



# ÉCOLE KEATING SCHOOL

## October 2010

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KHASA Website: [www.khasa.ca](http://www.khasa.ca)



### ADMINISTRATION

Dear Parents / Guardians of Keating Students:

I am pleased to report that our students are settled in and off to an excellent start. An air of enthusiasm has filled Keating hallways. It has been a busy September, one week less of school to meet the same deadlines, and upon looking at the October calendar I can truly say “hang on;” we have lots of excitement in store for this month.

We anticipate that the weather will change but hasn't it been grand, and as we welcome the fall weather we also ask that students dress appropriately. Sweaters and jackets keep out the shivers and help to guard against the ‘cold’ season. The challenge of course will be making sure sweaters and jackets also make it home at the end of the day as the Lost & Found has a tendency to swell at this time. Please, Please encourage good sleep patterns and arrival on time to school.

I want to thank all of you for your participation in the September Open House / Dessert Evening.

Kudo's to Mrs. Gillian England and volunteers for crossing guards and morning walkers.

Sincerely,

*M. Notte*

Mr. Mark 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.*

### DATES TO NOTE

Oct. 4-8 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Prevention Week 2009
Oct. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving Day (school closed)
Oct. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Kindergarten Bus Safety
Oct. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Floor Hockey; Grade 4 students vs. Central Saanich Police (lunch hour)
Oct. 14 <sup>th</sup>	KHASA Educational Night Math Mania - 7 p.m.
Oct. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Hot Lunch
Oct. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Swim Club begins 3:15 – 4 p.m.
Oct. 20/21 <sup>st</sup>	Early Dismissal 1:30 p.m. Parent / Teacher Interviews
Oct. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Non Instructional Day <i>No School for Students</i>
Oct. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Photo Retake Day
Oct. 31 <sup>st</sup>	Halloween
Nov. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Keating / KHASA November Newsletter emailed home
Nov. 8 <sup>th</sup>	CPF Meeting; 6:30 p.m. / MPR
Nov. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Day Assembly
Nov. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Day (school closed)
Nov. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Instructional Day <i>No School for Students</i>
Nov. 18 <sup>th</sup>	KHASA General Meeting 7 p.m.
Nov. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Family Read In 8:50 – 9:15 a.m.
Nov. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Hot Lunch
Dec. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Hot Lunch
Dec. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Family Movie Night
Dec. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly
Dec. 20-	Holiday break
Jan. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
Mar. 21-25 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Break

### VISION STATEMENT

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



## **REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE**

- ◆ **Reminder to complete and return the Student Information Emergency Form, Media Consent Form, Parent Driver Form, Internet Form, Fruit & Veggie Consent Form** to your child’s teacher (attached to September Newsletter). If you require additional copies, forms are available outside the office. Please be sure to let us know of any changes in your child’s personal information *as they occur*. If the office is notified as changes take place, it ensures we have current data for your child.
- ◆ **School Office hours;** The school office is open daily from 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Visitors please sign in;** to ensure your child’s safety, please be sure to sign in at the office when you come into the school.
- ◆ **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 on Thursday, September 29th. Proofs/envelope were sent home yesterday with your child. If your child was absent on photo day, his/her photo will be taken on retake day which is scheduled for Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup> If having a retake, student is asked to return their photo proof package on retake day
- ◆ Each family was provided with a **School magnet**. If for any reason you did not receive one, there are extra's available at the office.

### **ACCIDENTS DO HAPPEN.....**

The school district does not insure expenses for student injuries that happen on school grounds or during school activities. You are responsible for these expenses as a parent or guardian. However, the school district provides the opportunity for families to voluntarily purchase private accident insurance through the Reliable Life Insurance Company. Brochures are available outside the school office and information can also be viewed on-line at [www.insuremykids.com](http://www.insuremykids.com)

## **CLASS REPS NEEDED**

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

- ✓ Div. 010 - Ms. Brochu (Class Rep & Alternate)
- ✓ Div. 015 - Mme Johnson (Class Rep & Alternate)
- ✓ Div. 006 – Bocking (Alternate Rep)
- ✓ Div. 008 - M. Fraser (Alternate Rep)
- ✓ Div. 014 - Mme Lord (Alternate Rep)
- ✓ Div. 017 - Mme Gartrell Yeo (Alternate Rep)

Details for this volunteer position may be viewed at [www.khasa.ca](http://www.khasa.ca) or description form is available outside the school office. Please let your child’s teacher know or parent Lori Beauvais ([lori.beauvais@gmail.com](mailto:lori.beauvais@gmail.com)) if you are able to volunteer. Thank you.

