



KELSET Elementary School

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Mission: At KELSET School, our overall goal is "Success for Each Student". We want everyone in our school community to feel cared for, connected, capable and appropriately challenged.

Beliefs: We take care of ourselves. We take care of each other. We take care of our community & our world.

CALENDAR

June

7PAC Book Sale
7NSMS Open House
8BSMS Open House
9Track & Field Meet; UVic
12PAC Bottle Drive; 10 am – 2 pm
15PAC Meeting; 6:30-8pm
27Fun Day
28Year End Assembly
29Last Day for Students



September

8First Day of School; 8:40-10:15 am

SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

please email

kelset_attendance@saanichschools.ca

or call **250-655-1194**

if your child will be absent or late.

JUNE 2022

It is wonderful to observe the increase in multi-class collaboration, family participation, and guest presenters in our school as we return to in-person activities. On May 16th, we welcomed guests from **Dufflebag Theatre**, performing an interactive show of *The Three Musketeers* for all of our students and staff. We have also returned to full-school assemblies, led by grade 4 and 5 students, showcasing student learning and celebrating student growth in many ways.



On May 25th, our school practiced our annual full-evacuation **earthquake drill**. We were impressed by how well many of our students managed their behavior, allowing staff to prepare for their specific roles in an actual emergency. Furthermore, you may have noticed the large blue storage bin at the side of our grass field. This new bin will allow a safer storage area for our emergency items and easier access in the actual event of an earthquake. Once all items have been safely moved to this new bin, our remaining bin will provide our school with much needed storage. Thank you to the PAC for their contribution!

We have an eventful June planned, with many class fieldtrips, including our first annual **Grade 5 KELSET Thunderbird Canoe Placing** at Pauquachin First Nation on June 13th. This is an opportunity for our grade 5 students to acknowledge their part and history of KELSET School, while celebrating the next phase of their school journey. We will be sad to see our grade 5 students leave at the end of this year and have planned a special acknowledgement for them at our Year End Assembly on June 28th.



Fun Day will be back at KELSET on the morning of June 27th! All of our students will have a variety of fun activity stations to choose, followed by a water fight between our grade 5 students and staff!

So much of our extra school programming and fun events would not happen without the help of our volunteers. Thank you to parents who have helped on fieldtrips throughout the year and offered support when requested. A huge thank you to those volunteers who dedicated consistent and regular time to support our students this year, inclusive of our food program, reading programs, and our PAC members. In appreciation of these volunteers, we

NEWSLETTER

will be hosting a **Volunteer Tea** to give our staff and students the opportunity to say thank you to those who contribute to our school in such meaningful ways.



KELSET will be saying **goodbye** to a few of our staff members. Thank you to our temporary Education Assistants, Ms. Rebecca Sum, Ms. Lisa Storback, Ms. Charlotte Alcock, Ms. Kate Mealey, and Mr. Fraser Coull. We will also be saying good bye to a few of our teachers this year:

Thank you to Ms. Rebecca Simmonds, Ms. Vanessa Clark, Ms. Melissa Cole, Ms. Megan Hay, and Ms. Nicola Martin. You have all been a huge part of our school this past year and we hope to see you return soon!

Congratulations to Ms. Joyce Manning on her retirement! We wish you all the best 😊.

Thank you to each of our staff members for your contribution to our students and school community. You have each made a dramatic impact in the lives and learning of our students.

JUNE IS PRIDE MONTH

To celebrate Pride Month this year, KELSET classes will be learning about diversity and inclusion for 2SLGBTQIA+ people. SOGI stands for Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity; a SOGI-inclusive school means that all of the 2sLGBTQIA+ experiences and identities are embraced and should never be cause for discrimination. On Friday, June 10th, we ask that students wear colours of the rainbow to show that KELSET supports pride month.

TRACK AND FIELD

For all students in grades 3 - 5 who are excited to participate in a Track and Field event this year will be invited to our District-wide Track Meet on June 9th at the University of Victoria.

MOVING?

If your child will not be attending KELSET (or Bayside/North Saanich Middle school) next year, please let us know as soon as possible, in order to help us as we make decisions regarding staffing, classroom configurations and student placement.

LOST AND FOUND



All items will be placed outside the front entrance on Monday, June 27th (before and after school). Please check to see if there are any items that belong to your child. Unclaimed items will be donated.

LIBRARY NEWS



Please Return Library Books by June 24th.

