



ÉCOLE KEATING SCHOOL

November 2011 Monthly Newsletter

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ADMINISTRATION

Dear Parents / Guardians and Keating Community;

The excitement of October events has passed and we are focusing our attention on preparing for our Remembrance Day Assembly on November 10th. Guests are welcome to join us for this special Remembrance Assembly, which will be held in the gym at 10 a.m.

As you are likely aware, the rules established by the Labour Relations Board in regard to phase one job action by the BC Teachers Federation include that teachers “need not prepare or distribute report cards.” As phase one job action continues it is likely that report cards will not be prepared and distributed. That said, we are confident that teachers' communication with parents will be such that the information that would normally come on a report card will be communicated to parents in other ways. As stated in the BCTF notice *A Message from your Teacher*, which has been shared widely with parents, teachers will be teaching, preparing lessons, and assessing and evaluating our students....taking attendance (and) helping students who need assistance before and after class. In addition, teachers will contact parents to set up a meeting if there is any concern with a student and, likewise, parents can contact teachers to set up a mutually agreeable time.” It is our hope and expectation, and our experience in Saanich, that these good intentions will result in ongoing communication between teachers and parents in regard to student progress, even in the possible absence of report cards this fall. We will apprise you of any developments as we continue to respect the legal job action and put our faith in the provincial parties negotiating a new contract at the bargaining table.

Another note, parents should be aware that all road safety rules apply when transporting children during field trips. Please be reminded that cell phone use while driving is against the law.

Sincerely;

Mr. M. 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.

DATES TO NOTE

Wed., Nov. 2 nd	All Candidates Meeting: Royal Oak Middle School 7 p.m. / MPR
Thurs., Nov. 3 rd	Bonjour, Bonne Nuit; Kindergarten & Grade 1 FI Students 6:15 – 7 p.m. @ Keating Elementary / Library
Thurs., Nov. 3 rd	Keating's Bottle Return Project Drop-off (front covered area) 8:15 – 9 a.m. & 2:15 – 3 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 4 th	Burn Off Candy Run 10:30 a.m.
Tues., Nov. 8 th	UNICEF Fundraiser; Popcorn Sale (during lunch hour)
Wed., Nov. 9 th	Patrol Pizza Luncheon 11:30 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. / MPR
Wed., Nov. 9 th	Annual Parent Involvement Meeting; Royal Oak Middle School 7 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 9 th	Poinsettia Order pick-up; KHASA Corner 10 – 3 p.m.
Thurs., Nov. 10 th	Remembrance Day Assembly; 10 a.m. / Gym
Fri., Nov. 11 th	Remembrance Day
Sun., Nov. 13 th	F.A.S.T. Meet #1 CWP; 10 – 1 p.m.
Mon., Nov. 14 th	Non Instructional Day
Tues., Nov. 15 th	Fruit & Veggie Day; Mixed Organic Apples
Tues., Nov. 15 th	CPF Monthly Meeting 7 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 16 th	Floor Hockey; Gr. 4s vs Central Saanich Police 11:05 – 11:40 a.m.
Wed., Nov. 16 th	Poinsettia deadline for orders
Wed., Nov. 16 th	School Board Meeting; 7 p.m. (board office)
Thurs., Nov. 17 th	KHASA Education Evening 7 p.m.
Tues., Nov. 22 nd	Floor Hockey; Gr. 5s vs Central Saanich Police 11:05 – 11:40 a.m.
Wed., Nov. 23 rd	French Immersion Assembly 9 a.m. / Gym
Fri., Nov. 25 th	Hot Lunch
Sat., Nov. 26 th	Celebration of Life; Marilyn Pinder Mary Winspear; 1 – 3 p.m.
Tues., Nov. 29 th	Fruit & Veggie Program; Mandarin Oranges
Sun., Dec. 4 th	F.A.S.T. Meet #2 CWP; 11 – 2 p.m.
Wed., Dec. 7 th	Monthly Newsletters sent electronically
Fri., Dec. 9 th	Hot Lunch
Wed., Dec. 14 th	Jingle Bell Run
Thurs., Dec. 15 th	KHASA Movie Night
Mon., Dec. 19 – Mon., Jan. 2	Winter Break
Tues., Jan. 3 rd	School Re-opens

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.