## **KEATING CALL BACK / SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM**

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. 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 SAVE.**



## ***LIBRARY NEWS***



We are in need of Parent Volunteers to help shelve books. Please contact Mrs. Mills if you are interested (e-mail; [amills@sd63.bc.ca](mailto:amills@sd63.bc.ca)). Thank you.

### **Family Read-ins; 8:50 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.**

- Friday, November 19
- Friday, January 28
- Friday, March 18
- Friday, May 6
- Friday, June 10



## ***SWIM CLUB GRADE 3 – 5 STUDENTS***

Keating Swim Club will begin this year's training on Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Place. Forms have been distributed to Grade 3, 4 & 5 students who expressed an interest. Students are to return this form, along with payment to the red basket outside the school office. This form noted that there would be a form attached from Pacific Coast Swimming; but as you may have noticed there was no form attached. This form will be distributed prior to October 19<sup>th</sup> to all students who have signed up for swim club.

**Cost: \$40.00**

**Time: 3:15 – 4 p.m.**

**October 19<sup>th</sup> – March 8, 2011**

### **District Swim Meet**

**Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

Approximate Time: Noon – 3 pm  
more info to follow



## ***INDOOR SOCCER***

Indoor Soccer has started this month at Keating. 45 grade 4 and 5 students are practicing their soccer skills during the lunch hours each week. Each of the three teams has a specific practice day and after school games will be arranged for each team later this month. Our Jamboree will take place in the first week of November. More information to come.

Coaches: Mrs. Lee, Mme Pike, Mme Porter, Ms. Mills

## ***TERRY FOX RUN***

On Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup> Keating students and staff participated in the Terry Fox Run on our school grounds. In total the students completed 967 laps of the school grounds. Although we didn't fundraise for this event, we were happy to be out running in Memory of Terry Fox. Mrs. Lee

## ***CPF ANNUAL MAGAZINE DRIVE***



**“Magazine make great gifts!”** CPF's annual magazine drive has begun! CPF will be in the KHASA corner to collect your magazine subscription orders on October 7, 8, 13, 14, 15 between 8:25 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. only. You may also order on line ([www.qsp.ca](http://www.qsp.ca)), using our group number 16681 and including your child's name, teacher and grade level so that these orders can be included in determining prizes. Please do not give orders to teachers, and make all cheques payable to CPF - Saanich. Thank you for your support.

***(return all order on or before October 15<sup>th</sup>)***



# KHASA

**FOR ALL YOU DO TO SUPPORT  
STUDENTS AND STAFF AT KEATING.  
MERCI!!!!**

## ***NO CHILD WITHOUT FREE MEDICAL ALERT MEMBERSHIP FOR STUDENTS AT OUR SCHOOL***

The *No Child Without* program was developed to ensure children across Canada from Kindergarten up to their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday receive Medic Alert protection at no cost to the parent, school or Board of Education. The program follows the child should they move to another school in Canada. There is a significant benefit to the school because *No Child Without* blends in with the school's safety plan and illustrates the importance of children's health and safety.

Students receive a choice of a bracelet or necklet listing their medical conditions, allergies and or medications with their identification number, a wallet card, access to the 24 Hour Emergency Hot line, notification of personal emergency contacts at the time of emergency and a follow-up with parents after the emergency call is made to the Hot line.

No Child Without brochures can be obtained from the school office.

## ***KHASA EDUCATIONAL NIGHT***

**Thursday, October 14th**

### ***Family Math Event***

Keating Gym – 7 p.m.

## ***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. Here is the process:

- ✓ School prepares a letter for volunteer to take to their local police station requesting the fee be waived;
- ✓ Volunteer attends the police station in the municipality in which they reside to complete the CRC application and present their identification;
- ✓ Police conduct check and volunteer returns to pickup completed form;
- ✓ Completed form is to be returned to the School Board Office or Keating School, where it will be forwarded to the office of the Secretary Treasurer at the Saanich School Board Office;
- ✓ Once the volunteer's name is added to our list, they can volunteer anywhere in the district for one year.

