Mr. Tim Lampard’s Retirement
On June 29, 2012 Mr. Lampard will be retiring from teaching and school administration after 34 years of outstanding service to children. The last 2 years he has spent at Sidney as the Vice Principal and grade 5 teacher.

Mr. Lampard started his teaching career in Burns Lake before taking a job in the Saanich School District in 1981. In his time on the Peninsula Mr. Lampard has taught at Lochside, Brentwood, Sansbury, Bayside, McTavish and Sidney Schools. The last 10 years he has served the district as a Vice-Principal.

Over the years Mr. Lampard has always been a teacher and administrator that supports opportunities for students. He has been a district leader in implementing the new provincial math curriculum, a strong advocate for school athletics and other opportunities that allow students to explore their interests.

In his short time at Sidney he has been committed to student leadership, music and school sports. He has started our school rugby team and taken the lead in organizing the grade 5 camp. He is active around the school supporting students with making good decisions on the playground or supporting staff with helping them get their projects and activities completed. He does lots of hard work quietly behind the scenes, which is amazing for someone with such a loud voice, and this is greatly appreciated by his colleagues.

The students will remember Mr. Lampard for many things including but not limited to: Hawaiian kickball, animated reading of novels, Kakooma math, leading songs, playing his guitar, wearing wacky outfits on spirit days and his devoted commitment to supporting his beloved Vancouver Canucks.

We will miss Mr. Lampard greatly. We will miss his sense of humour, his outgoing personality and his commitment to his school. We want to wish him a happy and healthy retirement. Mr. Lampard, you deserve some rest and relaxation in Hawaii and a Stanley Cup for your Vancouver Canucks.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

| June 15  | Fri. | Sports/Activity Day – Primary – 9:30-11:15 |
| June 19 & 20 |  | Intermediate – 9:00-1:15 |
| June 26  | Tues. 12:30 P.M. | Grade 5's at Camp Imadene |
| June 27  | Wed. 9:00 AM | Grade 5 Recognition Assembly |
| June 27  | Wed. | School Assembly |
| June 28  | Thurs. 7:30 AM | Report Cards Sent Home |
| June 28  | Thurs. | Potluck Breakfast |
| June 29  | Fri. | Last Day of Students in session |
| Sept. 4  | Tues. 8:40-10:00 AM | 1st Day of Summer Holidays (Staff Administration Day) |
|  |  | 1st Day of School |

Message from the Principal
This is my last newsletter as the Principal of Sidney School. At this time I would like to take a few minutes to thank everyone associated with Sidney Elementary School for four amazing years.

Four years ago I did not realize how fond I would become of the staff, students, parents and community of this school. I am so appreciative to have had the opportunity to work here. I leave with nothing but great memories and friendships.

Thank you all for giving me the privilege and honour of working with your children and making me feel so at home at Sidney School.

The silver lining for me is that I am not leaving the community, but simply moving down the road and I look forward to working with you and your children again in the near future at North Saanich Middle School.

Have a great summer and thank you again for all your support!

Sincerely, Kal Russell

New School Principal and Vice Principal
We would like to welcome Mr. Tom Vickers and Ms. Dale Jarvis to Sidney School. Mr. Vickers and Ms. Jarvis are extremely excited about coming to Sidney School as your new Principal and Vice Principal.

Mr. Vickers is coming from Kelset Elementary School and has been a school administrator in Saanich for seven years. He is known as an outstanding communicator and for his ability to relate to young people.

Ms. Jarvis joins Sidney from the Sooke School District. She is anxious to join the Sidney and Saanich learning community. She has a strong background in curriculum and a reputation as an outstanding teacher.

Welcome to Sidney Mr. Vickers and Ms. Jarvis!
Sidney Staffing for 2012/2013
This time of year is always difficult for staff in the school system. We have several staff members who are not sure where they will be working next year. We are hoping that we will have positions for them at Sidney School, but we have no guarantees. One thing is for sure, we appreciate their commitment to our children and school. So thank you to all those teachers and educational assistants who are waiting for new assignments for 2012/2013.

