

KEATING ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

September 2010

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents / Guardians;

What a wonderful summer! It is a pleasure to welcome everyone to the 2010 / 2011 school year. This year our population is 411 students, with 168 in the English Program and 243 in the French Immersion Program. We wish to extend a special welcome to new students and their families and to our new staff, Mme Cuthill (French Immersion Grade 2 Teacher), Mme Porter (FSL & Grade 4/5 English Teacher), Mr. VanPetton (Speech Language Pathologist) and Mrs. Langran Desbrisay (ESL Teacher). The first week of school has been very busy with reconnecting, establishing routines and beginning to build new relationships. We are off to a great start and everyone is settling in well!

We are looking forward to seeing you at the **Open House / Dessert Evening on Thursday, September 23rd from 6 – 7:30 p.m.** More information will be sent home next week.

This week I have seen many happy faces as students, staff and parents reconnect. I am confident that this is going to be a very productive and successful school year as students, staff and parents work together to make Keating the very best learning community that it can be.

VISION STATEMENT

AT KEATING

*WE ARE A CARING COMMUNITY
OF LEARNERS*

*WHO TREAT EACH OTHER WITH
RESPECT, WELCOME DIVERSITY
AND CELEBRATE TOGETHER*

We are confident that you will continue to support the school's efforts towards achieving the goals we have set out for this year:

- To improve Reading and Writing skills through a Balanced Literacy Program
- For students to develop age appropriate social skills
- To improve conceptual understanding of Mathematics.

Sincerely;

Mr. M. Notte
Principal

✂ DATES TO NOTE ✂

Sept. 16-30 th	KHASA Fundraiser Entertainment Book & Flower bulbs
Sept. 17 th	Whole School Assembly 12:45 pm
Sept. 23 rd	Open House / Dessert Evening 6 – 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 27 th	NID
Sept. 28 th	Grade 4/5 Fire Hall Safety Fieldtrip: 8:45 – 11:40 a.m.
Sept. 29 th	Student Photo Day
Sept. 29 th - Oct. 15 th	CPF Magazine Subscription Drive
Sept. 30	Tour de Rock; Peninsula Co-Op (more info to be sent home next week)
Oct. 6 th	October Newsletter sent home electronically

FROM THE OFFICE

HUGE WELCOME BACK TO OUR RETURNING FAMILIES AND WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW FAMILIES.

Please complete and return the attached forms as soon as possible to your child's teacher:

Attached for all students;

- Student Information / Emergency Form
- School Use of Private Vehicle
- Multiple Use Media Consent Form
- Fruit & Veggie Consent Form
- Hot Lunch Forms (Sept./Oct./Nov.)

Attached / sent with Oldest Child only;

- School Newsletter
- Fridge Magnet
- Parent Volunteer Form / Class Rep Form

➤ 2010 / 2010 Keating Parent Handbook available next week on-line

<http://keating.sd63.bc.ca> or
www.khasa.ca

➤ 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 assists families to voluntarily purchase private accident insurance through the Reliable Life Insurance Company. Brochures are available from the school office at any time during the year. The information can also be viewed on-line at www.insuremykids.com

➤ Communication: To help save on paper, every effort is made to send communication from the office home electronically. Extra copies of all information e-mailed or sent home in paper form will be available

- outside the school office
- on the KHASA website
- on the School website

Monthly Newsletter will be sent home the first Wednesday of each month

➤ Bus route and schedule information is available on the district website (www.sd63.bc.ca) or by contacting the Transportation Department 250-652-7343. A reminder that all students who wish to take the district buses need to be registered.

PARENT / GUARDIAN & TEACHER COMMUNICATION

The learning environment for students at Keating is enhanced when parents and community members are involved in supporting student learning. Keating welcomes and appreciates parents, guardians and visitors to the school. Communication between parents/guardians and teachers is essential and encouraged. In order to minimize interruptions to instructional hours (8:40 to 11:05 a.m. and 12:05 to 2:40 p.m.), the following suggestions are provided to facilitate open and effective communication at Keating:

- ◆ Phone the school office (250-652-9261)
- ◆ Notes
- ◆ Pre-arranged appointments
- ◆ Student homework agenda/'back and forth' books
- ◆ Scheduled Parent/Guardian – Teacher conferences
- ◆ E-mail: District e-mail addresses are: first letter of first name, last name, @sd63.bc.ca
 - ◆ i.e. mnotte@sd63.bc.ca

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS

Canadian Parents for French – Saanich Chapter will be having their annual fundraising drive from September 29 to October 15th. This year each magazine subscription sold during the drive gives the seller one entry into our draw for an iPod touch (including entire orders providing that student and teacher information are accurately completed)! You can order your favorite magazine, renew a current subscription, or do some early Christmas shopping for family and friends and help us to fund French resources and activities in the district. We guarantee low prices and will honour discount coupons during the drive. Catalogs will be distributed on September 29th. Thanks in advance for your support of French programs in Saanich school district.

