



# KELSET Elementary School

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## CALENDAR

### September

- 21.....**New Parent Information Session**; PAC 5:30-6:30 Multi-Purpose Room
- 21.....**PAC Meeting**, 6:30-8pm
- 23.....**Terry Fox Run**, 2pm
- 27.....**Picture Day**
- 29.....**Fire Expo** – North Saanich Fire Department, Grades 4/5, 9:30-11:45
- 30.....**Orange Shirt Day**; more information to follow

### October

- 6.....**1:48 Dismissal**; to facilitate Home/School Communication
- 10.....**Thanksgiving** Stat. Holiday
- 12.....**PAC Meeting**, 6:30-8pm
- 20.....**Great Shake Out** Earthquake Drill, 10:20 am
- 21.....**Non-Instructional Day**; students do not attend school
- 25.....**Picture Re-takes**, 1pm
- 31.....**Halloween Safety Assemblies**

### November

- 8.....**Greater Victoria Youth Orchestra**, Grades 4/5 at Uvic, 10:30 am
- 9.....**PAC Meeting**, 6:30-8pm
- 10.....**Remembrance Day Ceremony**, 10:30 am
- 11.....**Remembrance Day** Stat. Holiday
- 14.....**Non-Instructional Day**; students do not attend school
- 23.....**1:48 Early Dismissal**
- 24.....**1:48 Early Dismissal**

### SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

please email

[kelsetsafearrival@sd63.bc.ca](mailto:kelsetsafearrival@sd63.bc.ca)

or call **250-655-1194**

if your child will be absent or late.

## SEPTEMBER 2016

## NEWSLETTER

**Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year!** We hope that everyone had a great summer spending time with family and friends! All of our 383 students are beginning to settle in to their new classrooms with their new friends and new teachers. I would like to send out a special welcome to all the new families and new staff that are joining the KELSET learning community. Welcome to our new staff members: Mr. Chris Chan; Mrs. Emma Coles; Miss Brittany Lapierre, Ms. Jennifer Gaudin and Ms. Shelagh Tiesu. We welcome Mrs. Robin Dupree back from maternity leave.

### Our Staff

- Principal.....Cathy Crocket-Moore
- Vice Principal.....Rae Dennett
- Kindergarten.....Rick Williams
- Kindergarten.....Joyce Manning
- Kindergarten/Grade1.....Monika Rose
- Grade 1.....Diane Bocking/Chris Chan
- Grade 1.....Tracie Ashcroft
- Grade 1/2.....Brittany Lapierre
- Grade 2.....Ginny Underwood
- Grade 2.....Jodi Steele
- Grade 3.....Anne MacKinnon
- Grade 3.....Karen Sheridan
- Grade 3.....Thirell Trottier
- Grade 4/5.....Krista Hale
- Grade 4/5.....Anne Stewart
- Grade 4/5.....Sara Postlethwaite
- Grade 4/5.....Heather Fawkes
- Grade 4/5.....Emma Coles



- Learning Assistance/ Integration Support: Rae Dennett, Erin Young & Chris Chan
- Reading Recovery: Shauna Doehring; Robin Dupree
- Indigenous Education Teacher: Robin Dupree
- Teacher-Librarian: Julie McManus
- French as a Second Language Teachers: Natalie McKamey
- Speech and Language: Annette Inglis
- English as a Second Language: Lynne Willock
- Psychologist: Patricia Gabriel
- School Counsellor: Shannon Toronitz
- Secretary: Leanne Lawson
- Library & Student Support: Kathy Monette
- Technology Assistant and Student Support: Darrell Whalen
- Student Support: Susan Child; Nicole Folk; Tineke Legear; Nicole Nason; Sheralyn MacRae; Heather Ann McRae; Leanne Mitchell
- Youth & Family Counsellor: Shelagh Tiesu
- Crossing Guards: Susan Child; Leanne Mitchell; Kathy Monette; Nicole Nason
- Lunch Time Supervisor: Nadine Dimock
- Custodians: Brett Mindus; Rico Hing

## SCHOOL HOURS

8:37	Warning Bell
8:40-11:14	Instruction
11:14-11:50	Lunch Play Period
11:50-12:14	Lunch Eating Period
12:14-1:40	Instruction
1:40-1:55	Recess
1:55-2:48	Instruction



\*Teachers will be at their classroom doors at 8:37 to greet their students.

