



KEATING SCHOOL

December 2010

Telephone: 250.652.9261 Fax: 250.652.2094

Call Back / Attendance Line: 250.652.1312

School e-mail: keating_elem@sd63.bc.ca

District Website: www.sd63.bc.ca

School Website: <http://keating.sd63.bc.ca>

KHASA Website: www.khasa.ca

ADMINISTRATION

Dear Parents / Guardians of Keating Students:

The first term has come and gone very rapidly and as December unfolds, please note the calendar for upcoming items. Due to the holidays, this is a short but very active and busy month. Charitable causes supported by students, families and staff, Christmas crafts and sing-a-longs, field trips and special performances, as well as very active classroom learning make this a fun and productive time for all. Watch the calendar carefully as December is chocker block full.

Teachers are very busy with report card processes at this time and reports should be arriving home no later than December 10th.

Upon reflection of the past three months, your children have provided you and us with many joyful encounters and examples of awesome citizenship. As well, we are thankful for your ongoing support of our school and its programs. Your involvement does make a huge difference.

On behalf of Keating Staff and Administration, please have a restful and Very Merry Christmas Season and a Happy New Year. Joyeux Noël et Bonne année a tous.

Sincerely,

M. Notte

Mr. Mark Notte
Principal

Keating Renovations & Building Upgrades

With the Ministry's final approval of funds for building upgrades to both Brentwood and Keating Elementary, and the tender due to close on December 2, 2010 we can anticipate seeing a flurry of construction activity beginning in the New Year, perhaps even just prior to the holidays. 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.

The time line to begin is rapidly approaching. We ask you to be aware, cautious, patient, and mindful of changes that will occur as we adjust during the phases of construction.



DATES TO NOTE

Dec. 1 st	Newsletter to be <i>e-mailed</i>
Dec. 6-10 th	Reporting Period
Dec. 6-14 th	Hamper Collection
Dec. 7 th	Winter Family Projects due (stage)
Dec. 7 th	Swim Club: CWP 3:15 p.m.
Dec. 9 th	Door Tours / Gym Tour of Globes
Dec. 10 th	Hot Lunch
Dec. 10 th	Hot Lunch Forms due (Forms: Jan./Feb./March)
Dec. 10 th	Poinsettia Pick-up; 11 a.m. – 3 pm / Room 5
Dec. 14 th	Fruit & Veggie Day; Mandarin Oranges
Dec. 14 th	Swim Club: CWP 3:15 p.m.
Dec. 15 th	Jingle Bell Run: 10:35 a.m.
Dec. 16 th	French Immersion Assembly: 9:10 a.m.
Dec. 16 th	KHASA Movie Night (time to be determined)
Dec. 17 th	Fun Day; Theme 'Wear Red &/or Green' Day
Dec. 17 th	Assembly; 10:15 a.m.
Dec. 17 th	Last Day of School
Dec. 20-Jan. 3 rd	Christmas Break
Jan. 4 th	School Re-Opens
Feb. 18 th	Non-Instructional Day

FUN DAY

THEME: *Wear Red &/or Green to School*

on

Friday, December 17th

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

- ◆ Keating's Monthly Newsletter is published on the first Wednesday of each month. The newsletter is sent home electronically, posted on our website at <http://keating.sd63.bc.ca> and as well is posted on the KHASA website www.khasa.ca. Paper copies of the monthly newsletter are available outside the school office.
- ◆ To ensure all **demographic information** for your child(ren) is up-to-date, reminder to please let the office know if your child(ren) have a change in address, phone number, contact information and / or e-mail address.
- ◆ **Lost & Found:** The Lost & Found is **VERY FULL (located in the foyer outside the school gym)**. Please take a moment to check out the Lost & Found to see if any of these items belong to your child(ren). Small items; jewelry, toys, etc are kept in a box at the office. All unclaimed items will be sent to charity on Monday, December 13th.

