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**To: Parents of students in Kelset Elementary School**

Kelset Elementary has invited the popular **Math Mania** program to the school for an evening event. We are pleased to be able to come to the school on Wednesday, October 7, 2015. The event will be held in the gymnasium from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. In order to hold the event, there will be about twenty volunteers – students, faculty and staff – coming from UVic that evening. We welcome all children in the school (K-5) at our Math Mania events and we look forward to meeting you and your children at the school on October 7th.

If you want more information, please call contact the school at (250) 655-4648.

What is Math Mania?

Math Mania is a popular alternative math education event which has been presented in the elementary schools of Greater Victoria, Saanich and Sooke School Districts since 1997. It is held four or five times a year and is open to all students in the school. Although we welcome all age levels, it is particularly suited to grade one to five students.

Math Mania is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by PIMS (Pacific Institute for the Mathematical Sciences) as part of its education outreach programs.

Math Mania presents a variety of interactive demonstrations, puzzles, games and art such as 'get your goat', the 'penny game', the 'Set Game', the 'Game of 24', 'Tower of Hanoi', kaleidoscopes and straw constructions, and a number of mathematical puzzles and paradoxes. These activities are designed to demonstrate to students - and their parents - fun ways of learning both math and computer science concepts.

Further information about Math Mania can be found on the following webpage on the Pacific Institute for the Mathematical Sciences' (PIMS) website:  
[www.pims.math.ca/education/math-mania](http://www.pims.math.ca/education/math-mania)

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