



KELSET Elementary School

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CALENDAR

September

- 21.....Terry Fox Run, 2pm
- 26.....**Welcome Back - Meet the Teacher Evening**, 5-7pm

October

- 1-5.....Walk & Wheel to School Week
- 4.....**1:48 Dismissal**; to facilitate Home/School Communication
- 4.....**Fire Expo** – North Saanich Fire Department, Grades 4/5, 9:30-11:45
- 8.....**Thanksgiving** Stat. Holiday
- 10.....**Photo Day**
- 10.....**Ready Set Learn**; 3:30-6pm
- 10.....**PAC Meeting**, 6:30-8pm
- 12.....Kindergarten Bus Safety
- 12.....Fun Lunch
- 18.....**Great Shake Out** Earthquake Drill, 10:20 am
- 19.....**Non-Instructional Day**; students do not attend school
- 25.....**Pumpkin Carving Night**; details TBA
- 30.....**Halloween Safety** with Cst. de Pass
- 31.....Orange and Black/Wacky Hair Day

SEPTEMBER 2018

NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! We hope that everyone had a great summer spending time with family and friends! All of our 400 students are beginning to settle into 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.

Our Staff

- Principal.....Cathy Crocket-Moore
- Vice Principal.....Leila Sinclair-Wise
- Kindergarten.....Rick Williams
- Kindergarten.....Joyce Manning
- Kindergarten.....Monika Rose
- Grade 1.....Lindsay Rochon
- Grade 1.....Meghan Hagar
- Grade 1.....Andrea Ashton/Sue Robinson
- Grade 2.....Ginny Underwood
- Grade 2.....Jodi Steele
- Grade 2.....Stephanie Hodgson
- Grade 3.....Karen Sheridan
- Grade 3.....Anne MacKinnon
- Grade 3.....Justine Shaw
- Grade 3/4.....Judy Backhaus
- Grade 4/5.....Amanda Rice
- Grade 4/5.....Heather Fawkes
- Grade 4/5.....Emma Coles
- Grade 4/5.....Krista Hale
- Grade 4/5.....Anne Stewart
- Grade 4/5.....Leila Sinclair-Wise/Laura Riddell
- Learning Assist./Integration Support: Shauna Doehring, Gillian Coyne, Brittany Lapierre
- Reading Recovery: Brittany Lapierre
- Indigenous Education Teacher: Robin Dupree
- Teacher-Librarian: Julie McManus
- French as a Second Language Teachers: Melissa Rickson & Amy Houle
- Music: Sue Robinson
- Speech and Language: Caitlin Malli
- English as a Second Language: Kira Petri
- Psychologist: Patricia Gabriel
- School Counsellor: Shannon Toronitz
- Secretary: Leanne Lawson
- Library & Student Support: Kathy Monette
- Technology Assistant and Student Support: Sherry Unger
- Student Support: Susan Child, Nicole Nason, Leanne Mitchell, Kathy Monette, Birttany Fagan, Julie Etheir and Lola Garcia
- Youth & Family Counsellor: Andrea Smith
- Crossing Guards: Susan Child, Leanne Mitchell, Kathy Monette, Nicole Nason
- Lunch Time Supervisor: Nadine Dimock & Sheryl Campbell
- Custodian: Brett Mindus



SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

please email

kelset_attendance@saanichschools.ca

or call **250-655-1194**

if your child will be absent or late.

SCHOOL HOURS

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 8:40 to greet their students.

GRADE FIVE FAREWELL, JUNE 2018 - 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.

NEWSLETTERS/BULLETINS

We would like you to be informed about school events and activities and to receive school newsletters electronically from our school website. In order for this to be possible, [you need to subscribe](#) on the main page of our school website so you will automatically receive this information. Please go to our web page and click on the Subscription Button on the main page and follow the instructions there.

SAFE ARRIVAL

As per District Policy, parents/guardians are asked to call the school's special SAFE ARRIVAL line **(250 655-1194)** or email **kelset_attendance@saanichschools.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

Will begin soon for all grade 4/5 students. Interested students should listen to the announcements regarding signing up.

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.

WELCOME BACK - MEET THE TEACHER EVENING

September 26th – 5-7pm

KELSET

Come out and meet the KÉLSET staff! Looking forward to seeing you on September 26th! Pizza and beverages will be available for purchase.

EARLY DISMISSALS AND HOME/SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Early Dismissals (1:48) will occur on October 4, November 21, November 22 and Feb. 28, 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 21st this year. We will start the run on our field at 2:00. **We welcome and encourage parents/guardians 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 21st, please call the school office. **Please do not bring your dog to this event.**



A single dream. A world of hope.
The Terry Fox Foundation

SCHOOL GOALS for 2018-2019

School Goal Statement: Our goal is to improve student literacy within a learning environment that increases engagement and develops a sense of belonging and connectedness to their school.

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-line.

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

We strongly encourage an extra set of pants, a shirt, socks and even underwear be available at school (they can be kept in your child's cubby/locker); then, parents can be assured of dry, clean clothing throughout the day. Sometimes, the children slip on 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 next 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 <http://www.insuremykids.com/en/Default.aspx>

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 Wednesday, October 31st! 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 lawson@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.

NO TRADING, PLEASE!

If children bring cards, bey blades, 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.

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





August 7, 2018

School District 63 (Saanich)

Attention: Chuck Morris

Email: cmorris@sd63.bc.ca

Dear Mr. Chuck Morris:

Re: Advisory on Poisonous Mushrooms in Greater Victoria

This is an advisory letter to inform that on July 17, 2018, Island Health had a news release on the early fruiting of death cap mushrooms in Greater Victoria.

We are sending this letter to each of the schools in Greater Victoria for distribution to all public schools, especially to the elementary schools. We request that this information be further distributed to parents and staff, to bring awareness of the natural occurrence of poisonous mushrooms in the environment and potentially on school grounds. With greater public awareness, we hope to prevent any illness or death that may arise from mishandling or consuming the mushrooms.

The following web links provide information on the poisonous mushrooms and an electronic advisory poster that can be used to educate:

<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/food-your-health/fruits-vegetables-grains/wild-mushrooms>
<http://www.bccdc.ca/resource-gallery/Documents/Educational%20Materials/EH/FPS/Fruit%20and%20Veg/Death%20Cap%20mushroom%20caution%20poster%20-%20Mar%202018.pdf>

The most important points to note:

- Death cap mushrooms are especially dangerous to toddlers and pets.
- Illness after eating death cap mushrooms is very serious: up to 30% of people who eat a death cap will die. Liver transplants are an often necessary life-saving procedure. Early treatment in hospital is essential.
- Gastrointestinal distress (nausea/vomiting) begins about 8 to 12 hours after ingestion. After up to 24 hours have passed, symptoms seem to disappear and people can feel fine for up to 72 hours. However, liver and kidney damage symptoms start 3 to 6 days after mushrooms are eaten.
- If you see death cap mushrooms, wear rubber gloves when removing them, wash your hands thoroughly, package them up with your regular garbage — **do not compost or use the food recycle garbage bin** — and remember to remove them before mowing the lawn to avoid local spread.
- Unless necessary, avoid lawn watering to conserve water and to suppress early fruiting of death caps.
- When removing the mushrooms, the bulbous base needs to be removed as well.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Island Health at 250.519.3401.

Sincerely,

Joanne Lum, CPHI(C)
Senior Environmental Health Officer

Gateway Office

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