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Nicole: 250.652.3983 mnbains@shaw.ca

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Kevin: 250.858.5755 ksbunting@shaw.ca

FROM THE OFFICE

Visitors to the school: 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.

Criminal Record Checks (CRC) are required for volunteers who have potential unsupervised access to students i.e. driving to and from field trips CRCs are valid for 2 years. Parents can obtain a letter from the school office that will allow them to obtain a CRC with NO fee (this letter can be requested by email, phone call or by stopping by the school office). Generally, your classroom teacher will let you know if a CRC is required.

Lost & Found: Every year we have a phenomenal amount of clothes, glasses, shoes, water bottles, keys, etc. which collect in the Lost & found. Please ensure that everything your child(ren) brings to Keating is clearly marked with their name. Our Lost & Found for clothing is located in the foyer by the gym and smaller items are kept at the office.

Student photos were taken at Keating in September and Retakes were taken in October. All families should have received a proof package. Proofs for retakes should be coming home shortly. Order envelopes can be dropped in the classroom form box or to the form box located outside the school office.

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

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

KEATING CALL BACK / SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

250.652.1312 or email: keatingabsence@sd63.bc.ca

Please be sure to call the "Call Back" line to report absences and lates or to let us know that your child will be late. Our "Call Back" message machine is on 24-hours a day—call any time during the night or early morning to report your child's absence. Parents are asked to call the Attendance Alert line at 250-652-1312 to report absences and lates or email keatingabsence@sd63.bc.ca If phoning after 9 a.m., please phone the school office at 250-652-9261.



**THANK YOU TO ALL THE PARENTS WHO VOLUNTEER FOR THE SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM.
YOUR VOLUNTEER TIME HELPS TO ENSURE THAT ALL KEATING STUDENTS ARE SAFE.**

EMERGENCY CORNER

How would you react in an emergency?

The other week I received a phone call from my oldest child's teacher. She wanted to know if I could pick up my boys from school. I asked for more details in regards to the problem and she said that a cougar was spotted in the area and as per school safety protocols the children could not leave without an adult, ideally with a vehicle. Due to circumstances I could not pick them up. I asked her not to call my wife as she would panic at work. Long story short, another parent who I didn't know very well was willing to drive both boys home, which was fine with me. Was I worried about my boys? No. I was annoyed with myself that I couldn't be there for them when they needed me. I was grateful to the parent who went out of her way to help those in need; which is what the Keating Community is all about. You know, that's how emergencies go. They happen when we least expect, they come at inconvenient times and people stand up and fill in the gap.

Andrew Bowler
Site Safety / Emergency Preparedness Co-ordinator (parent volunteer)

K KORNER

Helpful Tips for Healthy Kindies

A, B, Cs of Mealtime

Did you know that it can take 15-20 times offering a new food before your child will eat it! If you don't pressure your child to eat new foods, they will learn to accept them over time. This Wednesday, a handout regarding ABCs of Mealtime will come home in your Kindie's backpack. Check it out! Mme Heron would like to remind K parents to please label all food containers, as well as clothing. We appreciate your cooperation, and you'll appreciate the \$ you save! Also, parents may want to consider reusable containers for things like yogurt and apple sauce, as this allows you to put in just the right amount for your child. Saves the lunch kit too of spills from leftovers. If you have any suggestions for the *K Korner* please email Mme Heron: mheron@sd63.bc.ca

NEWS FROM OUR KINDERGARTEN CLASSES

Div. 16, 17, 18 and 19

On October 24th all the kindergarten students spent a beautiful fall day touring Oldfield Orchards and Farm. They enjoyed seeing all the animals, the apple trees, the hay ride and picking out a pumpkin at the pumpkin patch. Special thanks to KHASA for their financial support of this event and to all the families who were able to join us to help supervise.