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. To request a letter you can either;

- ✓ stop by the school office
- ✓ e-mail the office (mmatthews@sd63.bc.ca) or
- ✓ phone the office (250.652.9261)



**PRESENTATION
LICHENS AND THE PLANTS OF
CHRISTMAS**

On December 13th Division 10 (Ms. Brochu), Div. 11 (Mme Boltres), Div. 12 (Mme Cuthill) and Div. 9 (Mrs. Erdem) will be welcoming an expert to give our students a presentation on "Lichens and the Plants of Christmas." This is possible as a result of a grant from Science World in Vancouver as part of their community outreach program. Mr. Andy McKinnon a research ecologist from the Ministry of Forests and Range will also be talking to the students about his career in science. This special presentation will be a wonderful opportunity for our students. Thank you Science World!

BADMINTON



This month all Keating students will receive badminton instruction by skilled coaches. Badminton BC head Coach, Jeremy Cote (Mrs. Lee's nephew) will be spending four days at Keating teaching all students from K-5 the fundamental skills in badminton.

**STARTING UP
IN THE NEW YEAR.....**

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 on Tuesday, January 11th and then each Tuesday until Spring Break. All welcome to join us!

Choir leaders: Mme Boltres, Ms. Brochu and Mr. Bocking.

Primary Noon Hour Games for grade one and two students will be starting on Wednesday, January 5th in the gym and each Wednesday until the end of February. The games will vary each week. All grade one's and two's welcome! Coordinator: Mme Boltrès

SWIM CLUB

On Tuesday, December 14th Swim Club will meet at the regular time. This is the last Swim Club day for 2010; watch your e-mail for more swim club updates. Regular Swim Club resumes Tuesday, January 4th.

Upcoming FAST Meet: Dec. 5th 10:30 – 1:30 p.m. If your child is interested in attending, email Mme Pinder at mpinder@sd63.bc.ca by 3 p.m. Friday, December 2nd.

We would like to thank Mme Pinder, Mme Nicolson, Mme Johnson, and Alexis Bryant (Bayside student) for volunteering their time for Swim Club.

**JINGLE BELL FUN RUN
Wednesday, December 15th - 10:35 a.m.**

To celebrate the Christmas season and to promote physical fitness at Keating School Mrs. Lee has organized a 'Jingle Bell Fun Run' for Wednesday, December 15^h at 10:35 a.m. Every student in the school will get a jingle bell to wear as a bracelet while running the course. Children are encouraged to dress up for the run in their Santa hats, reindeer antlers or any other 'Christmassy' apparel they can find or make! Parents are welcome. The course will be set around the school and students will be permitted to complete up to three laps. A small draw prize will be given to one student from each division. Thank you Mrs. Lee for your enthusiasm and helping to keep Keating School students fit!!

CANSPELL & THE BEE

On Monday, December 6th all Grade 4 and 5 students are invited to a Canspell Meeting during lunch hour activity time in Mme Pinder's classroom. At this time students will play some word games, talk about how the spelling bee works and generate some interest so that students who want to sign up for the spelling bee will be able to start practicing. The 5th Annual Canspell Keating Spelling Bee will be the week of January 17th (date to be confirmed). Look for more information in the new year.



**FRENCH CERTIFICATE de MERITE
or CERTIFICATE D'EXCELLENCE**

As part of the monthly French Immersion Assembly, 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

Kaelynn Lindahl, Katharine Yeo, Christina Compton

Div. 004; Mme Nicolson / Mme Pinder

Nathan Spencer, Elise Giesbrecht, Catrina Moyes, Joshua Lau

Div. 005; Mme Heron / Mme Alford

Sydney Struck, Jack Groves, Megan Moyes, Bailey Pepper

Div. 007; Mme Gautrais

Liam Ayres, Benjamin Cunningham

Div. 008; M. Fraser

Allayna Frelick, Finn Robbins

Div. 011; Mme Boltres

Lukas Zeisberger, Graeme Garvie

Div. 012; Mme Cuthill

Eden Hyldig, Robson Scott, Julia Watson, Devan Demarchi

Div. 014; Mme Barber

Sophia Teghtmeyer, Cohan Lyne, Sabine Worsfold

Div. 015; Mme Johnson

Anna Hyldig, Sam Lord, Nolan Bishop, Sophia Rebneris

Div. 017; Mme Gartrell Yeo

Jaida Lewis, Ashton Johnston

Div. 018; Mme deBoer

Isabel Miller, Riley Newlove



SAANICH CORE VALUES

Compassion
Fairness
Honesty
Responsibility
Respect

**KEATING WINTER FUN
PROJECT**

One giant snow globe shape was sent home with each family. The decorated snow globes will be displayed on the gym walls throughout December for the entire school community to enjoy! Return your completed projects between December 1st and 8th. Drop off is in the gym on the stage. (extra globes are available at the school office).

