



## KELSET Elementary School

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### CALENDAR

#### June

- 6.....Variety Show, 6:30 pm
- 13.....UVic Track Meet
- 14.....Spring Fair! 5:00 – 8:00 pm
- 19.....PAC Meeting; 7 pm
- 21.....Fun Day (am); Free Hot Dog Lunch – thank you PAC!
- 24.....Grade Five Luncheon and Farewell Assembly; 1:00 pm
- 26.....Year End Assembly; 12:30 pm
- 27.....Pancake Breakfast; 7:30 – 9:00 am
- 27.....Last Day for Students

### MAY 2013

### NEWSLETTER

#### BOUQUETS...

- to our KELSET community for raising **\$12,936.91** for Jump Rope for Heart this year. This is amazing and will definitely put us as one of the top schools again! Special thanks to our top fundraisers, **Emily Verscheure** and **Celeste Vickery**, who raised \$538 and \$381 and earned “Heart Hero” status from the Heart & Stroke Foundation.
- A big thank you for the great job that **Ms. Collett** did as Principal and for the great leadership support provided by **Ms. Fawkes** during Mr. Franceschini's medical leave!
- **Jen Langard, Wendy Thompson** and **Tracy Lawrence**, for all of their efforts with the Bottle Drive last week! Special thanks to **Mr. and Mrs. McRae**, for the use of their horse trailer once again! Thank you to all families who donated bottles, etc. and helped on Saturday!
- **Sara Benson**, for her commitment and great achievements as our PAC President once again this school year! Thanks again to our fabulous **PAC Executive team** as well! Our school is enhanced in many significant ways because of the generosity and initiative of these wonderful individuals! Thank you, thank you, thank you!!



#### **SPRING FAIR 2013!! 5:00 – 800 pm**

Plan to join us Friday evening, June 14<sup>th</sup>, for games, face painting, horseback rides, a silent auction, great food and more!! Volunteers are needed to make this a fun and successful evening. Sign-up sheets are posted in the front hall or follow the link on the school website. Thank you!

#### **FUN DAY 2013!!**

Parents/guardians are welcome to join us for our Fun Day on Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>! **In the morning:**

- all students will have the opportunity to rotate through a **variety of stations**, of their choosing;
- the stations are still being finalized but *may include*: a “bouncy house,” a slip n’ slide, water activities, hockey, Two-Ball (basketball), Better Ball (dodge ball), crafts, face painting, mural painting, traditional relay races, parachute games, BINGO, board games, Twister, etc.
- a “cold treat” will be included;
- the morning schedule will be very “relaxed”, with students choosing which stations they wish to visit and when they wish to visit them.
- **In the afternoon**, students will enjoy a variety of classroom-based activities.

Thank you to our PAC for providing a FREE HOTDOG LUNCH on Fun Day!

#### **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.

## OTHER YEAR-END ACTIVITIES...

A special assembly to “celebrate” our Grade Five students will be held on MONDAY, June 24<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00. **Grade Five family members are strongly encouraged to attend this assembly.** All students will attend this assembly and all parents/ guardians are welcome also. Refreshments will be served for Grade Five students and their families, following the assembly.

Our **Year-End Assembly**, including a *movie to review our school year*, will be held on Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30. Parents/guardians are encouraged to attend this assembly..


**A PANCAKE BREAKFAST** will be held on the final day of school, Thursday, **June 27<sup>th</sup>**. Guests are welcome between 7:30 and 8:40. Pancakes, sausages and coffee, tea and juice will be provided. *Special thanks to Celeste Vickery’s family members, who will be helping staff to coordinate this breakfast and cooking the pancakes!* **Guests are asked to bring some fruit, muffins, etc. to contribute to the breakfast.** Note that school is in session for the full day on June 27<sup>th</sup>.

## **MOVING?**

If your child will not be attending KÉLSET (or Bayside/North Saanich Middle School) next year, **please let us know as soon as possible**, in order to help us as we make decisions regarding staffing, classroom configurations and student placement.



## **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

 Once again this year, PAC is providing an opportunity for you to purchase your child/ren’s school supplies as a package, at reasonable prices. This is convenient for parents and helps provides consistency amongst students’ supplies. **A copy of the supply lists will be sent home soon.** If you choose to take part in the PAC purchase, please return the order form by the deadline noted; you may use the list/s to do your own shopping, should you prefer.