PENINSULA STREAMS

Thank you to Keating students and families who participate since last year in raising alder seedlings. These tree's were planted on Saturday, October 22nd in Adam Kerr Park at the corner of Keating Cross Road and Central Saanich Road. A big THANK YOU TO Peninsula Streams Society for facilitating this program.

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.

CLASS REPS NEEDED

The following classes are in need of a Cass Rep and/or Class Rep Alternate.

★ Div. 003	Ms. Windle / Mrs. Porter	Class Rep & Alternate Class Rep
★ Div. 005	Mme Lopicq / Ms. Alford	Class Rep & Alternate Class Rep
★ Div. 006	Ms. Pettigrew	Alternate Class Rep
★ Div. 007	Mr. Bocking	Alternate Class Rep
★ Div. 008	Mme Gautrais	Class Rep & Alternate Class Rep
★ Div. 011	Mme Boltres	Alternate Class Rep
★ Div. 013	Ms. Hawkins / Ms. Alford	Class Rep & Alternate Class Rep
★ Div. 014	Mme Lord	Alternate Class Rep
★ Div. 016	Mrs. Harward	Class Rep & Alternate Class Rep

Details for this volunteer position may be viewed on the school website or description form is available outside the school office. If interested, please talk to your child's teacher, school office or email KHASA (khasa63@gmail.com). Thank you.

LIBRARY NEWS



We are in need of Parent Volunteers to help shelve books. Please contact Mrs. Mills if you are interested (email: amills@sd63.bc.ca) Thank you.

UNICEF POPCORN FUNDRAISER

On Tuesday, November 8th some grade 4 & 5 students at Keating have organized a UNICEF Popcorn Fundraiser. Order forms were sent home with all students today (copy attached).



To help students and parent volunteers with orders, please have your child return their order form along with loonie(s) this Friday to the form box located in their classroom. Parent volunteers are needed. If you are available to volunteer for any part of the morning on November 8th, please email Lily Yee at smartravel@shaw.ca



SWIM CLUB **GRADE 3 – 5 STUDENTS**

Swim Club for Grade 3,4 and 5 students at Keating is well underway. Swim Club takes place at the commonwealth Pool on Tuesday from 3:15 – 4 p.m. If you have not sent payment in for your child to attend Swim Club, please remember to do so over the next few days. Currently we have 64 swimmers and welcome your child if he/she would like to join. We would like to thank Mme Nicolson, Mme Cuthill & Ms Windle for volunteering their time for Swim Club. Our 1st FAST meet is on Sunday, November 13th @ 10 a.m. / CWP.

INDOOR SOCCER

We are well underway with our indoor soccer season! 56 students are enjoying practicing their skills and competing against one of our 4 in-house soccer teams. We hope to arrange a few after school games with Brentwood Elementary school during the month of November and culminate our season with an afternoon Jamboree (more information to come on that).

Thanks to our coaches; Ms. Alford, Mrs. Porter, Mars. Harward and Mrs. Lee

GRADE 4/5 ATHLETIC LEADERSHIP GROUP

Keating has formed an Athletic Leadership group this year. Student volunteers from grades four and five will have the opportunity to help with a variety of jobs within the school associated with sports and fitness. Some of these jobs will be:

- ★ Aerobic Leaders for Kidfit
- ★ Equipment room managers
- ★ Rabbits for school runs
- ★ Outdoor games leaders for for primary classes

ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

Thursday, November 10th
10 a.m.
(Gym)



REMEMBRANCE

ROOTS OF EMPATHY AT KEATING

This year we are delighted to welcome Roots of Empathy back to Keating. It is taking place in 2 classrooms. In Mme Lord's class baby Jackson is teaching us about babies, with his mother Heather Alexander and in Mme Barber's we are learning from baby Mackenzie and her mother Melanie Shoesmith.

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; these take place between now and June 2012. Each theme has a Family Visit which includes a baby. There is a classroom visit before and after each family visit.

Watch out for our babies in the school and check the bulletin board for updates.

