



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

November

- 2-3..... Everyone Rides Program, Gr. 4/5
- 2-4..... Shelley Moore Visit
- 4 Special PAC Meeting; 6:30pm
Virtual
- 10 Remembrance Day Assemblies
- 10 Growing Smiles Fundraising order
deadline
- 11 **Remembrance Day** Stat Holiday
- 12 **Non-Instructional Day**; students
do not attend
- 17 **Early Dismissal**; 1:48pm
- 18 **Early Dismissal**; 1:48pm
- 18 Photo Retakes
- 18 Purdy's Fundraising order
deadline
- 25-26.. Growing Smiles Fundraising order
pick up

December

- 3Purdy's Fundraising order pick up
- 10Report Cards Homes`
- 20**Winter Break** to January 3, 2022



NOVEMBER 2021

Dear KELSET Families,

Happy Halloween  The temperature has dropped significantly this month. We continue to encourage all students to play outside during their recess and lunch breaks; therefore, it is important that they come dressed for the weather. Please provide your child with appropriate warm clothing and rain gear for those wet days.

We had our first earthquake drill and fire drill this month. We continue to practice these drills to ensure our students will demonstrate safe behaviours in an actual emergency.

Last week, we welcomed all of our students (split in two groups) to an assembly, where we celebrated student learning and reviewed KELSET Beliefs and other school-wide expectations. We were quite impressed by how well our students listened and followed expectations, especially considering many of our students had their very first assembly!

On October 22, our staff took advantage of professional development opportunities province-wide. Our teachers and support staff are continuously seeking innovative ways to support student learning. Furthermore, we are very excited to welcome Shelley Moore, educator and expert on special education, to our school next week for direct and intensive professional development for all of our teaching staff.

It was great to see so many of our students and staff dressed up in costumes today! We invited groups of students in our gym for costume parades and dancing this morning. It was a lot of fun!

We said goodbye to one of our Education Assistants, Brittany Parkes, this month; welcoming Lisa Storback, into this position.

Remember to change your clocks back one hour on November 7!

Tassie Harris

Philip Jungen

NEWSLETTER



SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

please email

kelset_attendance@saanichschools.ca

or call **250-655-1194**

if your child will be absent or late.

HALLOWEEN

If your child is participating in Trick-or-Treating this year, please ensure that you check the BC Centre for Disease Control website for information to keep your child safe during this pandemic. Additionally, students are reminded to “stop, look, and listen” and be aware of traffic, especially in the dark and wet weather. Please remind your children to take extra precaution during Halloween night.



REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLIES

On November 10, we will be holding two assemblies for all of our students and staff. We will be asking classes to pre-record their presentation on November 5 so that we are able to share their work with everyone during both assemblies. Unfortunately, we will not be able to invite family members to these assemblies as we aim to keep the capacity low. Your child's teacher will reach out if their class has a video to share.



PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

On November 17 and 18 students will be dismissed at 1:48pm to allow teachers to meet with parents to communicate student learning. Conversations will focus on your child's strengths, areas for growth, and ways to support their learning. There will be virtual and in-person meeting options. Involvement of parents in a child's education is one of the best ways to create a positive learning environment. When parents are engaged in their children's school lives, students have the home support and knowledge they need to not only finish their assignments but also develop a lifelong love of learning.

LUNCH

Please be reminded that we encourage students to drink water while at school. Also, we encourage pack-in and pack-out of all recycling materials.

SAFE ARRIVAL

Please remember to call the special number - 250-655-1194 - if your child is going to be absent from school or late. There is a designated voice mail box on this line so you can call any time of day/night. You can also email kelset_attendance@saanichschools.ca

VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR

Your KÉLSET library has teamed up with Russell Books to offer a pre-holiday season virtual book fair! The book fair will run the week of November 22nd to 26th, and your purchases will be delivered in time for Christmas. You can shop online or in-store at Russell Books. A link to the online purchasing site will be available on the KÉLSET website and emailed out through classroom teachers closer to the book fair start date. Your purchases will benefit the KÉLSET library collection, and we thank you in advance for your support!



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PENINSULA 1000X5

Children's Book Recycling Project
If you have any gently used children's picture books to donate, your child can drop them off in the red box in the main foyer of the school. These books are processed and then distributed to children living on the peninsula. Please contact the office if you have any questions.





