



ÉCOLE KEATING SCHOOL

May 2011 Monthly Newsletter

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ADMINISTRATION

Dear Parents / Guardians;

Congratulations to our students for their enthusiastic involvement in Cross Country this year and to the many staff and parent volunteers that made this year such a success.

We are definitely into the May cycle of events – very busy with clubs, field trips, academic learning and, with the extended daylight hours, the many other activities that students and families are committed to. I have been reminding all to focus on finishing off a great school year and giving our best.

As we plan ahead to next year, I remind 10-11 parents of the student placement process for 11-12 classes and the form that can be picked up at the office (due back to the office by Friday, June 3rd). 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.

Respectfully,

M. Notte

Mark Notte
Principal



KEATING VISION STATEMENT

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

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.



UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE

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| May 5 th | Whole School Photo 10:30 a.m. |
| May 5 th | Class Photo's (scheduled throughout the day) |
| May 6 th | Family Read-in 8:50 a.m. |
| May 6 th | Popcorn Sale: 11:05 a.m. / MPR |
| May 6 th | Music-Aid; Featuring: <i>The Archers</i> The Mary Winspear 7:00 p.m. |
| May 8 th | Mother's Day |
| May 9 th | CPF Monthly Meeting; 6:30 p.m. MPR |
| May 9 th | Non Instructional Day – no school for students |
| May 10 th | Fruit & Veggie Program (sliced apples) |
| May 11 th | No Waste Wednesday |
| May 12 th | KHASA Annual General Meeting 7 p.m. / MPR |
| May 16 th &17 th | Bike Rodeo; Grade 3's (details will be sent home later this week) |
| May 16 th | Patrollers; Ice Cream Sundae Celebration; 11:30 a.m. |
| May 18 th | Grade 5 Parent Evening; Bayside MPR 7 p.m. |
| May 19 th | French Immersion Assembly; 9:40 a.m. Gym |
| May 23 rd | Victoria Day Holiday; school closed |
| May 25 th | Staff Appreciation Luncheon; 11:05 – 12:05 p.m. |
| May 26 th | Bonjour, Bonne Nuit; 6:15 – 7 p.m. |
| May 27 th | Hot Lunch |
| May 31 st | Fruit & Veggie; Cherry Tomatoes |
| June 1 st | Parent Appreciation Day |
| June 1 st | No Waste Wednesday |
| June 2 nd | Keating Family Dance; 6:30 – 8 p.m. / Gym |
| June 4 th | KHASA Car Rally (info attached) |
| June 7 th | Kindergarten Orientation (new K's) Session #1; 12:15 – 1:15 p.m. Session #2; 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. |
| June 7 th | District Field Meet; Keating (time to be confirmed) |
| June 8 th | No Waste Wednesday |
| June 8 th | High Jump Meet; Kelset Elementary 3:15 – 4:30 p.m. |
| June 9 th | Track Meet; U-Vic 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. |
| June 10 th | Family Read-in; 8:50 a.m. |
| June 10 th | KHASA Bulk School Supply Order form deadline |
| June 13 th | CPF Monthly Meeting; 6:30 p.m. / MPR |
| June 15 th | No Waste Wednesday |
| June 17 th | Hot Lunch Day |
| June 21 st | Fun Swim; Grade 3,4,5's – Panorama |
| June 22 nd | No Waste Wednesday |
| June 23 rd | Grade 5 Assembly; 10:30 – 11:05 a.m. / Gym |
| June 24 th | Grade 5 Activity (time to be confirmed) |
| June 27 th | Whole School Fun Day; 9 – 11 a.m. |
| June 28 th | Whole School; Year-end Assembly 10 a.m. |
| June 29 th | No Waste Wednesday |
| June 29 th | Report Cards Issued |
| June 29 th | Last Day for Students |
| June 30 th | Admin Day |

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.

Form is available outside the office and is due back to the office by Friday, June 3rd

Letters and informal notes will not be accepted. 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**. For more information, phone 250.652-7300.

Are you moving? We have begun our planning for the 2011/2012 year. It is very important in the planning process to know student numbers to be as accurate as possible. If you know that your child will not be attending Keating or Bayside Middle School next year, please send a note to the office or phone the school office 250.652.9261.

Demographic Information: 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.

