

CALENDAR

January

23.....Kindergarten Information
.....Night @ Kelsset; 7pm
28.....Non Instructional Day
28-1....Kindergarten Registration

February

12.....PAC Meeting; 6:30 pm
14.....PAC Hot Lunch
15.....Non Instruction Day
18.....Family Day – STAT

March

4.....Non Instructional Day
6.....Early Dismissal; 1:48pm
8.....Basketball Jamboree
12.....PAC Meeting; 6:30 pm
13.....District Elementary Swim Meet

Mar 18 – Mar 29 Spring Break

April

8.....Non Instructional Day
9.....PAC Meeting; 6:30 pm
11.....Hot Lunch Day
19....Good Friday
22.....Easter Monday

May

10.....Non Instructional Day
14.....PAC Meeting; 6:30pm
16.....PAC Hot Lunch
20.....Victoria Day STAT

June

11.....PAC Meeting; 6:30 pm
13.....Elementary School Track Meet
13.....Hot Lunch Day
27.....Last Day of School
28.....Admin Day-no school in session

SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

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

****NEW: Safe Arrival Email****
sidney_attendance@saanichschools.ca



January 2019

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



As the new Principal of Sidney Elementary, I feel very fortunate to have joined such a caring and inclusive school community. During my first few days at the school, I have seen and heard our students show empathy and caring towards their teachers, peers, and adults in our school community.

I look forward to getting to know the school community and visiting all classrooms in the upcoming weeks. If you see me in and around the school, please say hi!

January is a time of renewal and a wonderful time to be in an elementary school. Students are settled into routines and the rush of the holiday season is over.

As the cold and wet weather continues, please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately to stay warm and dry for outdoor play. We believe that it is important for children to get outside to get fresh air and exercise. We are also in the midst of cold and flu season, so if your child is sick, please keep them at home to keep everyone healthy.

I am positive that with all of the wonderful things happening at Sidney Elementary 2019 will be a great year!

Respectfully,
Jennifer Batallas, Principal

SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

Sidney Elementary now has an email address for the Safe Arrival program:

sidney_attendance@saanichschools.ca

In the email please state your student's name, teacher, division and a brief reason for their absence.

CROSSWALK SAFETY



We have been working closely with the Town of Sidney, the RCMP and an organization sponsored by the CRD called "Safe Routes to School" to address concerns around crosswalk safety. Recently there has been an increase in "close calls" on our crosswalks and we are doing our best to be proactive with solutions in order to avoid any accidents in the future. We have asked the RCMP to have a greater presence at the school to ensure that all motor vehicles are following the rules of the road and school zone speed limits. We ask that all parents/guardians take extra caution when approaching our crosswalks in your vehicle. We are also asking that all parents/guardians and students use one of our four crosswalks when crossing 7th Street or Henry Avenue. The safety of all members of our Sidney community is of the utmost of importance.

CHOCOLATE LILY BOOK AWARD



Students in grades 3-5 have the opportunity to read picture books and novels written and illustrated by BC authors. In May we will have a school wide vote for our favourites and compile them with the results of schools across the province. More information in the LC and online at <http://www.chocolatelilyawards.com/>

SWIM CLUB



Swim club practises for Grade 3, 4 & 5's are ongoing each Tuesday after school at 3:15 pm. The focus of the club is to encourage stroke improvement and develop stamina. The District Swim Meet is scheduled on March 13th, 12:00-3:00 pm at Commonwealth Pool. Students will bus to Commonwealth and parents will need to pick up from Commonwealth at the end of the meet. Permission forms will be sent home soon.

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL



Lunchtime basketball will start up soon. We have many teacher-coaches excited to introduce students to the sport. We will be holding a lunchtime sign up meeting in the gym for interested students next week and begin playing the following week. Our season culminates in a district jamboree on March 8th.

Saanich Schools (SD63) Kindergarten Registration for Fall 2019 January 28 - February 1, 2019

Kindergarten Information Evening:

January 23, 2019 7 - 8:30 pm

KELSET Elementary

1800 Forest Park Drive, North Saanich, V8L 4B8

Children born in 2014 are eligible to register for Kindergarten at your neighbourhood school.

Our Kindergarten programs offer:

- Teachers who are knowledgeable in early childhood development.
- Engaging learning opportunities through play.
- Optimal learning environments for the success of every child.
- French language instruction: Core French, French Immersion
- Rich literacy and numeracy experiences.

Register January 28 - February 1, 2019 at your neighbourhood school.

Brentwood Elementary	KELSET Elementary
Cordova Bay Elementary	Lochside Elementary
Deep Cove Elementary	Prospect Lake Elementary
Keating Elementary	Sidney Elementary

French Immersion registrations:

Deep Cove—Deep Cove, KELSET and Sidney
Keating—all other elementary schools

To register at your neighbourhood school please bring:

- 3 Proof of address docs (BC driver's license, utility bill, etc).
- Proof of your child's age (birth certificate).
- Your child's BC Services Card.

After February 1, all K-5 registrations will be done at:

Saanich School Board Office
2125 Keating Cross Road, Saanichton, V8M 2A5
8 am to 4 pm



PAC NEWS



The next PAC Meeting is Tuesday, February 12th at 6:30 pm in the Learning Commons. All parents/guardians of Sidney School students are welcome to attend.

CLOTHING DONATIONS WELCOME!



We continue to find that we need spare clothing for when accidents occur and children don't have extra clothing at school. Should you have **pants, underwear, and socks** that your child has outgrown, we would welcome them at the office.

FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Head Lice Awareness



Head lice are common in BC communities.

Although they are a bother, head lice are not a health risk.

Head lice spread quickly by close, head-to-head contact. Lice cannot live on furniture or carpet, and they cannot jump or fly. There may be few or no symptoms, but itching may occur.

You can help by:

- Checking your child's head with the wet-combing method of detection once a week throughout the school year.
- Review the pamphlet Wet Combing –How to Get Rid of Head Lice, available online, at your school and Public Health Unit.
- Encouraging your child to wear their hair tied back.
- Treating if you notice live lice on your child's head.
- Reminding family and friends about the importance of routine head checks.

COMMUNITY NEWS

PENINSULA "1000 X 5" CHILDREN'S BOOK RECYCLING PROJECT



Peninsula "1000 X 5" Project needs your help in collecting children's picture books for redistribution to babies, toddlers, and other young children whose families live on the Peninsula. The vast majority of these books are donated through schools in Saanich District.

Research indicates that home libraries have a significant positive effect on the literacy development of young children and their early success in school. 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 located near the office entrance.

CENTRAL SAANICH EXTREME FASTBALL

Girls 6-19 years old

We are preparing for our 2019 season! Please come to one of the following dates for registration at Rom Knott Park, on Wallace Drive across from Brentwood Elementary.

2019 Registration Dates

Saturday, January 12th, 1 pm – 3 pm

Sunday, January 20th, 1 pm – 3 pm

Wednesday, February 6th, 6 pm – 8 pm

For more info go to www.extremefastball.com