

CALENDAR

April

10.....PAC Meeting; 6:30pm
 12.....Hot Lunch Day
 18.....Cross Country Meet; 3:30pm
 20.....Non Instructional Day
 24.....Literary Makerfaire 5-7pm
 25.....Whole School & Class Photo
Day
 25.....Staff Appreciation
 25.....Cross Country Meet; 3:30pm

May

2.....Cross Country Meet; 3:30pm
 4.....Non Instructional Day
 8.....PAC Meeting; 6:30pm
 10.....Hot Lunch Day
 21.....Victoria Day STAT
 24.....Kindergarten Orientation
 25.....Allegro Performance @ 10:30
 25.....Spring Fling

June

7-8....Intermediate Camp
 12....PAC Meeting
 14....Track Meet @ UVic
 15....Hot Lunch-*NOTE DATE CHANGE*
 27....Year End Assembly; 10:15am
 28....Year End Potluck Breakfast
 28....Last Day of School
 29....Admin Day

NEWSLETTER

April 2018

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Once the projected school organization for the next school year has been drafted based on known enrolment information, classes are developed through meetings involving your child's present teacher(s), the learning assistance/integration support teacher, the vice-principal and the principal. Each child's placement is thoughtfully determined by taking into consideration numerous factors.

Every effort will be made to place children in the best situation academically, socially and emotionally in the larger context of the needs of all of the children. Information provided by parents is shared and considered at these meetings, however, final placement decisions are the school's responsibility.

If you would like to provide us with additional information to consider in planning the placement of your child, please pick up a Student Placement Information sheet at the office.

With appreciation,

Tom Vickers
 Principal

Literacy Makerfaire



Sidney is holding a Makerfaire on April 24/25 and all 16 divisions are participating. We also have an individual submission portion where students can create their own 'project' and share it. It has been a goal of our school to incorporate the design process into all areas of the curriculum and develop the maker mindset in all of our students. Technology, although a strong aspect at our school, is not necessary for all of the projects although it has been incorporated in many. In addition to our school and individual submissions we have some additional 'MakerFaire' like activities coming for our evening Showcase. Science Venture is coming from UVic to do some 'demo's' and fun stuff and there will be hands on makey makey, Sphero and building stations.

Some school based projects that are happening:

- A Gr. 3 class is creating 7 stop motion videos depicting local first nations legends. Editing is done in iMovie to incorporate voice overs, music, stills and movement.
- A Gr. 1 and buddy Gr. 4/5 class is creating candy making prototype candy making machines after reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory together. The intermediates are using their previous design skills and knowledge from their simple machines unit.
- Our intermediate ELL students are creating individual websites about their home country, family and culture.
- A Gr. 3/4 class is creating a community mural with images inspired from the Oliver Jeffers book 'Here We Are'. Attendees will have the opportunity to paint the mural and we will display it in our makerspace.

We have asked teachers at NSMS and Parklands if there would be keen students from their schools who may wish to participate with an invention (personal hobby or school related), an experiment they wanted to share or a computer program they wanted to share/display as our lab will be open. We do a lot with NSMS and Parklands and this is another project to showcase that connection.

The Faire is open during the day on April 24/25 but the real 'showcase' will be **Tuesday, April 24th from 5-7 pm**. Although open during the day for classes to see, the real 'event' will be on the Tuesday evening from 5-7 to allow our community family to attend. This will be an exciting event to come and see.

SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

Phone **250-656-7425** if your child will be absent or late.

Planning to Move?



Please let the school office know as soon as possible (250-656-3958) if your child will not be attending Sidney Elementary School next year.

Fire Drill Protocol



We have had a number of drills this year that have taken place. We would like all parents, guardians and students to know Sidney's fire drill protocol outside of school hours is to meet with the classroom teacher behind the school on the field.

What's New @ the LC (Learning Commons)



- A huge thank you to the Times Colonist who generously awarded us with \$2200 to be spent on new books!
- Ask your grade 3-5 student what Chocolate Lily Books they have read? Which title will they vote for?
- Be sure to visit our Literary Makerfaire April 24 from 5-7. Ask your child what their class has made?

