



# ÉCOLE KEATING SCHOOL

## March 2011 Monthly Newsletter

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### ADMINISTRATION

*Dear Parents / Guardians;*

Were the Ground Hogs right? Is it really going to be an early Spring? Weather patterns keep hinting that Winter doesn't want to let go. All the same there are some of the tell tale signs; lighter mornings, daylight at dinner time, daffodil pickers in the neighboring farms and a growing Lost & Found of forgotten coats and sweaters. Please check for your childs missing items.

With Spring, the energy levels have increased like blossoms, and it can be difficult to keep children focused on learning at this time as we head towards Spring Break. You can help to make school a top priority by:

1. Making consistent and on time attendance the priority. If possible, try to schedule routine appointments after school hours and take extended family vacations during school break time (we are struggling to keep up with many long term student absences due to illness and vacations);
2. Show you care about their learning. Talk about school events, activities and projects and attend school events as you can;
3. Ask the questions that will tell you about their day:
  - What was the best part?
  - What did you learn?
  - Why was that exciting?

Report cards are coming home over the next couple of weeks and will be filled with great points of conversation for you and your child. Early Dismissal dates, February 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> were great opportunities to meet with your child's teacher to discuss the learning taking place, albeit the weather, snow hampered keeping appointments and many had to be rescheduled.

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.**




## DATES TO NOTE

Mar. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	No Waste Wednesday
Mar. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Campbell River Band Visit; 9:15 – 10 a.m. / Gym
Mar. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Grade 4 & 5 Basketball Practice; 2:45–3:45 p.m.; Keating Gym
Mar. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Author Visit; Margriet Ruirs
Mar. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Non Instruction Day (no school for students; school planning day)
Mar. 8/15 <sup>th</sup>	Swim Club; 3:15 p.m. CWP
Mar. 9 <sup>th</sup>	Cross Country Sign-up Meeting; 11:05 p.m. / Gym
Mar. 9 <sup>th</sup>	Patrol Pizza Luncheon; 11:30 – 12:05 p.m. / MPR
Mar. 9, 16, 23 & 30 <sup>th</sup>	No Waste Wednesday
Mar. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 4 & 5 Basketball Games: Team #1-Home/Team #2-Away
Mar. 10 <sup>th</sup>	KHASA Meeting; 7 p.m. / MPR
Mar. 11 <sup>th</sup>	CPF Family Film Night; Stelly's MPR 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 pm)
Mar. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Daylight Savings Time
Mar. 14 <sup>th</sup>	CPF Monthly Meeting; 6:30 p.m. / MPR
Mar. 14-18 <sup>th</sup>	Reporting Period
Mar. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Maturation Talks; Grade 5's
Mar. 15&17 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Safety House Visit; Grade 1-3's
Mar. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 4 & 5 Basketball Games: Team #1–Away/Team #2-Home
Mar. 16 <sup>th</sup>	District Swim Meet; CWP 11:45 – 3 p.m.
Mar. 17 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's Day
Mar. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Maturation Talks; Grade 4's
Mar. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Family Read-in; 8:50 a.m.
Mar. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Basketball Jamboree; Stelly's Secondary (p.m.)
Mar. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Hot Lunch
Mar. 21-25 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Break
Mar. 28 <sup>th</sup>	School Re-opens
Mar. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Primary Choir; 1:05 p.m. / MPR (mini-performance)
Mar. 30 <sup>th</sup>	Maturation Talks; Grade 5's
Apr. 6 <sup>th</sup>	April Newsletter(s) distributed by e-mail
Apr. 6, 13, 20 & 27 <sup>th</sup>	No Waste Wednesday
Apr. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Author Visit: <i>Jacques Pasquet</i>
Apr. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 5 Transition; Bayside English Students – a.m. / FI Students – p.m.
Apr. 13 <sup>th</sup>	ESL Luncheon
Apr. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Cross Country Meet
Apr. 14 <sup>th</sup>	KHASA Education Evening; 7 p.m.
Apr. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Author Visit; Penny Draper
Apr. 18-22 <sup>nd</sup>	Keating Art Show
Apr. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Fruit & Veggie Day; Bell Peppers
Apr. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Play; Le Theatre de la Seizieme (la Chaise Perdue)
Apr. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Cross Country Meet
Apr. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Good Friday Holiday
Apr. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Monday Holiday
Apr. 26 <sup>th</sup>	K – Grade 12 Gift Exchange
Apr. 27 <sup>th</sup>	Cross Country Meet
Apr. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Hot Lunch Day

## 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 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. 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.
  