KEATING STAFF 2010 / 2011



Administration / Office Staff

Mark Notte	Principal
Marilyn Pinder	Vice-Principal
Margaret Matthews	Secretary
Dorota Johnson	Accounts Clerk

Non-Teaching Staff

Fred Baker	Custodian
Martha Fletcher	Custodian
Agnes Mills	Library Tech
Josefina Koenig	Lunch Supervisor
Marla Hipwell	Lunch Supervisor
Colleen Brown	Educational Assistant Lunch Supervisor
Maryse Vachon	Educational Assistant Busing Supervisor Lunch Supervisor Crossing Guard
Sawsan Masri	French Monitor Lunch Supervisor
Damaris Notte	Computer Tech

Public Health Nurse: Keeley Kastrukoff

Teaching Staff

Chris Lee	Div. 1 – Grade 4/5 English
Daniel Parent / Valerie Pike	Div. 2 - Grade 4/5 FI
Sarah Windle / Michelle Porter	Div. 3 – Grade 4/5 English
Jennifer Nicolson/ Marilyn Pinder	Div. 4 – Grade 4/5 FI
MaryLynn Heron / Vacant	Div. 5 – Grade 4/5 FI
Chris Bocking	Div. 6 – Grade 3/4 English
MarieJose Gautrais	Div. 7 - Grade 3 FI
Douglas Fraser	Div. 8 – Grade 3 FI
Karen Erdem	Div. 9 – Grade 2/3 English
Denise Brochu	Div. 10 – Grade 2/3 English
Dominique Boltres	Div. 11 – Grade 2 FI
Alison Cuthill	Div. 12 – Grade 2 FI
Gloria Hawkins / Linda Whitehead	Div. 13 – Grade1 English
Stephanie Lord	Div. 14 – Grade 1 FI
Angela Johnson	Div. 15– Grade 1 FI
Linda Whitehead	Div. 16– Kindergarten English
Lisa Gartrell Yeo	Div. 17 – Kindergarten FI
Jennifer deBoer	Div. 18 – Kindergarten FI
Anne-Marie Labrecque Integration Support & Learning Assistance	
Lisa Gartrell Yeo	Learning Assistance – FI
Gloria Hawkins	Reading Recovery
Sarah Windle	Teacher Librarian – English
Daniel Parent	Teacher Librarian – FI
Valerie Pike	FI Prep
Michelle Porter	FSL
Jennifer deBoer	FSL / FI Prep
Bruce VanPetten	Speech Language Pathologist – English/FI
John Martin	Counsellor
Henrietta LangranDesbrisay	ESL
Margaret Chevalier	District Psychologist

KEATING FAMILY OPEN HOUSE / DESSERT EVENING

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 23rd

Time: 6 – 7:30 p.m.

**Children tour parents around
the school / classroom**

**Following school tour, families join in the gym
for Dessert, Coffee & Tea**

Dessert Donations appreciated
Suggest baking items that are easy to serve / eat
Disposable plates or serving dish can be taken
home when leaving the Open House

Drop-off Dessert items to the Gym
Wednesday, Sept. 22nd
5 – 6:30 p.m.

BUS REGISTRATION FOR 2010 / 2011

All students in the Saanich School District **MUST** register annually in order to ride a school bus. 2010 / 2011 Bus Registration forms are available outside the school office or on the district website www.sd63.bc.ca

The cost is:

- \$200.00 per year per student for the 1st and 2nd child in a family (normally residing at the same address)
- \$100.00 per year for the 3rd and 4th child in a family
- \$100.00 per year for Kindergarten children
- The maximum per family per year is \$600.00

By registering your child for school bus transportation, you reserve a place within the legal capacity of the bus so that your child is able to ride whenever he or she needs. For this reason, all students registered for the bus will be subject to the same fee regardless of how often during the month the child uses the service, or if they only need to ride one-way.

Questions regarding bus routes or registration procedures? Please call the Transportation Department, Saanich School Board Office, at 652-7343.

TRAFFIC/SAFETY, DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP REMINDERS

- ◆ Please be reminded that children should not be dropped off any earlier than **8:10 a.m.** and need to be picked up in the afternoon preferably by **3:00 p.m. and no later than 3:10 p.m.** There is no supervision before or after these times. If for some unforeseen reason you cannot pick your child up by 3:10 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. As well:
 1. Enter our driveway slowly and do not enter the parking lot through the exit driveway.
 2. Please do not park in the drop-off area as this causes congestion and traffic backs up onto Central Saanich Road.

3. For long term parking, please use the visitor spots or the parking lot off East Saanich Road.
4. Please, help us to keep the good relationships we share with our neighbors by not parking in/or blocking their driveways.
5. 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.

SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM at KEATING ELEMENTARY 250-652-1312

The purpose of the Safe Arrival Program is to assure parents that their children arrive safely at school. All information provided is confidential.

The policy formed by the Keating Home & School Association requests that every student enrolled in the school be on the Call Back System. If you do not wish your child to be on the program, please let the office know.

