SIDNEY ELEMENTARY

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CALENDAR

December
14.....Popcorn Day
18.....Holiday Sweater Day
18.....Christmas Sing Along; 2:10pm
19.....Anawim House
22.....PJ Day

Dec 25-Jan 5....Winter Break

January
16.....PAC Meeting; 6:30 pm
24.....Kindergarten Information
.....Night @ Sidney
29.....Non Instructional Day
29-2...Kindergarten Registration

February
12.....Family Day – STAT
13.....PAC Meeting; 6:30pm
22.....PAC Movie Night; 6:00pm
23.....Non Instruction Day

March
5.....Non Instructional Day
7.....Early Dismissal; 1:46pm
13.....PAC Meeting; 6:30pm
14.....District Swim Meet; 10-1pm
19-30. Spring Break

April
2.....Easter Monday
10.....PAC Meeting; 6:30pm
20.....Non Instructional Day
25.....Whole School & Class Photo Day

May
4.....Non Instructional Day
8.....PAC Meeting; 6:30pm
21.....Victoria Day STAT
25.....Spring Fling

June
12.....PAC Meeting
27.....Year End Assembly; 10:15am
28.....Year End Potluck Breakfast
28.....Last Day of School
29.....Admin Day-no school in session

SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

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

December 2017 NEWSLETTER

Anawim House

Again this year Sidney Elementary is showing the virtue of generosity and making a difference in the lives of the less fortunate members of our society. Our students will make Christmas stocking bags with the basic essentials: soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, hair comb and other possible gift items and deliver bags to the Anawim House on December 19th. This home serves as a refuge for many homeless people who simply do not have a place to reside permanently or sleep. The home is a place to come for the day to clean up, shower, do laundry, learn to read, play a game, socialize as a family might, have a break from the weather or seek social help. This service-learning project has been done for the last 20 years and has proven to be a very rewarding experience for all that are involved. Many of the recipients have never received a prepared Christmas gift such as this.

Internet Safety

We would like to provided some Internet safety tips for all of our students as well as parents/guardians. Here are a few important ideas on Internet Safety :

- Parents/guardians should set parental controls and security settings before their children access the internet.
- Ask your parents if it is alright if you go online alone. Understand the rules about going online.
- When creating a screen name don't include personal information.
- Don't share your password with your friend – only your parents. When using a public computer, be sure to log out of accounts.
- Think before you post pictures and video.
- Don't agree to meet an on-line "friend" without telling a parent or adult.
- Avoid clicking on on-line advertisements. These often phish for personal information.

Popcorn Day

On Thursday, Dec. 14Th the PAC is sponsoring a school wide popcorn day at little recess for reaching their goal for the Holiday Raffle tickets fundraiser. Thank you for your support!

Sidney Christmas Sing Along

On Monday December 18th we are having a school wide sing along at 2 pm in the gym. Everyone is welcome to attend and join in the festivities!

PJ Day / Movie Day

On Friday, December 22nd staff and students will be invited to wear their cozy PJs. We would like to thank Ms. Alberring and the Spirit Leadership Team for all of their hard work organizing this event. The students will watch a festive movie in the afternoon.

What's New @ Your Learning Commons

The Scholastic book fair held on November 16th -22nd was a great success, with a portion of the sales taken in books for our library and a perchange of funds to purchase new materials. Congratulations to Kinley Truong in Mrs. Curtis's class for winning the family draw. She was able to chose $50 of books for herself and her grade 1 classroom.

Mrs. Kaercher and Mrs. Repsch are very grateful to the volunteers who offered their time. We would personally like to thank:

Megan Bush, Meghan and Al Truong, Pamela Sharpe, Lesley Goodwin, Anita Spadey, Tasha Schmidt, Nicola Politano, Rachel Goddard, Anna Randall, Cheryl Driscoll, Donna Douglas, Diana Cedar, Debbie McCullough, Shannon Dobell-Walker, Erin Daugherty, Christine Etele, Paula Young, Nicole Bengtsson, Jerusha Smith, Mairi Munro, and Maisa Zydowicz.

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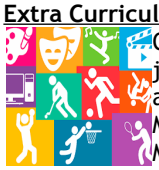
Extra Curricular Activities



Our indoor soccer season finished with a jamboree at the Panorama. Over 40 students had a fun and active morning. We would like to thank Mme. Stevens, Ms. Howells, Mr. Koopmans, Ms. Meausette and Ms. Ellison for coaching. Swim Club practices have started each Monday after school. Our District Swim Meet takes place in March. Thank you to Ms. Fredeen, Mrs. Richards and Mrs. Collins for coaching.

