



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

February

- 12.....**Family Day** – students not in session
- 13.....to 16 – **KELSET Cares Food Drive**
- 16.....**Parent Mindfulness Session;**
12:30-2:30pm
- 23.....**Non-Instructional Day;** students not in session
- 26.....**Victoria Symphony;** Grades 4/5 attend UVic

March

- 1.....**Early Dismissal;** 1:46pm
- 2.....**KELSET Family Dance**
- 5.....**Non-Instructional Day;** students not in session
- 14.....**PAC Meeting,** 6:30pm
- 14.....**Swim Meet;** 10:00 - 12:30
Commonwealth Place
- 19.....to 23 **Spring Break**
- 26.....to 29 **School Closure Week**
- 30.....**Good Friday**

April

- 2.....**Easter Monday**
- 3.....**Schools Re-open**
- 11.....**PAC Meeting,** 6:30pm
- 20.....**Non-Instructional Day;** students not in session

FEBRUARY 2018

NEWSLETTER



BOUQUETS TO...

- Jeannine Wakely and the parent helpers for all their hard work with the Fun Lunch Program! The students love Fun Lunch Day!
- Mrs. Fawkes for all her efforts in coordinating the Alternate PE Program for our intermediate classes.
- Mrs. McManus for organizing the Family Literacy Day activity.
- Our many retired teachers who volunteer on a weekly basis supporting our literacy program!
- Sheila Holm for continuing to ensure our outside sign located on the gym wall is always updated.
- Marissa Bentham, Lesley Arnold and Julie McManus for offering the lunch hour hip hop dance club.
- Steve Weller for supporting chess club.

KELSET's NATURESCAPE

The school district has been addressing water flow issues causing concerns in our field. Therefore, the naturescape will no longer be available. At the same time, the district understands the students and parents disappointment for our students not having this activity during playtime. With the amount of water coming from natural wells on our property and the intense rainfall events increasing we find the area under a lot of stress. Clay is being washed away and slowly building up in pipes as the little top soil evident is washed away. With human activity in that space it only exacerbates the problem. While this happens water migrates onto the neighbours property. During spring break, a school district facilities crew will address these concerns with plans to fence this area off to students.

SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

please email

kelsetsafearrival@sd63.bc.ca

or call 250-655-1194

if your child will be absent or late.



March 2nd 🎵 5:30-7:30pm

SAFETY DRILLS

Again this year, KÉLSET students and staff will be practicing various safety drills including Fire, Earthquake and School Lockdown procedures. Discussions with students will precede our drills to increase the awareness of safety procedures and decrease possible anxiety. On Wednesday, March 7th, we will be holding a school wide Lockdown Drill to ensure we are prepared in the event of an emergency. We work cooperatively with our police partners on these drills. Please contact the school if you have any questions.

KÉLSET CARES FOOD DRIVE

It is that time of year again where our KÉLSET community gives back. This year we are going to give to the KÉLSET Forgotten Lunch Program and the Sidney Food Bank. Between February 13-16 please bring in non-perishable food items to the school. The students will bring them to the main entrance and be given a paper heart to put on the wall. The goal is to fill the wall with hearts so we can all see how much we have given back! Some donation suggestions are granola bars, fruit snacks, crackers, dried fruit, banana chips, Wow butter, jelly, and yogurt tubes to be frozen at the school. Thank you in advance for those that are able to participate.

STAFFING ANNOUNCEMENT



Welcome to Mrs. Laura Riddell who will be in various classrooms supporting teachers. Welcome to our new student interns. Miss Holland in Mrs. Stewart's class, Miss McMillan in Ms. MacKinnon's class and Ms. McCallaum in Mrs. Cole's class.

REPORT CARDS

Mid-year report cards will be issued between March 5th and March 15th this year, as per District guidelines. Individual teachers will complete and distribute their report cards at times that work best for them, based on unit completion, personal schedules, etc.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration was held last week with lots of students and parents eagerly anticipating the coming school year! Further registrations now must occur at the School Board Office.

GRADE FIVE TRANSITION

Plans are underway to help ensure that our Grade Five Students have a successful transition to middle school. In early May, our students will visit the middle school they plan on attending in the fall. North Saanich will hold their Parent Information Evening on May 2rd @ 7:00 pm. Bayside parent Evening will be held on May 24th, time TBA. Additional information will be sent home with students.

WEBSITES TO SUPPORT STUDENT LEARNING

Don't forget to access the various learning activities and resources found in the "Student Links" on the KÉLSET website, as there are many opportunities to reinforce and extend skills – reading, writing, numeracy, research and more! There are a large variety of sites to choose from.

EXTRA CURRICULAR - Currently, students have the opportunity to enjoy:

- Swim Club (Grades 3-5); Tuesdays after school; Thank you to coaches Ms. MacKinnon, Mrs. Sheridan and Miss McMillan.
- Basketball (Grades 4 & 5); Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunch time; Thank you to coaches Mrs. Postlethwaite, Mme McKamey, Mr. Chan, Miss Hodgson, Ms. Robinson, Mrs. Sinclair-Wise and Mr. Whalen!
- Dance Club (Grades 3 & 5); Fridays at lunch. Thanks to coaches Mrs. McManus, Mrs. Sinclair-Wise, Mrs. Bentham and Mrs. Arnold.
- Cross Country will begin after Spring Break for grades 3-5 students. *Grade 2 students are welcome to participate in lunch time practices only.

COMMUNICATION

There are several ways to stay informed as to the latest and upcoming school events and activities.