Grade 5 Transition



Grade 5 students are getting ready for attending North Saanich Middle School (NSMS) next year. On May 2, 2018, at 9:15 am Sidney Grade 5 students will attend orientation and the NSMS band will perform following the tours. On the evening of May 2nd at 7:00 pm there is a grade 5 parent orientation evening at NSMS. The NSMS administration staff and leadership group will be at Sidney Elementary at 12:45 pm on May 15th.

Cross Country



Sidney Elementary's Cross Country Team started on March 8th, practises run on Tuesday and Thursdays at 11:14 am for Grade 3, 4 & 5's. The team is lead by Ms. Meausette, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Coppock, Mrs. Curtis and Ms. Fredeen. The goal is to have fun while being part of a team of friends and to learn about running skills, fitness, and racing cross country. Students that join will gain knowledge of running, healthy life skills, how to improve their running fitness and prepare them for their track meets. Track meets are scheduled for April 18, 25, May 2 at Centennial Park with a start time of 3:30 pm. **We especially need parent volunteers for the first meet on April 18 as our school is responsible for providing 10 adults as course marshals.**

Track and Field



Track & Field for Grade 3, 4 & 5 students will begin at the end of April. The district track meet will be on Thursday, June 14th at the University of Victoria stadium.

PCEC "1000 X 5" Children's Book Recycling Project



Thanks to staff, students, and families in Saanich schools!

In the past nine years, it has been possible to collect more than 120 000 children's picture books for redistribution to babies, toddlers, and other young children whose families live on the Peninsula. That's about ten times the number of books in most elementary school libraries! The vast majority of these books were donated through schools in Saanich District. Thank you so much...

Once the books are counted, cleaned, sorted, and packaged, they are delivered to the Strong Start Centres, Kindergarten classes, Sidney Lions' Food Bank, Peninsula Health Unit, and 11 social agencies for distribution to children whose families cannot afford to buy books for them.

Research indicates that home libraries have a significant positive effect on the literacy development of young children and their early success in school. Success begets success. For these reasons, the PCEC "1000 X 5" Project work will continue through to the end of June and on into the next school year. Please continue to donate books your children have outgrown and encourage them to share the gift of literacy with others. Books may be left in the bin at the front entrance of Sidney Elementary.

If you would like to learn more about this project, please email the PCEC "1000 X 5" Project leader, Daphne Macnaughton, at dmlvictoria@shaw.ca

PAC NEWS



The next PAC Meeting is Tuesday, May 8th at 6:30 pm in the Learning Commons. All parents/guardians of Sidney School students are welcome to attend. We hope you can join us!

Spring Fling

Planning has started for this years Spring Fling! Lots of great ideas to make it a really great time for everyone! This year the **Spring Fling will be held on Friday, May 25th**. We hope that many of you will be inspired to volunteer and help make this an awesome night!! Please contact Kristina Littlejohns if you have any questions at Sidneypacfundraising@gmail.com.



Staff Appreciation Luncheon



Sidney School PAC is hosting our annual Staff Appreciation Luncheon on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 for all of our teachers, support staff and administration as a way to say Thank You for all of their hard work and dedication to our kids!

We need your help. If you would like to contribute a hot or cold dish it would be appreciated!

Here are some suggestions needed:

- Appetizers
- Sandwiches
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- Soup (Served in a crock pot to keep warm)
- Veggie Tray and Dip
- Fruit Tray
- Salads with Dressing option
- Main Dishes
- Desserts
- Drinks
- or anything else you would like to bring!

For your convenience, there is a sign up genius form set up online: <https://goo.gl/avR2w3>

Please deliver dishes (labelled and with a serving spoon) on Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday morning to the PAC kitchen. Hot dishes can be delivered on Wednesday between 10:30-11:00. Dishes can be collected from the PAC kitchen at the end of the day.

If you are able to contribute or if you have any questions please contact Jessi Petrick by phone/text: [778-533-9345](tel:778-533-9345) or email: too.much.volume@gmail.com.