- ◆ **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. Last month 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.
  
- ◆ **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, cell or work phone numbers.
  
- ◆ **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.
  
- ◆ **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.
  
- ◆ **K.O.S.C.** - there is still space in their Spring Break Program. Please call 250-652-5546 or drop by the KOSC portable for more information  
[www.keatingoutofschoolcare.com](http://www.keatingoutofschoolcare.com) kosckids@telus.net  
 250-652-5546

### SAANICH CORE VALUES

Compassion, Fairness, Honesty, Responsibility, Respect

## WE ARE UP & MOVING AT KEATING

**Keating After School Swim Team:** Last Sunday was the final FAST meet for this year. Keating had 28 swimmers at the meet and we were in fact the school with the best representation. The kids had a great time. The coaches want to thank all the parents who helped and the parents who support the swim meet by getting their children there. Our last swim club practice will be Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> and we are looking forward to our District Swim Meet at the Commonwealth Pool, Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> (11:45 – 3 p.m.) Swim Club members were asked to pick up a Swim Meet info package from the office today (blue paper). This info package included a permission form that needs to be completed and returned ASAP to the red basket outside the school office. Extra info packages / permission forms are available at the school office.

**Grade 4/5 Basketball:** Our Grade 4 and 5 Basketball season is almost over here at Keating. January, February and March have been filled with practices, intramural games and home/away games with Brentwood Elementary. Student skills have developed and we are all having a great sense of fun. Players on Teams #1 and #2 were provided today with an updated game schedule / team list / permission form. This handout included an updated schedule and an additional permission form. Please note that the game tomorrow, Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> has been rescheduled for Thursday, March 17. In place of tomorrow's game, Mr. Notte has scheduled a practice for both teams after school tomorrow (2:45 – 3:45 p.m.) / Keating Gym). Please complete/sign the permission form and return to the school office ASAP. Team 1 parents: If you are able to drive for the rescheduled game on Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, please e-mail Mrs. Matthews @ [mmatthews@sd63.bc.ca](mailto:mmatthews@sd63.bc.ca) Thank you.

**Keating Cross Country Team:** Let's get ready to RUN!!! Keating Cross Country Club is open to all students in grade 2,3, 4 and 5 who love to run! We will practice at lunchtime on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays during March and April. The sign-up meeting will be next week, Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at lunch hour and all interested students will be provided with an information form / permission form. All permission forms must be signed and returned to school by Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Extra forms will be available outside the school office. Our first practice will be Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. We welcome parents who would like to come out and run with the group or help supervise crosswalks and corners. Without a large parent support group this club will not be able to leave the school grounds (which is half the fun). The dates and locations of the three district Cross Country Meets (optional) are: Wednesday, April 13, 20 & 27<sup>th</sup>. If you have time to volunteer on any or all of these days, please let Mrs. Matthews know at the office or email: [mmatthews@sd63.bc.ca](mailto:mmatthews@sd63.bc.ca)

**Primary Noon Hour Games:** Our “Primary Noonhour Games” are now finished for this season. We had a super turnout in the gym each week since the beginning of January! All participants had fun and got lots of exercise. Mme Boltrès Coordinator

**Primary Choir:** Since January our Primary Choir has met each week at lunchtime. To end our season the Primary Choir will be putting on a mini-performance in our school's multi-purpose room on Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:05 p.m. Parents are welcome to attend. Mme Boltrès and Mr. Bocking.

**Kid Fit and Mindful Stretching continues.....**

**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***

## *LIBRARY NEWS*

- ✓ **Thank you KHASA for funding our upcoming Author Visits;** scheduled for March 4<sup>th</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ **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.
- ✓ **Thank you to students, parents/guardians and staff** for supporting the English / French Scholastic Book Fair last month. Also, a big thank you to those that volunteered their time; we couldn't have done it without you.....
- ✓ **Family Read-in** scheduled for Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> – 8:50 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