## BOUQUETS TO

- the parents who assisted with the wonderful Grade Five Farewell in June. We will miss our Grade Fives and wish them well as they begin their Middle School years.
- the PAC Executive, for coordinating the school supply package and the first day Meet and Greet!

## NEWSLETTERS/BULLETINS

Once again this year, most newsletters and bulletins will be provided electronically. **Please take a moment to go to our school website (<http://kelset.sd63.bc.ca/>) to ensure that you have given us permission to email these important newsletters/bulletins to you.** Not only is this a “green” initiative, but it ensures the most timely communication, as “student post” isn’t always reliable!!

## SAFE ARRIVAL

As per District Policy, parents/guardians are asked to call the school's special SAFE ARRIVAL line (**250 655-1194**) or email ([kelsetsafearrival@sd63.bc.ca](mailto:kelsetsafearrival@sd63.bc.ca)) if their child is going to be absent or late. You may note the expected duration of an absence (i.e. when you know the child is going to be away for more than one day, you can just call on the first day, sharing when we should be expecting the child back at school.) You may leave a message 24/7 using this number or email address. Parent Volunteers and staff members use this information to make sure that all children are accounted for at the start of the school day. Thank you for your cooperation.

## PLEASE BE PUNCTUAL!

We have a surprising number of students who arrive to school late. We realize that sometimes there are unavoidable circumstances that cause students to be late. However, if it is possible to have your child arrive on time, it helps to ensure that he/she doesn't miss important morning messages and other start of the day routines and activities, helps him/her to ease into the day calmly, and prevents disruptions to others in the class. Thank you for doing what you can to support timely arrivals in the morning!

## INDOOR SOCCER

A sign-up meeting for indoor soccer will be held on Tuesday, Sept, 20<sup>th</sup> during little recess for Grade 4/5 students.

## EARLY DISMISSALS AND HOME/SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Early Dismissals (1:48) will occur on October 6, November 23, November 24 and March 2, to facilitate opportunities for Home/School Communication. Classroom teachers will offer these opportunities in a variety of formats and will provide the details specific to their class. Teachers look forward to learning more about your child, to sharing observations from the first weeks of the school year, and to sharing important details about classroom organization and routines.

## TERRY FOX SCHOOL RUN

Our annual Terry Fox Run is being held on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> this year. We will start the run on our field at 2:00. **We welcome and encourage parents and other family members to join us to run, walk and/or cheer others on.** We encourage donations, to support Terry's dream of finding a cure for cancer. **Donations can be made on line or in the classrooms or at the office.** If you can help prepare the oranges for the run in the late morning/early afternoon on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, please call the school office. Due to serious allergies to animal fur, please do not bring your dog to this event.



## SCHOOL GOALS for 2016-2017

Our School Plan was reviewed and updated in 2013. Our main goals and priorities are:

**Goal One:** To develop a sense of belonging and connectedness to school

**Goal Two:** To improve literacy achievement

### Ongoing Priorities:

- valuing **diversity**
- continuing our focus on **social responsibility**
- increasing **numeracy** achievement
- promoting **active, healthy lifestyles**
- developing **critical and creative thinking skills**

A copy of our School Plan is available on the bulletin board by the office.

## MEDICAL CONCERNS

Please be sure to speak with your child's new teacher as soon as possible if your child has a medical condition that we should be aware of.

## NEW PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Our new KELSET families are invited to an information session on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:30-6:30pm to learn more about our wonderful school!



## TRAFFIC/PARKING

Thank you very much for your cooperation – the first weeks of school have seen things going quite well in our parking lot! **Our main challenge occurs when drivers leave their vehicles in the DROP OFF LANE, during peak drop off and pick up times.** This results in the buses being delayed, as they can't pass the parked vehicle, disrupts the bus schedules, and causes the other traffic to back up also, preventing anyone from leaving the lot. If everyone uses the drop off lane as it is intended, our parking lot will run smoothly!

