

## June 2018

## NEWSLETTER

### CALENDAR

- June**  
18-22...Indigenous Week  
19.....First Nations Gallery Walk  
21.....Gr. 5 Farewell @ 12:15  
22.....Fun Day  
27.....Year End Assembly; 10:15am  
28.....Year End Potluck Breakfast  
28.....Last Day of School  
29.....Admin Day- No school in session
- Jun 29 - Sept 3....Summer Break**
- September**  
4.....First Day of School  
.....(till 10:30 am)  
26.....Early Dismissal @ 1:46pm  
27.....Early Dismissal @ 1:46pm
- October**  
8.....Thanksgiving Day- STAT  
19.....Non Instructional Day
- November**  
12.....Remembrance Day - STAT  
23.....Non Instructional Day
- December**  
5.....Early Dismissal @ 1:46pm  
Dec 24-Jan 4....Winter Break

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL



I would like to thank the staff at Sidney Elementary for all of the wonderful learning opportunities that are provided for students in and outside of the classroom on a daily basis. The academic, social-emotional and physical needs of our students are well looked after by the hard-working and dedicated staff at our school.

We hope you were able to stop by the school for Parent Appreciation morning to receive a warm beverage and a treat made by our Sidney staff. If you weren't, we hope all parents/guardians 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.

Many thanks to all our parent volunteers for their time and hard work during this school year. Special thanks to the entire PAC Executive for their support. PAC has provided us with funding for academics, arts, athletics, field trips, technology, emergency preparedness and our library. Our students have greatly benefited from all of the extras provided by PAC. Thank you for all of your support.

It is with mixed feelings that we will be saying farewell to Sidney's Vice-Principal of two years, Ms. Meausette. We will truly miss Ms. Meausette's presence in the halls and her tremendous support for all of our staff and students.

Although Ms. Meausette will be greatly missed, we wish her all the best and are excited for her new venture as Vice-Principal at Cordova Bay Elementary. I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce our New Vice-Principal Ms. Sara Postlethwaite. Ms. Postlethwaite has been a classroom teacher at both North Saanich and KELSET and will be starting her Administrative career at our school. We look forward to work with Ms. Postlethwaite.

As this is the final newsletter of the year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and prosperous summer. For those who are moving on from Sidney, I hope you have a successful transition to your new learning community. For those who will remain a part of the Sidney community in the fall, I look forward to seeing all of you in September.

With appreciation,

Tom Vickers

SAYING GOODBYE TO Sidney... As the school year comes to a close, we need to say goodbye to some of our Sidney staff:

• Amanda Rice-Gr. 4/5 Teacher	• Amber Sebastian-Secretary
• Chelsea Howells-Gr. 4/5 Teacher	• Frank Behrens-Educational Assistants
• Dayle Robinson-Gr. 1 Teacher	• Genevieve Barker-Educational Assistants
• Gerry Kratofil-Kindergarten Teacher	• Jeannie Repsch-LC Tech
• Kaley Ram-Gr. 1 Teacher	• Mariah Provan-Educational Assistants
• Lyssa Hogg-Gr. 2 Teacher	• Mike Cacovic-Custodian
• Mary Kaercher-Library/Music Teacher	• Nicole Fletcher-Educational Assistant
• Sandy Lockhart-Gr. 2 Teacher	
• Tara Kelk-Gr. 3/4 Teacher	

### 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.

### SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

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

### Year-End Assembly

 On Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> we will have our Year-End Assembly celebrating all of our students at 10:15 a.m. Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend and join in the celebration. We will be recognizing those parents/guardians that have made various contributions throughout the school year.

### Grade Five Celebration

 A Celebration to honour our Grade 5 Students will be held on Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup> afternoon, please mark your calendars. . All intermediate students will participate in this event and all intermediate families are invited. Further details will be sent home in an invitation. **Fun Day Friday, June 22, 2018**



Remember to have children dress appropriately for the weather on June 22, for our Fun Day, with hats, water and sunscreen. Our morning will start at 9:00 am on the field. PAC will have a "Freezie Station" and kids can each have one at any time during Fun Day for their nutrition break.

