

CALENDAR

May

21.....Victoria Day STAT
24.....Kindergarten Orientation
25.....Parent/Guardian Appreciation
25.....Allegro Performance @ 10:30
25.....Spring Fling

June

7-8....Intermediate Camp
12....PAC Meeting
14....Track Meet @ Uvic
15....Hot Lunch
21....Indigenous Day
21....Gr. 5 Farewell
22....Fun Day - **Date Change**
27....Year End Assembly; 10:15am
28....Year End Potluck Breakfast
28....Last Day of School
29....Admin Day

May 2018

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



The school year has gone by extremely quickly. May and June are very busy months at Sidney Elementary. We have just finished our extremely successful MakerFaire and we are now preparing for the exciting opportunities in June. We hope you are able to stop by the school for Parent Appreciation morning (May 25) to receive a warm beverage and a treat made by our Sidney staff. We hope you truly realize how much we appreciate all of the time, effort and energy you give to your children and supporting our school. You are a big part of what makes our school such a great place to learn and a safe place to be.

There are a number of exciting opportunities for our students in the coming month. Our PAC have planned our annual Spring Fling, students will be participating in track events, hot lunches, fun day, year end assembly and our traditional potluck breakfast. Please check the school calendar to make note of all of these exciting events.

With all of these opportunities it is important to remind our students the need to maintain their focus on learning. We will do our best to keep a balance between fun and learning and we ask for your continued support at home.

With appreciation,

Tom Vickers

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. This information is extremely important for us as we are beginning to plan for the next school year.

Appreciations

We would like to send our appreciation out to the following for their dedication to our Sidney School Community:



- Our 2017-2018 PAC Executive - Kristina Littlejohns-PAC President, Jessi Petrick-Vice President, Christina Smith-Treasurer, Elisabeth Richmond and Anita Spady-Co Secretaries, for all of their leadership with our PAC. We welcome our new 2018-2019 PAC Executive - Leslie Goodwin-PAC President, Anita Spady-PAC Vice President, Christina Smith-Treasurer and Jessie Wellbourn-Secretary and Communications. We look forward to working with you in the new year.
- Maggie duMonceaux - for your time spent on organizing and distributing Hot Lunch for Sidney students.
- Barb & Wayne - our Learning Commons volunteers, that dedicate several hours a month to keep our Learning Commons organized.
- Terrisa Tate and the volunteers that support our healthy breakfast program and our Healthy Schools initiative.
- Kristina Littlejohns, Christine Etele, Jessi Pedrick, Lisa Duong, Alison Scott, Lesley Goodwin and Anita Spady and the Spring Fling committee - for their dedication, time and efforts for all their fundraisers during the year and a BIG THANK YOU for organizing the SPRING FLING!! (it is a big job)
- Mrs. Alberring - for her commitment to the environment and teaching our Conservation Crew the importance of our Mother Earth.
- Mrs. Sebastian and Mrs. Blair- for keeping all of us as organized as possible.
- Mrs. Collins, Ms. Fredeen and Mrs. Richards - for their leadership and time to the Swim Club.
- Ms. Ellison, Mrs. Coppock, Mr. Fine and Mr. Koopmans - for their time spent organizing and teaching Sidney students the enjoyable game of Basketball.
- Ms. Meausette, Mrs. Fredeen, Ms. Collins, Ms. Coppock and Ms. Curtis - for participating and motivating our Cross Country students through their practices.
- Mrs. Alberring, Ms. Ellison, Ms. Rice, Ms. Howells and Ms. Byrne - for their time to organize the Intermediate Leadership program.

SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

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

NEWSLETTER

Spring Fling



One of the highlights of the school year is the annual Spring Fling. This year's event will be held on Friday, May 25, 2018. This is the one event of the year that brings our school community together for an evening of fun and games to raise funds for next year.

Parent/Guardian Appreciation



We would like to thank all of the Parents/Guardians who have helped make Sidney School such a great place to be. Your support is needed, valued, and appreciated by all the staff and students in our school. They say it takes a community to raise a child and we wanted to thank all those people in our school community who have helped make this statement a reality at Sidney School.

2018/2019 School Bus Registration



School bus registration is now open for the 2018/19 school year. Please use the link provided to register. To ensure a seat on the bus please have your registration completed by June 29, 2018. The bus routes are to be used as a guideline only. Updated bus routes for next year will be posted on this site by August 15, 2018.

School Bus Registration Form

Hours: 7:30am–4:00pm, Monday to Friday;

12:00pm–1:00pm, Monday to Friday Closed

Phone: (250) 652-7343

Email: transportation@sd63.bc.ca

Twitter: @sd63bus

Grade 5 Transition



Grade 5 students are getting ready for attending North Saanich Middle School (NSMS) next year. Students went to NSMS for orientation. The NSMS administration staff and leadership group visited Sidney School in preparation for transition to

Grade 6 on May 15th.

Track and Field



Students in grade 3, 4 & 5 will be working on track events in PE classes, during our morning SPARK and at lunch. The track events will be held at the University of Victoria (UVic) on Thursday, June 14.

Students interested in participating at the track and field meet will need to complete a permission form. Permission forms will be available later this month.

Transportation to UVic will be by school bus. Parents may choose to drive their own children to and from the stadium. **Parents/Guardians will be responsible to pick up their student and will need to be at the Stadium by 2:15 p.m.** More details will be coming home with track participants.

Cross Country



Another season of Cross Country has come to an end. This year students participating in Cross Country, were involved in two practices per week and three District meets at Centennial Park. All of our participants trained hard and worked on improving their "personal bests" each week. We would like to thank Ms. Meausette, Mrs. Curtis, Mrs. Coppock, Mrs. Collins and Ms. Fredeen for all of their help with the team.

Jump Rope Day



Sidney students participated in Jump Rope day on Friday, May 18th. Classes met throughout the day to learn some new skipping skills and be active. This is a great opportunity to discover another way of keeping our hearts, muscles and bones strong. Thank you to Mrs. Richards for organizing this event and the PAC for

providing oranges as a healthy snack.

What's New @ Your Learning Commons



- Chocolate Lily Book Awards voting happens this month! Ask your Grade 3, 4 and 5 child if they will vote and for which book.
- All students please return your overdue library books; especially Grade Five students. Your lost or missing books follow your records to middle school.
- Tech Tuesdays continue on Tuesday mornings at 7:45 am in the LC for grade 3,4 or 5 students who wish to engage in Tech projects.
- Our Salmon Fry (95 of them) are being released at Reay Creek at the end of the month by students from each grade.

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



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

In the past ten years, it has been possible to collect more than 133,750 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 at ...

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

PAC NEWS



The next PAC Meeting is Tuesday, June 12th at 6:30 pm in the school Library. All parents/guardians of Sidney School students are welcome to attend. We hope you can join us!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Sidney Museum

The Sidney Museum would like to invite families to the opening of it's Comic-book Superheroes exhibit on Sunday May 6th from Noon - 2pm. This fun and educational exhibit will feature displays of the Bat Cave, Wonder Woman, Dead Pool, Spiderman and lots more. Come in superhero costume or we'll help you make one on site. Have pictures with your favorite superheroes, enjoy the scavenger hunt, face painting, trivia, superhero cartoons and enter for prizes. The Ocean 98.5 will also be on location.

If you can't make the opening, the exhibit will run until July 6th. Admission by donation. Group tours available upon request. More info at: 250-655-6355 or <https://www.facebook.com/events/136503093846691/>