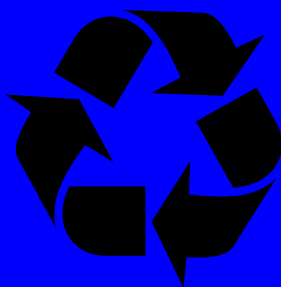


***KHASA GENERAL MEETING***  
*Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>*  
*7 p.m. - MPR*

# **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'.*

**THANK YOU**



## *IMMERSION ASSEMBLY*

### *FRENCH CERTIFICATE OF MÉRITE OR CERTIFICATE D'EXCELLENCE*

As part of the monthly French Immersion Assembly, the following students were recently awarded Certificats de Mérite or Certificate d'excellence to recognize their French speaking abilities:

**Div. 2; M. Parent / Mme Pike**

Kaiko McCaig  
Katherine Ball  
Brianna Friedlander

**Div. 004; Mme Nicolson /Mme Pinder**

Sabrina Hundle  
Jacob Hilderman  
Gavin England

**Div. 005; Mme Heron / Mme Alford**

Breeze Gladwin  
Sierra Newlove  
Claire Windels  
Aislinn Hill

**Div. 007; Mme Gautrais**

Brooklyn Filipovic  
Jessie Lindahl  
Wyatt Ritch

**Div. 008; M. Fraser**

Taegen Larvin  
Breannah Bugslag

**Div. 11; Mme Boltres**

Nanha Gandhi  
Josephine Mills

**Div. 012; Mme Cuthill**

Courtney Cooper  
Kelsey Huitika  
Matthew Campo  
Maddox Ainey

**Div. 014; Mme Barber**

Logan Smith  
Tyson Alain  
Owen McIver

**Div. 015; Mme Johnson**

Jayson Lindahl  
Kennadie Friedlander  
Vanya Verenitch

**Div. 017; Mme Gartrell Yeo**

Finlay Walker-Cutt  
Gabrielle Landgraf

**Div. 018; Mme deBoer**

Brianna Davies  
Andrew Spencer



## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Keating Out of School Care (KOSC) Registration for Spring Break** began on February 17<sup>th</sup>. New members welcome! Program Manager, Markus Anastasiades  
 Website: [www.keatingoutofschoolcare.com](http://www.keatingoutofschoolcare.com) e-mail: [kosckids@telus.net](mailto:kosckids@telus.net)

**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](mailto:d1mvictoria@shaw.ca)

### Central Saanich Little League 2011 Registration Dates

March 3<sup>rd</sup> 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Clubhouse: 1836 Hovey Rd., Centennial Park  
 Registration forms can be downloaded at [www.cslittleleague.com/registration](http://www.cslittleleague.com/registration)

**Art Camp** – during Spring Break (march 21-25) an Art Camp is being offered at the Mary Winspear Center in Sidney, for kids aged 8-14 years. There is a second art class, *Pop into Painting*, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from April 5-18<sup>th</sup> from 7 – 9 p.m. Go to [www.marywinspear.ca](http://www.marywinspear.ca) for additional info on courses and registration

**Peninsula Track & Field:** Does your child like to run, jump and throw? If so, Track & Field is the perfect sport! The spring season begins on Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. Practices for athletes in grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 (born in 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002) will take place at the track beside Parkland High School on Mondays and Wednesday from 5-6 p.m. Starting on Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. After Spring Break the practices will be extended until 6:30 p.m. Athletes will be introduced to many track and field events such as long jump, high jump, hurdles, shot-put, discus, javelin and many different running distances (including sprints and middle distance). Registration will take place during practice on Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> will also be an open house for new athletes to come to the track, meet the coaches and try out the events, then they can register on Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, if they are interested in joining the club. We also have an introductory program, Track Rascals, for youngsters born in 2003, 2004 and 2005. This program runs twice weekly for the month of April only and is a fun orientation to track and field. Please call Karen at 250-655-4981 for more information or call Lesley at 250-656-5660 for registration information.

### ESSO FUN HOCKEY DAY; FREE FOR GIRLS AGE 5-17

Peninsula Minor Hockey is hosting a free ESSO FUN day open to all girls ages 5-17. This is a great opportunity to come out and try Canada's Sport in a fun and non-competitive manner with no experience necessary!

Panorama Recreation Centre – Arena B  
 Sunday, April 3, 2011 3:00-5:00 p.m.

To register for this FREE session or to get more information contact: Marisa Snowden, Director of Female Hockey, PMHA [marisasnowden@shaw.ca](mailto:marisasnowden@shaw.ca)

Equipment required: CSA approved helmet with full face mask, gloves, neck guard, elbow pads, knee/shin pads, skates and stick. Borrow from a friend if you can! Space is limited so register soon. Hope to see you there!

