

CALENDAR

January

24.....Kindergarten Information
Night @ Sidney
 26.....Family Literacy Morning
 29.....Non Instructional Day
 29-2...Kindergarten Registration

February

12.....Family Day - STAT
 13.....PAC Meeting; 6:30pm
 20.....Hot Lunch Day
 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
 15.....Hot Lunch Day
 19-30. Spring Break

April

2.....Easter Monday
 10.....PAC Meeting; 6:30pm
 12.....Hot Lunch Day
 20.....Non Instructional Day
 23-26..Literary Makerfair
 25.....Whole School & Class Photo Day

May

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

June

7-8...Intermediate Camp
 12....PAC Meeting
 14.....Hot Lunch Day
 27.....Year End Assembly; 10:15am
 28.....Year End Potluck Breakfast
 28.....Last Day of School
 29.....Admin Day



SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

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

January 2018

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



I would like to take the opportunity to welcome everyone back to school. January is a great time at an elementary school. The rush of the holiday season is over and it is a great time of year to focus on academics.

I would also like to thank our Sidney School community for your support and generosity with our service learning project with Anawim this week. The Sidney Community was able to deliver 50 stockings for the less fortunate men and women in Victoria.

As the cold weather begins, please make sure your child is dressed appropriately to stay warm and dry when outside for our breaks in the day. We believe it is important for children to get outside as much as possible to get fresh air and some exercise. We are right in the middle of flu season so if your child is sick, please keep them at home. Keeping everyone healthy is a priority.

I am positive that with all of the great things happening at Sidney Elementary, 2018 will be a great year.

Respectfully,
 Tom Vickers, Principal

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.

Dismissal Time



The beginning of a new year is a great opportunity to review our dismissal routines. It is very important that all students have a plan for getting home after the bell. Each day we have supervision in place from 2:46 pm to 3:00 pm. We ask that any students who have not been picked up by that time come to the office so we are able to start making phone calls to parents/guardians. If parents/guardians are picking up from school please establish a regular location for pick up. If students are going to an after school care provider please make sure your child is aware of the pick up routines. If your child is away for the day or if other arrangements have been made for pick up please inform your after school provider and our office. If students are taking the bus we will meet them at the front of the school where we will do an attendance check. It is critical that the office is informed if you child is not taking the bus that day. Finally, if students are walking or wheeling home please have a plan in place for them to inform you that they have arrived home safely if you are not home. We need to know immediately if a child has not arrived home safely. Thank you for reviewing dismissal routines with your child(ren).

Family Literacy Day



Family Literacy Day is on January 27th however we are celebrating it on Friday, January 26th at Sidney Elementary. To celebrate Family Literacy Day we want you to read with your child/children one of your favourite children's books and start the day with another family read in. Please come into classes and read with your students from 8:40-9:15. If you need to borrow a book from our Learning Commons, come in and do it! We will all read as a school to celebrate. <https://abclifeliteracy.ca/family-literacy>

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

Every success for every child

www.sd63.bc.ca

Saanich Schools



Literacy Project



Sidney Elementary has been given the opportunity to participate as a test site for a district facilitated Literacy Project with the intention to identify and support our most vulnerable learners in the areas of reading and writing. This is a five year plan and it will involve a school-based Literacy Leadership team as well as classroom teachers throughout the school working with district educational leaders to assess student needs, develop strategies to enhance literacy learning and monitor and reflect on student growth. It will involve instructional coaching, modelling and professional development opportunities for teachers, Educational Assistants and parents. We are fortunate to have been chosen to participate in this important project.

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/>

Tech Tuesdays



We are beginning Tech Tuesday mornings for our intermediate students once again. Tuesday mornings from 7:45-8:35 grade 4 and 5 students are invited into the LC to work with NSMS students to build, create and code in order to complete projects.

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.

Swim Club



Swim club practises for Grade 3, 4 & 5s are ongoing each Monday 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 14th, 10:00-1:00 pm at Commonwealth Pool.

Intramural Basketball



Intermediate students interested in participating in basketball may sign up this week. Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Coppock, Ms. Ellison, Ms. Meausette & Mr. Vickers will be running weekly practices culminating in a District Jamboree.

Parkland Secondary School's Musical Theatre Program
 Proudly Presents:

Into the Woods

Music and Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim
 Book by James Lapine

Evening Shows
7:00pm
\$15.00

Saturday Matinee
2:00pm
\$12.00

January 31 - February 3, 2018

Visit or Call the Parkland Box Office With a Credit Card for Reserved Seating @ 250-655-2736

Musical Direction By: MIs. Cristina Sousa	Choreography By: MIs. Jackie Rioux	Directed & Produced By: MIs. Christine Irving
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Featuring Set Design by MIs. Tyler Caddell and the Stagecraft Class

COMMUNITY NEWS



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

PCEC "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 Softball Registration

REGISTRATION DATES

Sat Jan 13 from 1-3

Sun Jan 21 from 1-3

Wed Feb 7 from 6-8

For more info go to www.extremefastball.com or contact Dave Hamer 250-652-5421

PAC NEWS



The next PAC Meeting is Tuesday, February 13th at 6:30 pm in the Learning Commons. All parents/guardians of Sidney School students are welcome to attend.



Our PAC participate in the Smile Card Fundraising Program. This program allows the PAC to raise funds by shopping with Thrifty Foods. The system is simple: Thrifty Foods will donate an amount equal to 5% of the dollars you load on to your pre-assigned Smile Card. It's as easy as that!

To receive a card please email Sidneypacfundraising@gmail.com. Include your name, phone number, email and quantity of cards. Once processed you will get an a reply email to let you know when they are in the office for pick up.

Before you put your grocery order through at Thrifty's, ask the cashier to put money on your smile card. Once you have money on your smile card, then put your grocery order through. Use the Smile Card to pay for your groceries.

For every \$100 put on a smile card, the PAC receives \$5. We can raise up to \$2000 this year!!

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.