### Report Cards Available on June 25-28, 2018

 Teachers will be sending home report cards between June 25-28, 2018. If you have any questions after reviewing the report card, please make arrangements to speak with your child's teacher. Additionally, if you are leaving school early for holidays please inform your teacher and we will be able to have your report cards available before you depart on holidays. **If you are departing on holidays prior to the 26<sup>th</sup> and would prefer we mail you your child's Report Card, please self address and stamp an envelope and we will mail your child's Report Card.**

### Sidney Staffing for 2018/2019

 This time of year is always difficult for staff in the school system. We have several staff members who are not sure where they will be working next year. We are hoping that we will have positions for them at Sidney School, but we have no guarantees. One thing is for sure, we appreciate their commitment to our children and school. So thank you to all those teachers and educational assistants who are waiting for new assignments for 2018/2019.

### Back to School September 4, 2018

 **The First Day Back - Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018**  
**GRADES 1 - 5 STUDENTS - 8:40 - 10:30 am**  
Students will return to their last year's teacher(s) for attendance and a welcome back visit with other students. New students to the school will meet in the learning commons and then be given an orientation of the school. They will join their grade group peers after the school tour.

NEW KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS will have a gradual entry into Kindergarten. Kindergarten parents are asked to phone in (250-656-3958) the week before school starts (August 27-31) from 8:40-2:40 to confirm attendance. More information will be sent home in July for Kindergarten families.

**The Second Day Back to School - Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018**  
Wednesday is a full day session for students in Grades 1 to 5. Students will remain with their last year's teacher(s) until we can confirm our school organization, number of divisions, etc. We will move students into their new classes as soon as we are able to do so. Most likely this will occur on Wednesday afternoon. However, if we have to re-organize (form a new division or collapse one division due to enrollment increase/decrease) we may have to delay moving to new classes until Thursday.

### Year End Potluck Breakfast

 On Thursday, June 28 at 7:30 to 8:45 am, the PAC will be sponsoring a potluck breakfast in the gym. The PAC will be sending out a link shortly to sign up to bring a breakfast item to share (ie: muffins, fruit plate, etc.). After the potluck many students say goodbye to their teacher and classmates and head off into the summer sun, while others choose to stay behind and help clean up the classrooms. **PLEASE COME AND ENJOY!!!!**

### 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](tel:2506527343)  
Email: [transportation@sd63.bc.ca](mailto:transportation@sd63.bc.ca)  
Twitter: [@sd63bus](https://twitter.com/sd63bus)

### June in the Learning Commons @ Sidney

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- Mrs. Repsch and Ms. Kaercher have only a few more weeks in the Learning Commons together as Mrs. R is retiring and Ms. K will be at Deep Cove Elementary next year.
  - Library books are due June 13. A cold treat is on the way for the first primary and intermediate classes with all of their items returned.
  - Virginia from the Sidney Library will be here on Wednesday June 20 to kick off their Summer Reading Club. Ask your child about it!
  - Chocolate Lily BC winners were announced- ask your child if they were surprised at the winners.
  - Tuesday Tech club was a hit but is now over for the year. Thank you to all students who made it so successful.

### Recycling

 Thank you to the Conservation Crew who have worked hard throughout the year to promote recycling, reusing and reducing to help make our school a more environmentally friendly place.

### School Safety Patrol

 A group of dedicated grade 4/5 volunteers help students cross the intersection at 7<sup>th</sup> St. and Henry Ave. under the direction of Ms. Robb. We are grateful for these Intermediate volunteers who give up their time no matter what the weather. They will be honoured at our year end assembly on Wednesday, June 27.

