



# 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

- 10 ....Virtual PAC Meeting; 6:30 pm
- 12 ....Non-Instructional Day; students not in session
- 15 ....Family Day; students not in session
- 16 ....to 19 – KELSET PAC Food Drive
- 17 ....Random Acts of Kindness Day
- 24 ....Pink Shirt Day
- 25 Early Dismissal at 1:48 pm

### March

- 10 ....Virtual PAC Meeting; 6:30 pm
- 15 ....to 19 **Spring Break**
- 22 ....to 26 **School Closure Week**

### April

- 2 .....Good Friday; students not in session
- 5 .....Easter Monday; students not in Session
- 13 ....Virtual Artist in Residence Performance; Michael Mitchell
- 14 ....Virtual PAC Meeting; 6:30 pm
- 23 ....Non-Instructional Day; students not in session

### May

- 12 ....Virtual PAC Meeting; 6:30 pm
- 21 ....Non-Instructional Day; students not in session
- 24 ....Victoria Day; students not in session

#### **SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM**

please email

[kelset\\_attendance@saanichschools.ca](mailto:kelset_attendance@saanichschools.ca)

or call **250-655-1194**

if your child will be absent or late.

## FEBRUARY 2021

## NEWSLETTER

### **REMINDER - DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP PROCEDURES**

We have noticed an increase in families who are coming onto the school grounds, especially coming from the front of the school.

We are encouraging students to arrive at school as close to 8:40 as possible. Supervision starts outside at 8:20 am and to keep students as safe as possible, we are requesting that you not drop your students off early.

Parents are to come onto the school grounds via the gate by the Panorama crosswalk on Forest Park Drive. This is the only entrance for parents.

**Please do not enter the school grounds by the front stairs** and walk by the spider climber. Staff and parents are feeling increasingly unsafe due to parents being on our playground.

When you enter the field by the side gate, please remain socially distanced behind the pathway leading to the playground.

We have an excellent plan in place to keep our students and community as safe as possible. Please respect our health and safety protocols.

**Disabled Parking Stalls** - please do not park in these stalls if you do not have a disabled marker.

JUST A LITTLE  
*Reminder*

EARLY DISMISSAL  
FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>  
1:48 PM

### **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

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

## ARTIST IN RESIDENCE – Michael Mitchell

On April 13<sup>th</sup>, the students will be treated to a virtual musical performance by Michael Mitchell. Michael is an award-winning singer, songwriter and storyteller. Thank you to ArtStarts in Schools for supporting this performance.



## 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

## REPORT CARDS

Mid-year report cards will be issued between March 8<sup>th</sup> and March 11<sup>th</sup> 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.



## 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.

## PINK SHIRT DAY – February 24

Students are asked to wear pink on February 24<sup>th</sup> to help promote kindness to each other. Throughout the year we celebrate our school community by practicing our KÉLSET Beliefs:

- We take care of ourselves.
- We take care of each other.
- We take care of our community and our world.



## THANK YOU

KÉLSET would like to thank Howard McIntyre for his generous donation of fully certified Health Canada children's masks.

## RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS WEEK

February 16-19 KÉLSET PAC Food Drive

Donations can be dropped off in the wagons placed around the school.

February 16-24 Grade 4/5 students share over the announcements special random acts of kindness our students could try.

February 17 Random Acts of Kindness Day  
Special surprises are planned for our students.

February 22 School Wide Story  
"A Wrinkled Heart" by Tracy Hoexter

February 24 **Pink Shirt Day**  
We hope to see a sea of pink!



## COMMUNITY ITEMS



### Public Health Services for School Age Children

Public Health staff includes public health nurses, dental hygienists, Nursing Support Services, community nutritionists, audiologists and others. We work with students, parents and school staff to promote the health of all students in schools. If you have any questions about the services listed below, contact the school or your local health unit.

#### Health Services

- Screens kindergarten students for hearing and vision problems. Kindergarten dental screening occurs every three years. Parents are contacted if their child needs further help with assessment or treatment.
- In conjunction with teachers of the deaf and hard of hearing, provides support for students with specialized hearing equipment.
- Consults about students who have health concerns, at the request of parents, students or school staff.
- Provides information about community health resources and services.

#### Public Health Phone Numbers

- Esquimalt 250.519.5311
- Gulf Islands 250.539.3099
- Peninsula 250.544.2400
- Saanich 250.519.5100
- Salt Spring 250.538.4880
- Sooke 250.519.3487
- Victoria 250.388.2200
- West Shore 250.519.3490

#### Immunization

- Offers kindergarten immunization clinics at health units. These vaccines are provided to eligible students:
  - Diphtheria/Pertussis/Tetanus/Polio;
  - Measles/Mumps/Rubella/Varicella (Chickenpox).
- Immunizes grade 6 and 9 students at schools. These vaccines are provided to eligible students:
  - Hepatitis B; HPV and Varicella – grade 6;
  - Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis; Meningococcal – grade 9.

#### Complex Health Care Needs

- Develops healthy/dental care plans for eligible students with complex health care needs (i.e. diabetes, seizure disorder).
- Trains educational assistants to support the health/dental needs of these students while they are at school.

#### For more information:

- [www.islandhealth.ca/learn-about-health/children-youth/school-age-children-5-19-years-old](http://www.islandhealth.ca/learn-about-health/children-youth/school-age-children-5-19-years-old)