

CALENDAR

March

19-30. Spring Break

April

2.....Easter Monday
 10.....PAC Meeting; 6:30pm
 12.....Hot Lunch Day
 18.....Cross Country Meet; 3:30pm
 20.....Non Instructional Day
 23-26...Literary Makerfair
 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 @
9:00-9:45am
 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

SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

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

March 2018

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Teachers have been busy throughout the term collecting information about your child's progress. These assessments provide a summary of your child's progress in the core areas of social responsibility, literacy and numeracy. These assessments should provide you greater insight as to:

- what your child is able to do
- areas of learning that require further attention and development
- ways the teacher is supporting the student's learning needs (and where appropriate, ways the student or parents might support the learning.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress please contact his or her teacher.

Finally a reminder that schools will close for an additional week during Spring Break. The school closure week (March 26th -30th) will be added to the Spring Break week (March 19th -23rd). This will result in the school being closed March 19th - April 3rd.

With appreciation,

Tom Vickers

School Plan

On the morning of April 20th, we will be meeting with staff to review our School Plan and revisit our school goals. As a school we continue to work towards achieving our school goals which are:

1. *Develop social/emotional intelligence with our community of learners to enhance learning.*
2. Focus on *developing increased levels of physical activity & healthy eating amongst our community of learners to enhance learning.*

During our day we will answer the following questions:

1. How are we doing?
2. What are some things that are going well at Sidney Elementary?
3. What are some areas of focus for us to consider as we move forward to the next school year?

What's New @ Your Learning Commons

To access elementary district resources (which our district pays a lot of money for) on the learning commons web page, here are the usernames and passwords:

- username: 63sid
- password: library



Makerfaire Event



We are hosting a first ever Makerfaire in our gym the last week of April. What is a Makerfaire? It is a collection of projects where creativity, invention, design and resourcefulness are celebrated. Imagine a science fair concept but the projects are mixed with technology, art, literary elements...anything! Every class in our school is creating their own submission based on a literary source but ALL students are individually encouraged to create and build their own project. More information and ideas can be seen at Makerfaire.com and there are many YouTube videos about past large scale Makerfares held around the world. More information will be coming however let's get those invention and design ideas started!

Telephone Use



Reminder to students & parents that the school phone can be used, with their teacher's permission, *for emergency purposes only* (i.e. forgotten lunches, feeling ill). It is NOT to be used to make arrangements to play with a friend after school.

Intramural Basketball



The SBA (Sidney Basketball Association) has concluded. Grade 4 and 5 students participated in our intramural program. Students worked on skill development and games for the month of January and February. The season ended with jamborees at Parkland and Stelly's on March 9th. Thank you to our coaches, Mrs. Coppock, Ms. Ellison, Mr. Fine and Mr. Koopmans.

Sidney Swim Meet



District Swim Meet was held on March 14th, 10:00-1:00 pm at Commonwealth Pool. A big thank you to Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Fredeen and Mrs. Richards for sponsoring swim club.

Cross Country



Sidney Elementary Cross Country has started at lunch recess. We are inviting Grade 3, 4 & 5's to join practices on Tuesday's and Thursday's during March/April. The goals are to have fun while being part of a team of friends and to learn about running skills, fitness, and racing cross country. Meet dates for this year are April 18, 25 and May 2. All meets take place at Centennial Park with a start time of 3:30.

Track and Field



Track & Field for the Grade 3, 4 & 5 students will begin at the end of April.

Lost and Found



Please check the lost and found for hoodies, jackets, shoes, hats and various other clothing items your child may have left at school. Check at the office for smaller items such as jewelry and other treasures.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Peninsula Soccer Association

Spring Soccer Program Registration.

The program runs Monday nights from April 9 - June 4.

Detailed information can be found on the Peninsula Soccer Website's homepage at <http://www.peninsulasoccer.ca/>

Peninsula Baseball and Softball Association

PBSA - Girls Softball has spaces available in the age 10 & 11 (U12) group.

Free clinics are being held on March 10 & 24 at the Panorama Rec Centre Tennis Bubble at the following times:

LTP - 12:30 to 1:30

U10 - 12:30 to 1:45

U12, U14, U16 & U19 - 2:00 to 3:30

For more information on the softball winter clinic sessions, don't hesitate to contact Lise Derzaph at vp-srsb@pbsa.ca

PAC NEWS



The next PAC Meeting is Tuesday, March 13th 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!

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
- Sandwiches
- 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. She can be reached by phone/text: 778-533-9345 or email: too.much.volume@gmail.com

FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Why Use Fluoride Toothpaste?



Fluoride is absorbed into the tooth enamel making the tooth more resistant to decay. New teeth especially can benefit from fluoride, and school-aged children are getting their new adult teeth.

Daily use of fluoride toothpaste is a cheap and easy way to protect children's teeth from decay. A small amount of toothpaste about the size of a pea, used twice each day, is all you need.

Public water supplies on Vancouver Island do not have fluoride added. Therefore, it is very important to use fluoride toothpaste.

Spit out after brushing - don't rinse! This will allow small amounts of fluoride to stay in the mouth. The fluoride can help reverse areas of early tooth decay and slow down the decay process.

Toothpastes with special adult ingredients such as "anti-tartar", "whitening", and "anti-bacterial" agents are not recommended for children under age 12.