### Traffic

 Our community Speed Watch and the RCMP will be a Sidney Elementary periodically monitoring vehicles speed in the school zone. **Reminder to always USE THE CROSSWALKS available when crossing along Second St. and Henry Ave.**

### Track

 Students in grade 3, 4 & 5 have been working on their track events during our morning SPARK. The track events were held at the University of Victoria (UVic) on Thursday, June 14. Our athletes did an amazing job in their events and were excellent Representatives for Sidney Elementary.

## Medication



Please be sure to pick up medications that you may have given the office at the beginning of the school year. We will not keep medications in the school over the summer break.

## Lost & Found



We have MANY unclaimed articles in our Lost and Found located by the office. When you are in the school, please check to see if you recognize any of these items. Check at the office for any small treasures you may have lost. Articles left after June 29<sup>th</sup> will be given to a charitable organization.

## PAC NEWS

## Annual Spring Fling



Sidney School PAC would like to thank all Parents and Volunteers who helped make this year's Spring Fling a success! Thanks to all who helped out and attended this wonderful event.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

# HOCKEY

**It's not just your brother's game.**

The Peninsula Minor Hockey Association is seeking girls to form our female teams.

If you are:

- ✓ a girl
- ✓ between 5 to 11 years old
- ✓ someone who wants to have fun
- ✓ interested in playing great hockey

... then we want to talk to you!

*"You can't call her a girl hockey player. She's a hockey player who just happens to be a girl." -Bob Reid*



Want more info?

Contact our Female Hockey Coordinator at [chforsberg@shaw.ca](mailto:chforsberg@shaw.ca)

Visit [www.pmha.bc.ca](http://www.pmha.bc.ca)

# OPEN AIR LIBRARY

Iroquois Park, Sidney BC

SAANICH PENINSULA LITERACY HOSTS A FREE, ALL AGES, OUTDOOR LIBRARY. CHOOSE FROM A SELECTION OF BOOKS AND RELAX ON ONE OF OUR BLANKETS. TAKE A BOOK HOME WITH YOU!

BOOKSMACK EVENT August 14

Tuesday's 10-12pm  
July 3, 10, 17 & Aug 7, 14, 21  
weather permitting

[southislandliteracy.com](http://southislandliteracy.com)



## FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

### Make Physical Activity Part of the Day, Every Day



Games, climbing, walking, biking, dancing... What do your kids like to do every day? Do they get outside and play? Children may just need the space and time to be active.

*"Access to active play in nature and outdoors - with its risks - is essential for healthy child development. We recommend increasing children's opportunities for self-directed play outdoors in all settings - at home, at school, in child care, the community and nature." (Position Statement on Active Outdoor Play, 2015)*

What are the benefits?

- Better sleep
- Better able to handle emotional challenges
- Better able to concentrate
- Stronger body, both inside and out

The benefits are clear, active kids are healthier and happier, both mind and body!

### Sun Smart



Too much sun (especially sunburns) can cause:

- Eye damage
- Skin cancer later in life
- Damage to immune system
- Skin damage that is cumulative; this means that the damage builds up over time

Those at highest risk of skin cancer are those with:

- Fair skin and blonde or red hair
- Skin that burns and freckles easily
- Lots of moles or large moles
- History of severe sunburns

Ultraviolet (UV) Index:

- UV Index is a measurement that determines how strong the sun is
- You and your child can sunburn in only 15 minutes depending on the UV Index
- UV Index is usually highest from late spring to early fall between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., so avoid unprotected sun exposure between these times
- Use sun protection (clothing, sunscreen, sunglasses, wide brimmed hat) if UV Index is greater than 3
- Even people with dark skin are at risk for skin damage and cancers

Ways to protect yourself and your child:

- SEEK out the shade
- SLIP on clothing that covers arms and legs
- SLAP on a wide brimmed hat and sunglasses
- SLOP on sunscreen
- SLURP lots of water

Sunscreen Tips:

- Avoid the mouth and eye area when applying sunscreen
- Use broad-spectrum sunscreen (with UVA and UVB coverage) with SPF 30 or higher
- Apply sunscreen at least 20 minutes before going outside