How the system works:

- ❖ When your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, parents phone 250-652-1312 before 8:40 a.m. A recorded message will be heard that will tell you that you have reached Keating School's Call Back System. Please leave the date, your child's name, their division number and their teacher's name
- ❖ A parent volunteer checks the recorded messages each morning and compares the message with the morning attendance. Any discrepancies are followed up on immediately.
- ❖ Any students who are late or who leave early **MUST** report to the office in order to maintain accurate attendance records.



CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS REQUIRED FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS IN THE SAANICH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Commencing September 8th, 2009 a valid **Criminal Record Check is required for all volunteers in the Saanich School District.**

- The school provides a letter from the principal for the volunteer to take to the police station, requesting that the police waive the fee (can be picked up from the office);
- Criminal Record Checks are valid for up to one year after the date the Criminal Record check was completed;
- The volunteer attends the police station in the municipality in which they reside to complete the Criminal Record Check application and present their identification. An exception to this is if the volunteer resides on one of the four tribal reserves in the area in which case the Criminal Record Check must be conducted through the Sidney RCMP detachment;
- The police department conducts the Criminal Record Check and the volunteer goes back to pick up the form;
- The completed Criminal Record Check is submitted without delay to the Office of the Secretary-Treasurer at the School Board Office (2125 Keating Cross Rd., Victoria / across from the Co-Op grocery store). School District will accept original documents only. **For protection of privacy reasons, copies are not kept at the school.** The original form is to be sent to the School Board Office as soon as possible and no later than three days prior to the field trip occurring or the volunteer starting at the school, coaching a team, etc. in order to provide enough time for the Secretary-Treasurer's Office to follow up any Criminal Record Check that may come back with a tick indicating a record has been found;

- If the Criminal Record Check is clear, the volunteer's name is added by the Secretary-Treasurer's Office to the Volunteer Bulletin Board on Zimbra, the district's internal mail system. School secretaries and/or school administration have access to view this listing and should be checking on behalf of teachers or other staff organizing volunteers, to make sure the names are listed;
- If the Criminal Record Check is not clear, the Secretary-Treasurer's Office will follow up with the school principal and volunteer, and the Secretary-Treasurer will make the determination as to whether or not the person can volunteer in the district;
- When the volunteer's name is added to the Volunteer List, they can volunteer anywhere in the school district for up to one year after the date the Criminal Record Check was completed.

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**STUDENT
PICTURE DAY
Wednesday, September 29th**

Form will be sent home soon.....

This form is to be sent with your child to school
on Picture Day

COMMUNITY NEWS

Saanich Peninsula Amateur Basketball 2010/2011 Registration is taking place at Panorama Rec Centre on Monday, Sept. 13th from 6:30 – 8:30 pm (in the foyer between the rinks). For girls and boys ages 9-17, further info available on our website

<http://saanichpeninsulabasketball.com/>

Peninsula Figure Skating Club

Registration: pfsc@homestead.com

Registration for 2nd Tsartlip (Brentwood Bay) Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

Tuesday, Sept. 14th Old School Hall; corner of West Saanich Rd., and Clarke Drive Boys and girls in grades K to 8 are welcome. For more information: Dana (Group Registrar) at 250-652-9589 or danawalt@shaw.ca

Girl Guides of Canada

Sparks: Age 5-7 / Grade K-1

Brownies: Age 7-9 / Grade 2-3

Guides: Age 9-12 / Grade 4-6

Girls looking for Fun, Friendship and Adventure are invited to join. To Register: drop in Tuesday, Sept 14th Brentwood Guide Hall

Time: 6:30 – 8 pm or phone 250-652-5641

Wild Arts – After School – yippee!

Wild Arts is a super fun, ongoing adventure into our creative wild side. We paint, draw, build, bounce, act, dance and love what we do. By engaging kids to explore and stretch their intuitive and creative power, they experience increased joy, confidence, self trust and freedom of expression.

For more info: wildartsvictoria.com for details or call 250-544-4057

Keating Swim Club will begin Tuesday, October 19th for Grade 3, 4, 5 Students who are interested in joining.

Time: 3:15 – 4 p.m.

Location: Commonwealth Pool

Cost: One time cost that covers from October – March (more info to follow)

Optional: 4 Sunday Swim Meets

District Meet at the end of the year

**More info will be distributed to Grade 3, 4 and 5 students over the next couple of weeks. If you require additional information, please see Mme Pinder.

“Understanding the ASD Brain and Supporting ASD Learning” by Katherine Paxton, MC, CCC

It's the beginning of a new school year, so what better time for a review of the ways students with Autism Spectrum Disorder think and learn? Author and counsellor Katherine Paxton will guide us through some aspects of ASD brain function that affect student learning, with examples and concrete, practical insights. This workshop will be of interest to parents and educators alike, and everyone is welcome!

When: Monday, Sept. 20th 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Where: Library, Royal Oak Middle School
4564 West Saanich Rd., Victoria

For more information, please email MaryEllen Ross (meross@telus.net)



**PROUD SUPPORTERS
OF THE
TOUR DE ROCK**

Keating School will be fundraising and hopefully getting Mr. Notte a 'CLEANER LOOK'. Donations can be sent directly to the school or donations can be made on-line (Keating's website). More information to follow on this next week.