There are three KÉLSET Crossing Guards – one on Forest Park Drive, one at Bazan Bay Road, and one at the entrance to the KÉLSET parking lot. Crossing Guards are on duty from 8:10 until 8:40 and from 2:48 until 3:18.

Traffic in the parking lot and on Forest Park Drive will, of course, be congested at peak pick up and drop off times. The following suggestions serve as important reminders for those returning to KÉLSET this year and are especially important to families new to our school. We ask that parents be patient and cautious and show consideration for others, especially our students. Please:

- drive SLOWLY, obeying posted speed limits;
- obey all signs, including anti-idling signs;
- **use the drop off/pick up areas as intended, not for parking;**
- do not make u-turns on Forest Park Drive;
- be respectful of our school neighbours (avoid turning in their driveways, etc.);
- allow yourself extra time, so that you are not rushed;
- consider the school bus, car pooling, walking, cycling and other “green” options; and if possible, avoid the peak drop off time (8:30- 8:40 a.m.) and drop off between 8:20 and 8:30 and avoid the peak pick up time (2:45- 2:55), arriving at 3:00.

**Please note that there is RESIDENTIAL ONLY parking on Haro Park Terrace. Please do not park on Haro.**

There are a few drop off spots on the south side of Forest Park Drive. We encourage you to come up Forest Park Drive to see if there are any spots on the north side of the road, using them if possible. If necessary, please loop through the parking lot, which will enable you to turn left and park in available spots on the south side of Forest Park Drive. Please do not make u-turns on Forest Park Drive and avoid turning in the driveways on Haro Park Terrace. Please use the sidewalk and go to the crosswalk, to ensure safety in crossing Forest Park Drive.

Parents may park in the **north end of the Panorama lot**, during school drop off and pick up times. We appreciate this support from the Panorama staff! Again, please use the crosswalk, to ensure safety.

There is also parking on the south side of the Panorama lot, near the tennis courts and the Panorama administrators welcome KÉLSET parking there. The lot is close to the chip trail so children and parents can enjoy some fresh air and a brief walk on the trail, coming out right at the crosswalk.

## INSIDE SHOES

We strongly encourage your child to have a pair of “inside shoes” at school. Muddy, wet “outside shoes” can then be exchanged for dry, clean shoes, helping to protect our floors and our students’ feet. It is important that these shoes be suitable for use in the gym, as again, safety is a concern.

## WEATHER AND SUITABLE CLOTHING

Please ensure that your child comes to school “dressed for the weather”...i.e.: jackets, appropriate footwear, etc. for days when there may be light rain and some mud. We usually will send the children outside at play times, unless the weather is very poor, as this gives them the opportunity to get fresh air, run off some of their energy and connect with their friends from other classes.

## EXTRA CLOTHING AT SCHOOL

Many of our students like to play in the 'stream' that is part of our naturescape area. This is a wonderful opportunity for “natural play” and is a highlight of many of the children’s day! While we encourage the children to play carefully and to avoid getting muddy and require children to wear boots when it is particularly mucky in this area, the children may sometimes still get wet or dirty. If your child likes to play in this area, we strongly encourage you to ensure that an extra set of pants, a shirt, socks and even underwear, are available at school (they can be kept in your child's cubby/locker); then, he/she can be assured of dry, clean clothing should it be necessary. Sometimes, the children slip on other parts of the field during the damp season and again, the extra clothing is very beneficial! (The clothes needn't be new and could be those too worn for every day wear.)



## CLOTHING DONATIONS WELCOME!

We welcome pants, shirts, underwear and socks that your children have outgrown, to add to our supply of “spare clothing.” While we encourage all children to have a spare set of clothing at school, “extras” come in handy from time to time! **We welcome your donations at any time throughout the year.** *If your child has occasion to use this extra clothing, we appreciate it being laundered and returned promptly!*

## ELECTRONIC GAMES, ETC.

Game Boys, Nintendo and other such games can limit your child’s active play and socialization during outside play times. Further, they can easily be lost, damaged or stolen. Therefore, we generally discourage such games being brought to school. **If children do bring such games to school, they do so at their own risk.** Staff will have limited time available to deal with the mishaps that can occur.