Lost and Found

Be sure to checkout our Lost & Found clothing rack and bins located near the office. There are several unclaimed articles that need to find their owners. Items left after December 16th will be given to a local charitable organization.

Lochside Trail

The Lochside Trail is a great place to walk and ride your bike! That's why there are 3 million visitors to regional trails every year. Lochside Trail provides a great connection to Sidney, but make sure you remember your trail etiquette!

- Walk on the right hand side of the trail, so there's enough room for everyone
- Wear bright and reflective colours to make sure other users can see you
- Remember to keep your dog on a leash!

Sidney Bee Clothing Orders

Clothing orders with our newly designed Sideny BEE logo have been process with an expected delivery of Dec. 22Nd , prior to winter break.

Winter is Here!

SD63 Transportation phone line is: 250-652-7343 (hours are 7:15 am – 4:00 pm). For school/busing updates you can also go to the district web-page (www.sd63.bc.ca) or "twitter@sd63bus" and become a follower.

School buses may be late or may not even arrive. Students should wait for 20 minutes and if they have not been picked up then they should return home or follow the plan laid out by their parents/guardians. It is really important that parents/guardians have a plan for their children if the school bus does not arrive.

IN THE EVENT OF BAD WEATHER, by 6:15 am the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Keven Elder informs area radio stations (eg: CFAX, The Q, CBC Radio, The Ocean, A Channel and CH News) that School District No. 63 schools will be closed and/or school buses are cancelled. **NO ANNOUNCEMENT means SCHOOLS AND BUSES are OPERATING AS USUAL.**

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

1. Stay at least 2 meters from the bus. Due to road conditions buses can slide as they are stopping so please stay well out of the way. Cars may also fail to stop, slide or may lose control so be aware whenever you are around them. Look out for your own safety as well as for the safety of your friends.
2. Be on your best behaviour on the bus and at your bus stop. Poor weather requires all of the drivers attention to be able to drive safely.
3. Because of the slippery conditions be careful as you get off the bus and then get well clear of the bus.

For further information please call: SD63 Board Office Recorded Message: 250-652-7300 or SD 63 Transportation Department: 250-652-7343 OR Twitter@sd63bus

Tech Tuesdays

Tech Tuesdays have started form 8-8:40 on Tuesday mornings in the Learning Commons (LC). Intermediate students are invited to program and build with North Saanich Middle School Students. The Librarian from NSMS will be here as well. To participate students must be in the LC at 8 am as the activities will not allow students to come in and out throughout the time. We are looking forward to inventing, building, coding and creating. If successful, we will offer the opportunity to younger grades. We are looking forward to continuing to foster creative and innovative thinking at our school!

Winter Clothing

Please ensure that your child comes to school "dressed for the weather"...i.e.: rain jackets, rubber boots, etc. for wet days. We will send the children outside to play rain or shine, unless the weather is very severe, as this gives them the opportunity to get fresh air, run off some of their energy and connect with their friends from other classes.

Extra Clothing In Case of Emergencies

Many of our students like to play in wet and slippery areas! While we encourage the children to play carefully and to avoid getting muddy, some children still manage to get wet or dirty. We would encourage you to bring an extra change of clothes to leave in your child's cloakroom. Please label clothing.

Saanich Schools (SD63) Kindergarten Information Evening & Kindergarten Registration

Saanich Schools (SD63)
Kindergarten Registration for Fall 2018
January 29 - February 2, 2018

Kindergarten Information Evening:
January 24, 2018 7 - 8:30 pm
Sidney Elementary
2281 Henry Avenue, Sidney V8L 2A8

Children born in 2013 are eligible to register for Full Day 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 29 - February 2, 2018 at your neighbourhood school.

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

French Immersion registrations:
Deep Cove Elementary (North Zone)
Keating Elementary (South & Central Zone)

To register at your neighbourhood school please bring:

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

After February 2, all K-5 registrations will be done at:
Saanich School Board Office
2125 Keating Cross Road, Saanichton
8am to 4pm

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PAC NEWS

The next PAC Meeting is January 16th at 6:30 pm in the Learning Commons. All parents/guardians of Sidney School students are welcome to attend. We hope you can join

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

676 Kittyhawk Air Cadet Squadron Bottle Drive and Tree Chipping

676 Kittyhawk Air Cadet Squadron is having a bottle drive and tree chipping on January 6, 2018 between the hours of 9:30 AM and 2:30 PM. Please help us out by dropping off your bottles at 1979 De Hallivand Way and come get your tree chipped (small donation requested) at the same time.