## ***EARLY DISMISSAL DATES***

**Wednesday, Oct. 20th**

**&**

**Thursday, Oct. 21st**

**1:30 p.m.**

**(Busses will run; departure at 1:35 p.m.)**

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## ***PARENT / TEACHER***

### ***INTERVIEWS***

***Information will be coming home shortly regarding  
parent/teacher interviews.***

## ***NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY***

**Friday, October 22nd**



## ***TRAFFIC / SAFETY DROP-OFF & PICK-UP REMINDERS***

- Please be reminded that playground supervision does not begin until 8:22 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. If for some unforeseen reason you cannot pick your child up by 3 p.m. please call the office and let Mrs. Matthews know.
- Please be extra cautious when driving to and from school and when driving in our school driveway.

The pick up zone is for ACTIVE loading ONLY. If your child is not present, and cars are waiting, or the car behind you wants to get out, MOVE ON. Please consider the safety of ALL the kids here at Keating.

## ***SLOW DOWN IN SCHOOL ZONES***

Speed limits are 30 km/hr in school zones and passing within them is prohibited. And remember that you must stop and not pass any school bus on a District roadway if its red lights are flashing. If the lights are off, proceed with caution while passing a stopped school bus.

***Check your Child's Car Seats***



## **How to use the Pick-up Zone:**

### **DO:**

- Drive in slowly. If cars are signaling to get out, let them out;
- Pull in as far ahead in the zone as you can;
- Pause, look for your child;
- Pause, look at the traffic in the zone;
- At this point you need to either load your child promptly, or remind your child(ren) to watch for your arrival;
- If your child is not present and cars are waiting, move on right away, loop around and come back again, or park elsewhere;
- Common sense: if there is LOTS of room in the zone then go ahead and linger, but if it is starting to fill up and your child is NOT present, MOVE ON immediately and make room for others whose children are waiting;
- If people don't use common sense it becomes dangerous;

### **DO NOT:**

- Park in the pick-up zone at 2:40 p.m. waiting. This area is needed for potential field trip drop offs, deliveries, etc.;
- Park by the gym as these spots are designated for disabled, school busses and staff;
- Park or block in our neighbours driveways. Please help us to keep the good relationships we share with our neighbors;
- Arrange play dates while cars are waiting;
- Leave your vehicle and go into the school;
- Sit there and wait for YOUR child disregarding other children waiting to be picked up.

If it is possible to car pool, or to walk with your children to school, please consider this as it will reduce the volume of traffic around the school.





## COMMUNITY NEWS

French Language Programs  
Division of Continuing Studies  
University of Victoria

- **Trying to help your child in French Immersion? Courses for PARENTS**  
Phone 250-721-8630  
Fax 250-721-8774  
e-mail [french@uvcs.uvic.ca](mailto:french@uvcs.uvic.ca)  
[www.uvcs.uvic.ca/french/](http://www.uvcs.uvic.ca/french/)

**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.

*Tallies show that to-date this project has received 1,351 books from Keating Elementary*

For further information about the PCEC "1000 x 5" Project, please contact: Daphne Macnaughton, PCEC "1000 x 5" Project Leader [dlmvictoria@shaw.ca](mailto:dlmvictoria@shaw.ca)

**SAANICH PENINSULA PIRANHAS SWIM CLUB.** If you like water, swimming, learning and having fun, you too can be a *Piranha*. Come and learn Free Style, Back Stroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly. Learn proper stroke technique, tumble turns and dives. Fall registration is happening now at the Panorama Recreation Centre. Contact Sheila Ayrest [sheila@sidneypiranhas.com](mailto:sheila@sidneypiranhas.com) or Michele Bramley at [michele@sidneypiranhas.com](mailto:michele@sidneypiranhas.com)

**PENINSULA FIGURE SKATING CLUB;** Peninsula Figure Skating Club held their registration on Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. All ages, levels and abilities can learn to skate, develop their skills or try figure skating. Starting October 5<sup>th</sup>, the entry and beginner skater's program (CanSkate) has lessons on Tuesdays 3:45 – 4:30 pm and Sunday 10:55 – 11:40 a.m. Ongoing

registration is available after that date. Please visit their website at [pfsc@homestead.com](mailto:pfsc@homestead.com) for contact information. Gently used skates and dresses are also available.