Lost & Found: The school lost & found is starting to overflow. Is your child missing a jacket or sweater?? The lost & found is located in the foyer outside the gym. Small items are located at the school office.

School Supply Order forms will be sent home with all K-4 students next week. If you choice to purchase your child's school supplies through KHASA's bulk order for the 2011/12 school year, please return order form along with payment to the school office by Friday, June 10th. Delivery of supplies will be the first week of school.

Whole School, Class Photo and Grade 5 Photo is **this Thursday**. Individual classes are scheduled throughout the day. Whole school photo is scheduled for 10:20 a.m. and grade 5's are scheduled to have a group photo at 2:15 p.m. All students will receive a free class photo and whole school photo's can be purchased for \$10.00. Extra forms for ordering a whole school photo are available outside the school office.

2011-2012 School Bus Registration Form; Attached is a 2011-12 School Bus Registration Form. Please return this registration form with payment to the school board office or the school office. To guarantee routes and available seating, early registration is encouraged.

Check out Keating's website: Website contains; calendar, forms, newsletters, links and more.

Keating Website: <http://keatingsd63.bc.ca/>

SAANICH CORE VALUES

Compassion, Fairness, Honesty, Responsibility, Respect

PARKING LOT REMINDERS

- ✓ Please remember that the drop off / pick up area is for quick loading and unloading **ONLY**. If you need extra time with your children before they leave your vehicle, please use another appropriate parking area, such as the lower parking lot. After school, if you do not see your child waiting for you, please move out of the pick up lane and either park in an appropriate spot or return to the pick up area in a few minutes.
- ✓ Remember... 'No Idling'
- ✓ All 'Staff' parking spots have been assigned to Keating staff members. Please use 'Visitor' parking spots or the lower parking lot when visiting Keating.
- ✓ Avoid stopping your vehicle along the yellow line just past the drop-off zone.
- ✓ Avoid stopping in the thru lane; pull over into the drop off / pick up area for loading and unloading.
- ✓ Avoid reversing your vehicle in the drop-off lane; wait for the vehicle in front to leave if you do not have space to get out.
- ✓ Have your child exit your vehicle on the right hand side only when at the drop-off zone.
- ✓ Avoid double parking.
- ✓ Use designated crosswalks.

CROSSING GUARDS

Attention to all next year's Grade 4's and 5's and their parents / guardians! A notice was sent home a couple of weeks ago regarding interest in joining next year's Crossing Guard program. This program is a very important safety feature of Keating School and I encourage those families of 2011/12 Grade 4 and 5 students to discuss the notice and consider being a part of next year's team. This year's dedicated crew have done a wonderful job in all sorts of weather, both before and after school helping our Keating community navigate the roads around our school safely. I encourage the current Grade 4's to continue in their leadership roles next year as Grade 5 guards – you can help me train the newbies!---and invite all those current Grade 3's and their parents who may be interested to please fill out the form and come to the June training session (date and time TBA). Should you decide to participate next year, you can confirm your commitment to the program in more detail at that time.

Though it is a small weekly time commitment, we need a “cast of thousands” to keep it running smoothly. We need a minimum of 40 students, spread over a total of 10 shifts per week (NB: each student and/or parent only does **one** 1/2-hour shift per week). We also require adequate parental supervision for this program to be able to run at all: at least 25 to 30 parents who can volunteer 1/2-hour of their time once a week to help the student guards. PLEASE consider taking a volunteer position in this important program, fill out those forms and return them to the front office!

I look forward to another successful year next year, but I can not do it with **your** help.

Thank you!



Gillian England
Crossing Guard Co-ordinator

KEATING CROSS COUNTRY TEAM



What a great Cross Country season we had this year! For the past five weeks 190 students have been out running twice a week through the neighborhoods adjacent to our school. As well, many participated in the two district meets, displaying excellent sportsmanship and setting several personal bests.

Our Grade 2 Mini Meet was very exciting! 60 grade 2 runners completed the 1 km course and finished amongst the cheers of their grades 3-5 teammates and dozens of parents.

Thank you to all the parents who came out and supported our team by supervising crosswalks and running with our group. We could not have done this without you! A very special thank you to Mrs. Matthews who took on the job of parent coordinator. Without her organizational skills we would not have been able to run our routes safely! We appreciate your dedication to our club!