HOT LUNCH FORMS

Hot Lunch Forms for January, February, March 2011 were sent home with students last week. Deadline for order forms is **Friday, December 10th**. (extra forms available outside the school office)

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OUR HOT LUNCH VOLUNTEERS!!!!

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

The family wish lists for the Keating Holiday Hampers for Families Program have arrived. Through this program, we will be helping 8 families from the Saanich Peninsula! Watch for announcements from your classroom hamper rep (if your class is participating) for next steps. There will also be a school-wide hamper so that any family can participate, even if you don't have a hamper in your class. You can check the school-wide family wish list and donate your item to the box outside the school office.

Not sure what to contribute?

Gift certificates are a great general item that is appreciated by all!! Bring your donations by Tuesday, December 14th and help us wrap and deliver on Wednesday. Any questions?

Contact Helen Kobrc – hkobrc@uvic.ca



COMMUNITY NEWS

IEOA Truck Light Parade & Food Drive Saturday, December 4th

- 5:45 p.m. Convoy leaves Ogden Point
- 6:30 p.m. Arrives at Oak Bay Village
- 7 p.m. Arrives at Yates & Douglas
- 7:30 p.m. Arrives at Helmcken &
Trans Canada Overpass
- 8:15 p.m. Arrives at Western speedway

**PLEASE NOTE THAT TIMES
ARE APPROXIMATE**

Trucks are not able to pick up food on route.
Additional information regarding
designated food donation locations and
a complete route map.

www.icoa.ca

CLOVERBUD INFORMATION NIGHT Monday, December 13th; 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Want to know what Cloverbuds is all about?
Would you like to come and ask questions
and meet our leaders? Would you like to see
some examples of what Cloverbuds do? Then
come and drop in at the Saanich Fairgrounds
(Willow Building)

Cloverbuds is a great activity for children 6-8
years old. We have meetings about once a
month where we learn about the various
projects offered in 4-H (swine, clothing,
horse, sheep, dogs and more!). We also learn
about the various communication skills that 4-
H offers, such as public speaking and poster
making. We will also be following the 4-H
pledge and helping out our communities and
beyond by offering out hands to “larger
service”. If you need more information or
have any questions, please call Holly Johnson
@ 250.514.6904

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
the 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

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

KEATING OUT OF SCHOOL CARE

Christmas Camp Registration begins on
Monday, November 8th. KOSC will be open
December 20th - 24th and 29th – 31st. Please
email or drop by for a copy of the activities
planned.

kosckids@telus.net
250.652.5546

CONGRATULATIONS

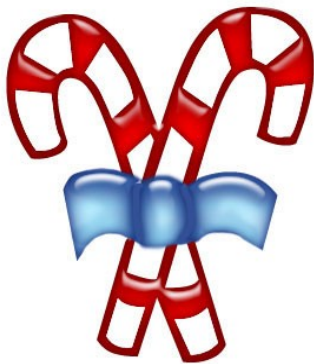
*to our
Elected 2010 / 2011
School Planning Council (SPC)
Sheila Ayres, Tracy Zeisberger
& Andrew Bowler.*

If you want to know anything that is going
on with the SPC, please check with one of
these individuals



EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURE

The emergency closing of a school is a rare occurrence; nevertheless, circumstances such as a heavy snowfall or an extended power failure can demand that such a decision be made by the Superintendent. If such a closure is necessary and the decision is made before buses are sent out for the day, local radio stations will be informed (CFAX AM, The Ocean FM, The Q FM, CBC Radio FM and KOOL FM). Note: no announcement means schools and busing are open as usual. If a decision is made while school is in session, the media will also be informed, and students will be permitted to leave school as per the notices sent home earlier this year. We know that independent of any decision to close for a day, there may be times when communication is disrupted to a school, such as in a power outage. If that is the case, we thank you for your patience for your trust that your child is being well look after.



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**

WORD OF THE MONTH

'HOLIDAY'

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**