PAC Executive 2012/13
President: Camille Beaudry
Vice Chair: Rachel MacIntosh
Secretary: Ann Kehl
Treasurer: Annette Stofer
Fundraiser Coordinator: Julie Stewart
Earthquake Coordinator: Joanne Burton
Hot Lunch Coordinator: Vacant
Communications: Heather Carley
COPAC: Heather Carley
Past President: Laura Chambers

We would like to say thank you to this year’s PAC for once again doing an amazing job!

Growing Young Farmers

Report Cards Available on June 27th
Teachers will be sending home your child’s report card at the end of the day on Wednesday, June 27. If you have any questions after reviewing the report card, please make arrangements to speak with your child’s teacher. Additionally, if you are leaving school early for holiday inform your teacher and we will be able to have your report cards available before you depart on holidays.

Moving?
So that we can better plan for next year, please let us know as soon as possible if you are not planning to have your children attend Sidney School next year. If you know of someone new moving into our area, please have them contact the school office (250-656-3958) as soon as possible.

Year-end Potluck Breakfast
On Wednesday, June 27th at 7:30 a.m., the PAC will be sponsoring a potluck breakfast in the gym. After the potluck many students say good bye to their teacher and classmates and head off into the summer sun, while others choose to stay behind and help clean up the classrooms. More details will be coming home from our PAC about this terrific event to end the school year.

Sports Day, Friday June 15
Remember to have children dress appropriately for the weather on June 15, our Sports Day, with hats and sunscreen. Our PAC will have limited extra pizza for sale. They are selling freezies for 10 cents each and drinks will also be sold...while supplies last.

The First Day Back – Sept. 4, 2012
With the potential for fluctuating enrolment over the summer months, we are unable to accurately determine our student population and class sizes until the first few days of school in September. Rather than assign students to a classroom teacher and later move students because of enrolment changes, all students will return to their present classroom for the first few day(s) of school. Both teachers and students appreciate this process as it allows students to return to a familiar location and/or teacher, work in grade groups, reacquaint themselves with old friends and provides new students an opportunity to begin to make new friends.

Students returning to Sidney School will come in at 8:40 a.m. New Students in Grades 1-5: Please check in at the school at 8:40 a.m. We will have staff members and parents to assist you at each entrance. All Students will be dismissed at 10:00 a.m.

Kindergarten students will have a gradual entry into Kindergarten. Kindergarten parents are asked to phone in (250-656-3958) the week before school starts (August 27 to 31) from 8:40-2:40 to confirm attendance. More information will be sent home in July for Kindergarten families.

Grade Five Farewell
Our grade five farewell will be held on Tuesday, June 26 at 12:30 p.m. with students. We will have a separate year-end assembly for the whole school on June 27 at 9:00 AM. Following the grade 5 farewell, grade 4 parents will be hosting a tea for grade 5 students and parents. We would like to thank grade 4 parents for coordinating this tea and providing the food.

Year-End Assembly
On Wednesday, June 27th we will have our Year-End Assembly celebrating all of our students at 9:00 a.m.

Recycling
Thank you to the Green Team and Destination Conservation Team who have worked so hard throughout the year to promote recycling, reusing and reducing to help make our school a more environmentally friendly place.

Volunteer Tea - Thank you for all your help!
Lost And Found
We have some unclaimed articles in our Lost and Found bin located by the stage stairs. These will be on display the last week of school. When you are in the school, please check to see if you recognize any of these items. Articles of clothing left after June 28th will be given to a charitable organization.

Toast/Breakfast Club
Once again our Toast Club has continued to feed children in the morning at Sidney School. Special thanks to Mrs. Chambers, Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Ben Ammar and all Grade 5 Volunteers for organizing and running the program. *Final Toast Day will be Friday, June 22nd.

School Safety Patrol
A group of dedicated grade 5 volunteers help students cross the intersection at 7th St. and Henry Ave. under the direction of Mrs. Broderick. We are grateful for these volunteers who give up their time no matter what the weather. They will be honoured at our year end school assembly on Wednesday, June 27th.