Thanks also to Mrs. Lee, Mr. Kachmar and Mme Gartrell Yeo for giving so much time and energy to the club.

We are looking forward to another great season of running next year.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Mrs. Lee

Thanks Mrs. Lee for your energy and enthusiasm. We appreciate all you have done to keep our school moving.



TRACK & FIELD IS HERE....

A sign-up meeting will take place next week for grades 3, 4 and 5's who are interested in Track & Field. This year we are having an introduction to all the running events and jumping events for all the children, so that all the students know what each event is. The following events are available for students to participate in:

- ✓ **Track events**
 - ✓ 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m (Grade 4/5's only) and Relays
- ✓ **Field Events**
 - ✓ Long Jump, Ball Throw, High Jump (Grade 4/5's only)

Grade group practices will begin next week for those students who wish to participate in the final track meet. More info on practice times will be coming home soon!

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

District Field Meet

Tuesday, June 7th afternoon @ Keating Elementary (exact time to be confirmed)

High Jump Meet

Wednesday, June 8th @ Kelset Elementary Time: 3:15 – 4:30 p.m.

District Track Meet

Thursday, June 9th 9:30 a.m. start @ U-Vic / Centennial Stadium

UPDATES FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

POPCORN SALE / FUNDRAISER

Division 11 (Mme Boltres & Student & Div. 12 (Mme Cuthill & Students)
are holding a **POPCORN FUNDRIASER** this Friday, May 6th, 2011

Where: MPR

Time: 11:05 a.m. - 11:35 a.m.

Cost: \$1.00 = 1 bag



for

YOUR SUPPORT!

Mme Cuthill, Mme Boltres & Students.....



- ◆ **Family Read-in** scheduled for Friday, May 6th 8:50 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.
- ◆ **Reminder that families can order French and English books from Scholastic Book Clubs** through the library, should their class no participate. Order forms are available outside the library and orders with payment (cheques only) can be dropped of just inside the library door.
- ◆ **Last Family Read-in; Friday, June 10th**



Saying Good-Bye to Our Little Coho Fry

During the month of April students from Div. 1 (Mrs. Lee) and 7 (Mme Gautrais) have completed their salmon incubation program, learning all about the Chum salmon they raised in their classrooms. In the past two weeks both classes have travelled to the streams (Shady Creek; Div. 1 / Todd Creek; Div. 7) to release their little friends into the fresh cold water of the stream where they will live for the next year before heading out to sea. This has been an interesting and valuable learning experience for all the students involved. Despite having some setbacks with our 3rd tank this year, we look forward to releasing 3 tanks of salmon fry into Shady Creek next year.



UPDATES FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

Family Dance

KHASA and Canadian Parents for French have joined together to bring to Keating an evening of fun and frolic with *Les Cornouillers* a French folk dance group that has been leading Victoria families in Quebecois traditional square dances for over 17 years.

Students have already begun to learn the dances in preparation for the event, which will coincide with a fundraiser for the Japan Relief Fund.

Where: Keating Gym
When: Thursday, June 2
Time: 6:30 – 8 p.m.
Cost: Entry by donation – all proceeds to Japan Relief Fund
Fundraiser: T-shirts and water will be on sale with all proceeds to the Japan Relief fundraiser
Food: Les Cornouillers will be selling sugar pie at \$2.50 a slice
Wear: Comfortable clothing and shoes for dancing

RSVP forms will be coming out later in the month

Willow Elementary School parent testimonial:

“It's the most fun we've ever had as a family with our school community.”

Mark this date on your calendars now. It is sure to be great fun, for the whole family.

FRENCH IMMERSION ASSEMBLY FRENCH CERTIFICATE OF MERITE

As part of our last French Immersion Assembly, the following students were awarded a Certificate of Merit to recognize their French speaking abilities:

Div. 2 / M. Parent / Mme Pike

Christopher Combiadakis, Logan Speirs, Lehna Baker, Ben Gorman, Alexis Wallace

Div. 4 / Mme Nicolson / Mme Hinds

Torin Lightbody, William Beauvais, Cali Hutchinson, Joseph Anderssen

Div. 5 / Mme Heron / Mme Hinds / Ms. Alford

Abby Ellison, Maeve Tamboline, Erik McKelvey, Ellen Pazder

Div. 7 / Mme Gautrais

Parker Lyne, Benjamin Winkel

Div. 8 / M. Fraser

Erin Bazin, Nick Griffiths

Div. 11 / Mme Boltres

Nicholas Steinbring

Div. 12 / Mme Cuthill

Devan Demarchi, Johnathan Nakata, Julia Watson, Tenney Glynn

Div. 14 / Mme Barber

Ethan Klingsch, Kyersten Passalacqua, Sage Miles

Div. 15 / Mme Johnson

Payton Cameron, Catriona McAleer, Delaney Demmy

Div. 17 / Mme Gartrell Yeo

Aiden Fowle, Maria Hatzilaskaris, Shaine Hartley

Div. 18 / Mme deBoer

Shymal Brooks, Molly Prouse

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Summer Registration for new families begins on Tuesday, May 10th @ 7 a.m. Please see website for more details:
Website: www.keatingoutofschoolcare.com e-mail: kosckids@telus.net Phone Number: 250.652.5546

Music-Aid May 6th – 7 p.m. @ The Mary Winspear; All proceeds benefit music education in School District 63!
<http://www.facebook.com/theachersband>

The Saanichton 10th Tsartlip Beavers (K-Gr. 2) and Cubs (Gr.3-5) are holding their Spring registration for Sept. 2011 on Tuesday, May 24th from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. At Saanichton school field (1649 Mt. Newton Cross Road). The Beaver program emphasizes having fun while helping children learn basic social skills and gain self confidence. The Beaver program is built around a lively variety of games, crafts, music, storytelling, playacting, social interaction and the outdoors designed to encourage cooperating and teamwork. Cubbing is built around a lively variety of games, crafts, music, storytelling, play acting, social interaction with an emphasis on outdoor activities. The Cub program focuses around six activity areas that are designed to help guide their personal development as well as reward their effort with badges and awards. For more information, please contact Carolyn Moeller at 250.655.0210. We look forward to meeting you!

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

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), RacquetSports, Soccer, Multi sport 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!

Summer Camps at Camp Barnard; Wilderness Adventure Summer Camps for boys & Girls ages 9-12 Spaces are limited so register early to avoid disappointment. For more information visit: www.victoriascouts.ca and www.adventurecamps.ca In person contact Kay Smith 250.384.3494 or summercampreg@victoriascouts.ca

Studio 63 – Saanich Teaching Salon: Saanich School District has a new Apprenticeship program in Hair Design. Students from all 5 high schools, Claremont, ILC, Parkland, SIDES and Stelly's are becoming Hair Stylists. Studio 63 provides a full range of services and are instructor supervised.

Enjoy the Salon experience at very reasonable prices.

The Studio is open Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons 12-4 p.m. and all day on Thursday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Located in Saanichton Learning Centre 1649 Mt Newton Cross Road Phone number: 250.658.5381

Come and Support the Saanich Students on their journey to Hair Design Excellence.

Summer Learning Program from the READ Society

Week-long clubs offered from 9 a.m. To 12 p.m. Throughout July and August

Club membership is open to children entering Grades 2, 3 and 4

Club fee: \$125 (per week). Some funding is available for children from low-income households.

Call; 250.388.7225 More information at www.readsociety.bc.ca

BCSPCA Summer Camps for Kids: For more information contact Rachel at 250.686.1581, revans@spca.bc.ca or go to spca.bc.ca/camp

SUPPORT JAPAN 2011
THE VICTORIA JAPANESE COMMUNITY
INVITE YOU TO A
JAPANESE CHILDREN'S DAY FESTIVAL

University Heights Mall

Saturday, May 7th, 2011

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Free Admission

Japanese cultural children performances including song, dance and story telling.

Ever considered becoming a
HOST FAMILY for an INTERNATIONAL STUDENT?

The Homestay Group is currently interviewing families to host students from Asia who will attend Stelly's Secondary 2011/12. The International Student Program of the Saanich School District is growing fast and we are looking for more host families to ensure the continued success of the home stay portion of this program. The students range in age from 13-18 years old, and arrive with the goal to graduate in BC. Hosting period is 5-10 months. Reimbursement to families is \$800.00 per month. If you would like more information, please contact Michelle Harris at michellehomestaygroup.ca, or telephone 250.385.0583. Web-site: www.homestaygroup.ca



Mother's Day

Sunday, May 8th