; Mme Heron / Mme Alford

Mateo Armstrong, Sierra Junger, Sapana Palmer, Jennaline Shaw

Div. 007; Mme Gautrais

Chris Griffiths, Bruna Hutchinson

Div. 008; M. Fraser

Athena Fowler, Aidan Paterson

Div. 011; Mme Boltres

Jonah Philipchalk, Ella Duthie

Div. 012; Mme Cuthill

Tenney Glynn, Hannah Crowell, Naomi Flood, Mindalynn Frelick

Div. 014; Mme Barber

Matyas Kobrc, Teaaira Vigue, Felicity McPherson

Div. 015; Mme Johnson

Abby Mikkelson-Handley, Maija Stewart

Div. 017; Mme Gartrell Yeo

Jesse Harris, Taiya Steel

Div. 018; Mme deBoer

Bradley Bates, Julia Bellamano

***ROOTS OF EMPATHY
AT KEATING***

Roots of Empathy (ROE) is a program (K - 8) designed to raise social and emotional awareness and competence in children while increasing their empathy and reducing aggression. ROE has won awards for its evidence-based classroom program. It operates in classrooms across Canada, in Australia, New Zealand and the US.

The program helps increase the children's knowledge of:

- human development,
- how our brains grow,
- infant and child safety.

There are 9 themes with 3 classroom visits (of approximately 30 minutes) for each theme. Each theme has a Family Visit which includes a baby. There is a classroom visit before and after each family visit.

The themes are:

1. Meeting the Baby
2. Crying
3. Caring and Planning for Baby
4. Emotions
5. Sleep
6. Safety
7. Communicating
8. Who Am I?
9. Goodbye and Good Wishes

In each theme we try to connect with the regular curriculum by, for example, reading and asking comprehension questions or doing arithmetic such as working out how much weight the baby has gained since birth.

ROE is taking place in Ms Johnson's Grade 1 class. Our baby is Charlotte Kenny (born sept. 4, 2010) with her mom Stephanie. Watch out for them in the school and check the bulletin board for updates.

The instructor is Linda Giles who is a retired teacher/administrator in the Saanich District.



COMMUNITY NEWS

TRIPLE THREAT PERFORMING ARTS STUDENTS.....

'Fires Burning' by Margaret Watt

Thursday & Friday, January 20 & 21st

Mary Winspear Centre 7 p.m.

Musical; for tickets and more information to this incredible show, please contact the Box Office 250.656.0275 Adult \$10/Child \$5

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 dlmvictoria@shaw.ca

PIRANHAS SWIM CLUB REGISTRATION

Come one, come all!! Piranhas Swim Club Registration will be held January 8th, 2011 from 2-4 p.m. at the Panorama Rec Centre. Don't miss the opportunity to develop your swimming ability and your physical fitness. For more info, please see our web page at www.sidneypiranhas.com

LACROSSE

2011 registration for boys and girls, ages 5-16 years, will be held at the Panorama Recreation Centre in the Arena Lobby/Concourse A on Tuesday, January 25th from 6 – 8 p.m. For returning players; Wednesday, January 26th from 6 – 8 p.m. and Thursday, January 27th from 6 – 8 p.m. for others. For further information about playing or refereeing email rob_kris@telus.net or phone 250-652-1216. Their website is www.penlax.com

ROYAL BC MUSEUM: Admission by donation up until this Sunday, January 9th at the Royal BC Museum. Hours: 10 – 5 p.m.

www.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca

CENTRAL SAANICH LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

2011 Registration Dates

February 5th and 6th 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

February 12th & 13th 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

March 3rd 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Clubhouse: 1836 Hovey Rd., Centennial Park

Registration forms can be downloaded at

www.csllittleleague.com/registration info and the forms can also be dropped off at 1940 Venross Place.

For further information or questions please contact Glenn Whalley, President

250-652-2330 or gnw2330@telus.net

FREE winter baseball skills clinics for all ages

– available to new and returning players!

Brentwood Community Hall on Wallace Drive

Every Sunday starting January 16th

4 to 7 years old 10 a.m. To 11 a.m.

8 to 12 years old 11 a.m. To Noon

A note to parents of minors and majors children: March 20th and 27th may be used as the assessment dates for these divisions.

Next KHASA Meeting

Thursday, January 13th

7 p.m.

Multi Purpose Room.

***All parents / guardians of
Keating Elementary students
are welcome to attend.***

PAJAMA DAY

Wear your favourite

PJ'S

to school on

Friday, January 28th