**SAANICH PENINSULA AMATEUR BASKETBALL ASSOC. 2010/11** registration for girls and boys ages 9-17, has already taken place. Further info is available on their website <http://saanichpeninsulabasketball.com/>

*A BIG  
THANK YOU  
to  
ACE LUMBERWORLD  
on Quadra Street  
for providing recycling bins for  
Keating*

**WORD OF THE MONTH**

**'FALL'**

*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 small scrap piece of paper and have your child (oldest only) return it to their classroom teacher. (this indicates that you have read the newsletter) print the word of the month*

**'FALL'**

*and return to your child's teacher.*

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



**Spirit of Philanthropy – alive and well at Keating**

On September 30th, Keating school was lucky to welcome the Cops for Cancer 2010 team. A small group of Division 2 Grade 4/5 students decided they wanted to do more, so in two days they organized a used toys and popcorn sale. Co-op and Thrifty's donated the popcorn and kids brought in their hot air poppers. Many parents volunteered to help make 400 bags of popcorn. It was a huge success and a very popular sale. They collected \$787.00 in just one hour. When the students were asked by principal, Mr. Notte, "What did you learn today?", Alexis Wallace commented, "That it feels good to give to others."

"The children exceeded my every expectation," says teacher, Mme Pike. "This was a great bonding opportunity for the students and in our unit of study on good citizenship, this hit the mark. The most important lesson today was instilling in these children the belief that together they could achieve great things and that even at 10 years of age, they can contribute positively to our community and help children in need."

On the day, many parents, children, teachers and the principal, had their heads shaved for a good cause. With 412 students at the school, Keating raised \$3,985.00 for Cops for Cancer. Good job Keating!

By Ellen Roberts (Grade 5 student)



**THANK YOU TO ALL THE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES WHO SUPPORTED US ON THE DAY**





## Fire Prevention Week October 4-8, 2010

### The theme this year is “Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With”

Fires are real, not just events in the news or movies. Fire is fast, extremely hot and spreads rapidly. It creates thick black toxic smoke that is even more deadly than flames! When fire strikes, seconds are important! There is no time to stop and think. Everyone needs to know what to do! Smoke alarms provide the early warning of the problem and a home fire escape plan will provide time to escape safely. Although we hope you never have to use it, planning and practising your home escape plan may one day save your life and the lives of your loved ones.

Please spend some time with your child to review the “Fire Safety Starts with You!” activity booklet they brought home from school. Once you’ve reviewed the booklet, fill out the entry form to win a laptop computer and complete the Home Safety Checklist written especially for you and your child to review! Take the completed entry form back to your classroom teacher by October 22, 2010.

Most fatal fires occur in residential settings where people feel safest. Fire can spread quickly through your home, leaving only precious minutes to escape. Your ability to get out fast depends on advanced warning from smoke alarms and advanced planning – creating a home fire escape plan. Reduce your family’s risk from fire by following the tips below.



**Remember, fire safety starts with you!**

**Central Saanich Fire Department**

### Smoke Alarms:

- Make sure everyone in your home can recognize the sounds of the smoke alarm and knows exactly what to do when it sounds;
- install working smoke alarms near sleeping areas and on every level of your home. For maximum protection also install smoke alarms in bedrooms;
- smoke alarms should be tested and maintained in accordance with manufacturer’s instructions. Alarms should be tested once a month by pushing the test button and listening for the alarm;
- for battery operated smoke alarms, replace batteries at least once a year or for extended life batteries according to manufacturer’s instructions. Batteries should also be replaced when the smoke alarm makes a chirping sound;
- Smoke alarms should be cleaned at least every 6 months., by gently vacuuming the exterior;
- Smoke alarms do wear out and should be replaced at least every 10 years;

### Home Fire Escape Plans:

- Create a home fire escape plan showing 2 ways out of every room. Practice your plan with your entire family by having a home fire drill at least twice a year.
- Choose a Family Meeting Place a safe distance away from your home. All family members should be taught to report to the family meeting place after leaving the home.
- One person should then go to a neighbour’s house or the nearest phone in a safe location to contact 9-1-1 or your local emergency number

Thank you for making fire safety your priority in your home!