SD63 STRATEGIC PLAN - SPECIAL MEETING NOVEMBER 4th

Our School Board is currently in the process of designing a new Strategic Plan that will be in effect from 2022-2027. A Board's Strategic Plan provides the school district with focus areas on which to improve student achievement. School Board Trustee Sheila Stelck will be joining us virtually on **Thursday November 4th at 6:30pm via MS TEAMS** to provide a summary of the process, the plan and to offer you an opportunity to submit your thoughts. All families are invited to attend and provide feedback. The [meeting link](#) will be posted on our PAC Facebook page or can be requested by email to kelsetpac@gmail.com. Should you be unable to attend, you can still share your thoughts with the District at sd63.bc.ca/strategic-plan-2022-2027-consultation-survey

PAC UPDATE

At our October PAC meeting we voted on our operating budget for the 2021/22 school year. We are currently forecasting a \$6000+ deficit in our budget so every bit of support helps! We will be unable to run our biggest fundraiser, the Spring Fair, in 2022. We hope our other fundraisers will be successful and help us to reduce this deficit.

DID YOU KNOW THE PAC PROVIDES:

- \$4275 to teachers for classroom supplies
- \$1800 to help fund Field Trips
- \$1500 for special athletic programs like karate, golf and swimming
- \$2000 towards special science and arts programming like Science Venture
- \$750 to support our library
- \$2250 annually for Reflex Math
- \$5000 to KÉLSET Cares - including our Breakfast Program, Forgotten Lunch & Holiday Hampers

This money is obtained via all of our fundraisers. There are three major ones that have just kicked off:

1) **Growing Smiles Holiday Plants** <https://kelsetelementary.growingsmilesfundraising.com>

Order deadline: November 10

Pick up: November 25 & 26

2) **Purdy's Chocolates** <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1375815-87516>

Order deadline: November 18

Pick up: December 3

3) **Art Cards** <https://www.artcardsbykids.com>

Order deadline: Mid-November (TBD)

Delivery/Pick up: to be determined

Please support these fundraisers if you are able! **If you prefer, you may make a direct contribution to the PAC. Send donations by etransfer to kelsetpacfundraising@gmail.com with 'PAC Donation' in the comments field.** Thank you for anything you are able to contribute.

BOTTLE DRIVES

We had hoped to offer a bottle drive this Fall but with no coordinator that hasn't been possible. We are **seeking a Bottle Drive Coordinator** who will set-up and recruit helpers for these no-sort one day events which have earned us over \$2000 each time we do one. We hope to have someone in place so we can host a bottle drive in January and again in the Spring. Running two Bottle Drives in 2022 will hopefully yield over \$4000 for our school.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

We are still missing quite a few school supply payments. If you are a parent with a child in grades 1 through 5 and have not sent in your own school supplies or payment yet, **please send \$45 to kelsetpacfundraising@gmail.com** for each student in your family, with your child(ren)'s name in the memo line. Alternatively, you can write a cheque made payable to KÉLSET PAC and give it to your child's teacher. The PAC will send payment to teachers for the supplies they purchase regardless of how many payments we receive. Without the funds sent in by families our financial deficit grows. *Note that Kindergartners have separate payments made directly to their teachers.*

RETURN OF FUN LUNCH

Stay tuned for more details, but we hope to offer a return of our once monthly lunch-for-purchase program. Items like pizza, Subway sandwiches or sushi are available to order one day each month for delivery to your child's classroom. We are working with our admin team to iron out the details to meet current Covid-safety guidelines. We are also hoping to offer a Kernels fundraiser with popcorn sold after school!

CALL FOR SECRETARY

The Secretary is a critical position for our PAC. The Secretary takes minutes at our monthly meetings (3rd Wednesday of the month, 6:30 to 8:30pm) and works with PAC Executive to create the agenda and take attendance. Our current Secretary is no longer available to attend monthly meetings but is willing to provide transitional support to anyone willing to help us.

MORE HELPERS NEEDED

Many hands make for light work. Help us to make KÉLSET a better place for our kids!

- Silent Auction - solicit donations from local businesses
- Morning Food Program - help prepare breakfast for those in need
- Holiday Hampers - help organize donations into hampers for the holidays
- Fun Lunch - help organize the food and distribute to classrooms
- Event Committee - assist coordinators with family fun events at the school, staff concession, help with set-up and take-down
- Event Food Coordinator - purchase food items for special events & teacher appreciation
- Fundraising Committee - help run the fundraisers, organize and distribute items as they arrive, plan future fundraisers
- Grade 4/5 Committee - help plan end-of-year celebration for our departing 5th Graders
- Playground Committee - contribute your ideas and help find grants to fund a new Playground



Reach out to kelsetpac@gmail.com with any questions or offers of help.