What's New @ Your Library
• We had our final Red Cedar Celebration acknowledging all of the great reading our students did of our Canadian authors. After the Fire by Becky Citra was the fiction winner and How To Build Your Own Country by Valerie Wyatt was the non-fiction winner.
• Kristin Butcher, author of Pharaohs and Foot Soldiers (a 2011/2012 Red Cedar nominee) came and did a wonderful presentation to all of our intermediate classes.
• Mrs. Repsch and I have ordered more book display easels, magazine holders and magazine covers; next year your child will be able to borrow magazines from our library.
• Go to the Sidney School Website and click on the Library tab at the top of the page. Scroll down to Student pages and check out the on-line magazines...just for KIDS!
• Check out our voicethreads on the Sidney School Library page! Three classes will have participated by the end of the school year!
• Most classes are going to the public library for a visit and to learn about their fabulous summer reading program.
Shannon Curtis, Sidney School

Safe Arrival Program:
We will be looking for a few more parent volunteers to help out with our Safe Arrival program next year. This would involve a short time in the morning, at 8:40, to ensure all our students have arrived safely at school. If you are interested please contact the school office at 250-656-3958.

Community News
PCEC “1000 X 5” Children’s Book Recycling Project
There’s still time to donate gently-used children’s picture books for the Peninsula Connections for Early Childhood group that recycles them to children and families living on the Saanich Peninsula. One last “blitz” or cupboard clean-out may be enough to help us reach our goal of 50,000 books redistributed in four years. With appreciation for the books we have received from students, families, and staff in the past and for any additional books you may be able to donate by our cut-off for this school year—June 18th. Sincerely, Daphne Macnaughton, PCEC “1000 X 5” Project Leader

Calling all truck lovers - have we got an event for you! Bring the family to Western Speedway on Saturday, June 16th from 10am-2pm for the third annual Touch-A-Truck fundraiser, hosted by the Sooke Co-op Preschool. Fire and police vehicles, excavators, concrete mixers, dump trucks, and buses will be among the many trucks on display. Families will have a unique opportunity to examine these super machines up close, touching, asking questions, and even sitting in the cab. Admission prices are $10/family of 4, $15/family of 5+, and $5 for individuals. Face-painting, crafts, games, food, bounce houses, and more! All proceeds will go toward funding the program of the Sooke Co-op Preschool. Touch-A-Truck is sponsored by CTV, CFAX and Kool FM. For more information, please visit www.sookepreschool.ca, email sookepreschool@gmail.com or phone 250-642-6364.

Hartland Open House: We would like to put forth an invitation to your school community to attend the upcoming Hartland Open House on June 24th, 2012 from 10:30-3:30. The event gives the public a look behind the scenes at the award winning Hartland landfill. There will be educational displays, guided tours, free refreshments and many other interesting happenings to be enjoyed throughout the day. For more information and to book a free shuttle tour, please visit the website at: http://www.crd.bc.ca/waste/hartland/hartland-openhouse.htm

East Meets West: Edutour Homestay Associates is looking for host families in the Sidney, Brentwood Bay or Greater Victoria areas, each to host one Japanese Grade 11 girl from July 22 to August 4. Please call Wendy today 250-412-1579 for an interview and honourarium details.

Community Arts Council of the Saanich Peninsula: 250-656-7400—Kids from 6 to 13 can register for craft workshops this summer. All workshops run from 10-12. A nominal registration fee of $5.00 will secure your child's spot.

Camp Narnia, Parksville BC—Summer Registration on now, Girls and Boys age 6-15, Aug. 5-11 and 12-18. For more info.: www.campnarnia.com

EcoQuest Summer Camp, Various locations including Greenglade Community Centre (July 16-20) for more info.: www.EcoQuestkids.ca or 250-590-4625.

Craigdarroch Castle: Summer Activities – check out the website at www.thecastle.ca or email: info@thecastle.ca