We have had a wonderful year in the KELSET library learning commons! Book exchange will continue through the week of June 13th to 17th and our goal is to have all library books returned to us by the following Friday, June 24th. Thank you in advance to our KELSET families for helping to search in backpacks, under the bed, and in all the usual places for any missing or misplaced library books before the 24th. We appreciate your help keeping our library collection in good shape for next year's students. We hope you have a fabulous summer and find lots of time to read!

REPORT CARDS

We are proud of the progress that students have made this year. Summative reports will be provided to students on the last day of classes: Wednesday, June 29. If students are absent, their reports will be available for pick up in the office on June 30 and July 4.

MEDICATION

Reminder that if your child has any medication/EpiPens stored in the office, please make sure it is taken home by June 29th.





SILENT AUCTION

The Silent Auction is now live and has some amazing items on offer this year!

- Give your kids a private tour of a police car or firetruck and have them escorted to school with lights and sirens 🚓 🚒
- Bid on two tickets anywhere that WestJet flies and vacation essentials from Adventure Clothing ✈️ 🏕️
- Have a complete neurovisual assessment done on yourself or your child to treat possible dizziness or headaches. 🕶️ 👁️
- Check out the gift certificates to many local attractions and eateries

Bidding is open until June 8th so if you haven't had a chance to check it out yet, please do:

32auctions.com/kelset2022

BOOK SALE

Please bring donations of gently used children's books to your classrooms this week (May 30 to June 3). On Tuesday June 7th classes will get to walk through and see all the donations, and pay just \$2/book or 3 for \$5 to take some home! Don't forget to send some cash to school with your child that day. Funds raised will support PAC initiatives and any extra books will be offered to our school library.

VOLUNTEER FOR NEXT YEAR

With some PAC members moving on and the hope that we can see more fun events at KELSET next school year, we would love to encourage more volunteers to step forward! We are in particular need of a new fundraising team but will also be looking for people to help with events, Fun Lunch and if all goes well, the Spring Fair! Please send us an email at kelsetpac@gmail.com to express your interest, or complete our short survey at: <https://forms.gle/YSEEGkRZpYjBZAoN9>

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

We are seeking to form a committee of parents interested in discussing Before & After School Care options (or lack thereof!) for KELSET students. The committee would work together to gather information and determine what needs to be done in order to open more childcare spaces to serve our school. If you are someone in need of before or after school care for the Fall of 2022, please reach out to kelsetpac@gmail.com and we can add your email to our list of interested parties.



IT'S ALMOST HERE:

THE LAST BOTTLE DRIVE OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!

On **SUNDAY, JUN 12th**, drop off your cans & bottles **between 10am & 2pm** in the school parking lot. No sorting required. Refundable containers only, which now includes milk and plant based beverage containers (no yogurt products though). If you're interested in supporting this fundraiser by volunteering or would like your empties picked up, please contact us at kelsetbottledrive@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!



COMMUNITY NEWS



NEW PLAYER REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

The Peninsula Minor Hockey Association is looking for new players. We have programs for all children from five years old and up, at all levels of skill. Players should be able to skate on their own. Our program supports developing skills, teamwork and most importantly, fun. Our season runs from Labour Day until Spring Break. Come join the Eagles and have a winter of great, fun, hockey. Parents who want more information can check out our website at pmha.bc.ca or contact president@pmha.bc.ca.

VISIT WWW.PMHA.BC.CA TO REGISTER

SPRING INTO WATER POLO



Sign up for Saanich Water Polo School's spring and summer Powerswimming, Minipolo and Junior Development lessons, and see incredible progress in swim skills, endurance and aquatic confidence in your child.

Classes are available for ages 6-12,
May through August at SCP Pool
Flexible ongoing registration.

For more information, contact SWPS, Saanich
Water Polo School at 250-514-9237 or
waterpoloschool@shaw.ca

Minipolo - Ages 6-11
Sundays 5-6 pm, SCP

JR. Dev. - Ages 8-12
Sundays 4:30-6 pm, SCP

Powerswimming Ages 6-12
Tues/Thurs 7-8 pm, SCP



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SAANICH SCHOOL DISTRICT (63)

2022/2023 CALENDAR

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Instructional

Non-Instructional

Vacation Period

Closure

Statutory Holiday

KELSET Early Dismissal Days (1:48 pm) for 2022/2023 will occur on the following dates to facilitate Home-School Conferences:

Wednesday, October 12, 2022
 Thursday, October 13, 2022
 Wednesday, November 23, 2022
 Wednesday, March 1, 2023



KELSET School's hours of operation will be:
 8:40-11:14 Instruction
 11:14-12:14 Lunch Eating/
 Lunch Play Period
 12:14-1:40 Instruction
 1:40-1:55 Recess
 1:55-2:48 Instruction