## FORMS

A package of forms will be sent home this week to be completed and returned to the school. Please ensure they are returned as they provide important information to help us take care of your children in the event of an emergency.

## ACCIDENTS DO HAPPEN

The school district does not insure expenses for student injuries that happen on school grounds or during school activities. You are responsible for these expenses as a parent or guardian. However, the school district assists families to voluntarily purchase private accident insurance through the Reliable Life Insurance Company. Brochures are no longer distributed to students in September however the information can be viewed on-line at [www.insuremykids.com](http://www.insuremykids.com)

## MICROWAVES

Please be aware that microwaves are not available for student use. We do not have the resources (enough microwaves, time, staff...) to heat lunches for students. If necessary, please ensure that meals are preheated and use a thermos.

## HALLOWEEN IS COMING!

We will once again enjoy our tradition of having **WACKY HAIR** and/or wearing **ORANGE AND BLACK** on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>! Start planning with your child so as not to have a last minute panic!

## SIGN IN/OUT

Just a reminder to everyone to please sign your child in at the main office when arriving late and sign them out if leaving the school before 2:48.

## FIELD TRIPS

Criminal Record Checks (CRC) are required for any volunteers driving students on a field trip and/or who may potentially have unsupervised access to students. CRC's are valid for 2 years. Parents can obtain a letter from the school office that will allow them to obtain a CRC with no fee. You can request this letter by emailing [llawson@sd63.bc.ca](mailto:llawson@sd63.bc.ca), by phone or request one at the office.

## SAFETY DRILLS

Again this year, KELSET students and staff will be practicing various safety drills including Fire, Earthquake and School Lock Down procedures. Discussions with students will precede our drills to increase the awareness of safety procedures and decrease possible anxiety.

*We are looking forward to a positive,  
productive and fun school year!*

## NO TRADING, PLEASE!

If children bring cards, etc. to school, we strongly encourage that they not "trade" them. Trading often results in misunderstandings or disappointments and we do not have the time/staffing to settle such disputes.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### SAANICH PENINSULA PARKING LOT CLUB

SPPC is offering a weekly activity program for students of elementary and middle school ages living in the surrounding neighbourhoods.

Visit their website for more information:

<http://www.saanichpeninsulapc.org/parking-lot>

LOCATION: SAANICH PENINSULA  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### SAANICHTON SCOUTS CANADA 10TH TSARTLIP GROUP

Unbeatable Value! Serving the Saanich Peninsula Diverse youth-led array of outdoor adventures, challenging personal potential experiences, physical & social literacy, and citizenship skills... Co-ed, multi-faith/non-denominational. Open Sept. - June; Summer programs available. Weekly meets, monthly camps & outings.

Beavers (5-7), Venturers (14-17) Mondays 6:30pm  
Cubs (8-10) Tuesdays 6:30pm  
Scouts (11-14) Thursdays 6:30pm

Be a kid at heart - Volunteers (19+) join for free! We have a great team & access to amazing facilities, equipment & training. Join us!

Registration

Youth: \$200 annual membership... That's \$5 per week! Flexible payment options

CONTACT US: [10tsartlip@victoriascouts.ca](mailto:10tsartlip@victoriascouts.ca)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/groups/1572168223107956/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/1572168223107956/)

### PENINSULA FIGURE SKATING CLUB CANSKATE: CANADA'S BEST LEARN TO SKATE PROGRAM

CanSkate uses a circuit of exercises that are nationally tested & designed so skaters learn in an active & fun group setting. Certified coaches and trained assistants teach the mechanics & proper techniques of skating.

CanSkate provides a great foundation for figure skating, hockey, speed skating and ringette.

Peninsula Figure Skating Club's registration night is September 8th 2016 5:30-7:00pm in the Panorama Arena lobby

More information is available on our website:

[www.peninsulafigureskatingclub.com](http://www.peninsulafigureskatingclub.com)

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