1. Monthly Newsletter - to access this, **parents must self-subscribe** and provide opt-in consent on the main page of our school website.
2. School Website - kelset.sd63.bc.ca - also please note that if you click on 'calendar' then 'month view' all activities/events are listed.
3. Classroom Newsletters
4. Outside sign located outside the gym

CANOE PROJECT

Our school, in partnership with the First Nations, have been invited to participate in learning about Indigenous methods of canoe making. Students will be part of the evolution of a canoe from the very initial stages. We are privileged to have local carver Curtis Henry facilitate students sessions.

Our students will be visiting the area where the tree is currently located in the Pauquachin Community. There will be a schedule sent home with the dates that each grade will be participating in this event. Students will be actively engaged in learning the history, the traditional uses and will learn the process of canoe making. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to experience hands on learning and enriching our cultural understanding. The KÉLSET Community thanks the Pauquachin First Nation for inviting us to be part of this experience.

KÉLSET BELIEFS DAY WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28th

KÉLSET students and staff are asked to wear KÉLSET colours of **blue** and **green** or KÉLSET clothing to show KÉLSET pride and support our beliefs which promote kindness. We wear ribbons of **blue**, **green**, **pink**, and **gold**. The touch of **pink** is to celebrate the power of the bystander. Two boys in Nova Scotia stepped in, bought and distributed **pink** shirts, and created awareness of the importance of bystanders at school. The **gold** is to remind us to follow The **Golden** Rule.

COMMUNITY ITEMS

Below please find the Peninsula Lacrosse Associations registration information web link.



<http://www.penlax.com/clubs/2628/pages/74861>

New players please send your proof of address and birth certificate to the Registrar email.

Thank you, we look forward to a great season!

Deep Cove and KÉLSET Elementary Schools Present:



The White Hatter Presentation:

Internet Safety for Parents



Wednesday February 21st 7PM
Deep Cove Elementary School
Child care available
Refreshments provided!



Learning Basic Facts and Multidigit Operations
using the Power of Ten system with Trevor Calkins

School House – 2014 Douglas Street, Victoria Phone: 250-385-9030

This workshop will focus on recent brain research:

- Why do students still need to know their **basic facts**?
- What, if anything is different now than it was when most parents went to school?
- Why are some of the methods for teaching **basic facts** and **multidigit operations** changing (+, -, x, ÷)?
- Are there any new ideas in learning how to do '**long division**'?
- How can **parents help at home** (the three BIG ideas)?
- What is the **role of praise** in developing mathematical ability?
- How do **games help**?
- What does this new word '**subitize**' mean and why should I care?

Please register for this event by phoning 250-385-9030

or by emailing: lynn.schoolhouse@shaw.ca

Choose one of the following options:

- \$20 – includes a set of Power of Ten™ cards and place value cards (valued at \$15) and a mini-handout
- \$10 – includes a mini-handout

Trevor Calkins has presented workshops to parents and teachers across North America. He has been a keynote speaker in many teacher conferences in the four Western Provinces and in the USA. Trevor has written or co-written 20 books (manuals) on teaching mathematics at the K-8 level and his Power of Ten™ cards are being used in over 20,000 classrooms across North America.





MINDFULNESS FOR EDUCATORS RETREAT

Friday Feb. 23 @9-3
(non-instructional day)

**DO YOU TEACH CHILDREN?
FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER LOTUS VILLAGE IS
OFFERING A MINDFULNESS RETREAT
SPECIFICALLY FOR EDUCATORS**

Bring mindfulness to your classroom and reap the benefits of a calmer environment and more engaged, self-regulated children.

The day will be devoted to teaching strategies with Mindfulness practices to support the classroom and resources will be available to view (such as, Chimes, books, focusing tools) to discuss the benefits for each developmental age group. Add a little bit of body text



Full retreat & catered
lunch only \$99
Sign up now @
lotusvillageyoga.com



PARENT MINDFULNESS SESSION

Friday, February 16th
12:30-2:30pm

KELSET Elementary School Library

Tara Logan will explain the theory of Mindfulness and go through a lesson of what students have been learning.

Resources will be on display.

Please RSVP to llawson@sd63.bc.ca



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Saanich Peninsula Branch**
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Proud sponsors of RCSCC Admiral Budge and NLCC Admiral Martin.

On Behalf of the Navy League of Canada-NLCC Admiral Martin we would like to invite all *KELSET* students that have reached the age of nine (9) to a free open house to experience the exciting Navy League Cadet program here in Sidney. Open houses are taking place on *Tuesday evenings* between 6:30 and 8:00pm at our cadet hall located at 9565 Hurricane Rd. (at the Victoria airport.)

About Navy League Cadets:

The Navy League Cadet program is a program developed for kids between the ages of 9 to 12 years of age and is open to both boys and girls. Navy League Cadets teaches citizenship, leadership, discipline and self-respect all of which builds confidence within a fun and safe environment with a nautical theme.

Unlike many youth based programs the cost is FREE.

Cadets is fun, challenging, rewarding and educational. As a member of the NLCC Admiral Martin Cadet Corps, cadets experience such exciting things as:

- Boating, sailing, swimming and water safety
- Camping, hiking, snow-skiing
- Bridge Simulator
- Participate in parades and community events
- Play sports and make new friends
- Learn knot tying, communications and other seamanship skills
- Travel to numerous locations around Vancouver Island.

The Navy League Cadet training is delivered in a highly structured environment by trained Navy League of Canada Officers who play a key role in helping to foster the development of self-discipline, confidence, leadership and teamwork.

For more information about the Admiral Martin Navy League Cadets please visit our website <http://www.nlccadmiralmartin.ca>

Regards,

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