The instructor is Linda Giles who is a retired teacher/administrator from Saanich School District and is very pleased to be back at Keating for the 4th year.

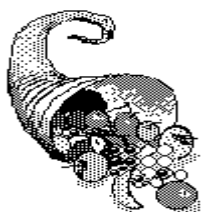
SCHOOL PLANNING COUNCIL 2011 / 2012

Congratulations to our recently elected SPC members. Mr. Andrew Bowler (returning), Mrs. Heather van Campen and Ms. Erin Lumley have been elected as Keating's School Planning Council members for the 2011 / 2012 school year. A BIG THANK YOU to Mrs. Sheila Ayres and Mrs. Tracy Zeisberger who represented the SPC in previous years.

Message from Ms. Erin Lumley.....

"Thank you to all those in the Keating School Community who participated in the KHASA election for the School Planning Council. I am happy to have been elected and I look forward to know parents' interests and children's needs and interests with respect to school planning issues. I hope to continue the good work of past council members and look forward to being a team player in every respect. As an outsider when I was deciding where to place my five year old son for school, I heard Keating School has a stellar reputation. I look forward to learning the same as an insider."

KHASA EDUCATION EVENING Thursday, November 17th 7 p.m. - Multi-Purpose Room



KEATING'S BOTTLE RETURN PROJECT

Mme Nicolson's grade 4/5 class has headed Keating's Environmental Ambassador Team for 3-4 years now with her students emptying the classroom composts biweekly and collecting recyclable beverage containers. *Jenn and The Team* have noticed a need for new composters at the school. The composters we would need cost \$400 each; we would need 2 for a school of this size. The composters will be relocated to an area on the school grounds where a concrete pad will be laid and the area fenced to serve as a secure and self-contained recycling centre as well, housing all of our Green Initiatives in one place. Mme Nicolson has found a competition through *Encorp Return It* for Elementary Schools with 1st, 2nd and 3rd cash prizes that will be matched by Encorp. Third prize alone is \$500 that would be matched which means we have a chance at winning \$1,000 to be used for Keating's Green Initiatives. We would also keep the funds raised from the bottle drive.

Thank you to KHASA for sponsoring Keating's Bottle Return Project

Bottle Drop Off
Thursday, November 3rd
8:15 – 9 a.m. & 2:15 – 3 p.m.
Front Covered Area

Thank you to families who already dropped off their bottles!



SAANICH CORE VALUES

Compassion, Fairness, Honesty, Responsibility, Respect

COMMUNITY NEWS

4th Annual Royal Oak Middle School Holiday Sales

Friday, Dec. 2nd and Saturday, Dec. 3rd

Show times are: Friday 3:30 – 6 p.m. and Saturday, 10 – 3 p.m.

4564 West Saanich Road

Artists, Artisans, Crafts, Great Food Free Parking – admission by donation

For more information and vendor forms please visit: <http://romsvic.wordpress.com>

All proceeds will go to Royal Oak Middle School PAC to enhance club, classroom activities, etc.

Peninsula Track and Field

Are you looking for a way to keep your child active during the winter months? Why not join the Cross-Country program at Peninsula Track and Field! 8-11 year olds run once a week on Friday evenings from 5-6 p.m. and more serious athletes aged 12 and up run 2 or 3 times a week (depending on their age and other commitments). In March we switch from cross-country to our track and field program which includes sprinting, middle distance running, long jump, high jump, shot put, javelin, discus and hammer. For more information, please contact Karen at 250.655.4981. You can also check us out on the web at www.pentrack.org

Boys & Girls Clubs of Canada; Parenting Without Power Struggles

This weekly program offers parents:

- ◆ the opportunity to build on the strengths of families;
- ◆ practical problem solving ideas to prepare for the transition from preteen to teen
- ◆ support from other parents that really understand;
- ◆ hope from finding out that you are not alone
- ◆ respect and confidentiality

Please contact the Boys and Girls Club Services of Greater Victoria Jan Townsend 250.384.9133 ext. 222 visit our website at: www.bgcvic.org

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 d1mvictoria@shaw.ca