## **LOST AND FOUND**

Our lost and found is overflowing. Please check the lost and found next time you are in the school. Any items that are not claimed by the end of the school year are donated to charity. It’s a great idea to label your child’s clothing.



## **STUDENT PLACEMENT**

Staffing decisions are currently being finalized throughout the District and we are beginning to make decisions regarding class configurations and student placements. We consider many factors as we determine the composition of classes and placement of individual children. We strive to ensure that each class is a workable instructional and social group. In each class, we try to ensure a balance amongst the following:

- gender;
- intellectual strengths and learning needs;
- friendships;
- social/emotional/behavioral strengths and needs; and
- cultural diversity and English as a Second Language needs

**While considering the needs of the school/class as a whole, we take into account the learning and social needs of each child.**

**Staff members will be working together closely to make thoughtful student placement decisions through very comprehensive processes.**

If you wish to convey information to us, for consideration during the student placement process, please request an “Information From Parents/Guardians” form from the office. **It is important to understand that staff members often have specific reasons why students are placed in ways that may be different than parents have requested.**

If you wish to provide input regarding your child’s placement, **please return completed forms no later than June 5<sup>th</sup>.**

## **PCEC “1000 X 5”**



### **Children’s Book Recycling Project**

If you have gently-used children’s picture books to donate, please bring them to the school. The books will be forwarded to volunteers who will screen, clean, and process them for distribution to other families with young children who live on the Saanich Peninsula.

For further information, please contact:  
Daphne Macnaughton, PCEC “1000 X 5” Project Leader [d1mvictoria@shaw.ca](mailto:d1mvictoria@shaw.ca)

This project is sponsored and supported by Peninsula Connections for Early Childhood (PCEC), Beacon Community Services (BCS), School District No. 63 (Saanich), Success by 6<sup>®</sup>, United Way of Greater Victoria, the Victoria Foundation, the Peninsula Co-Op Food Centre and many family-serving agencies in our community.



## SCHOOL CALENDAR 2013/2014 SCHOOL YEAR

Number of Days in Session..... 188  
 Number of Days of Instruction..... 181  
 Number of Non-Instructional Days..... 6

School Opening Day..... Sept. 3  
 Thanksgiving Day..... Oct. 14  
 Remembrance Day (stat. Holiday)..... Nov. 11  
 Christmas Vacation..... Dec. 23 to Jan. 3  
 Family Day..... Feb. 10  
 Spring Vacation..... Mar. 10 to 21  
 Good Friday..... Apr. 18  
 Easter Monday..... Apr. 21  
 Victoria Day..... May 19  
 Last Day for Students..... June 26  
 Year-End Administrative Day..... June 27

## DISTRICT NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS

Students will not attend school on the following dates:

Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>  
 Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>

## EARLY DISMISSAL DATES(1:48)

Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

## KELSET School's hours of operation will be:

8:40-11:14	Instruction
11:14-11:54	Lunch Play Period
11:54-12:14	Lunch Eating Period
12:14-1:40	Instruction
1:40-1:55	Recess
<b>1:55-2:48</b>	<b>Instruction</b>

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

### News from the Greater Victoria Public Library Grades K to 5 Summer 2013

#### Summer Reading Club 2013: Up, Up and Away!

June 27 - August 31  
 For Kids 12 and Under

Soar through the summer with GVPL's free Summer Reading Club! Whether you're reading at home or on holidays, you can keep track of your reading and enjoy some incentives along the way. Staying in town? You're invited to join us for a selection of amazing library programs at branches throughout Greater Victoria. Online registration for special programs begins June 15. Beginning June 27, you are invited to drop by your local library to pick up a self-paced reading record. For more information about the club, or to register for programs, check our website at [www.gvpl.ca](http://www.gvpl.ca).

#### Summer Reading Buddies at the Public Library

Reading Buddies pairs children who need extra practice with reading with teen volunteers for fun literacy-based activities. Little Buddies and Big Buddies meet for an hour daily for one week. The program runs weekly at different branch libraries throughout the summer. Weekly sessions are available between July 8 and August 16. For children in Grades 2 to 4. Space is limited. Register online at [www.gvpl.ca](http://www.gvpl.ca) or call your local branch for more information. Registration begins June 15.

For a full listing of all library programs, visit [www.gvpl.ca](http://www.gvpl.ca) and register online starting June 15. All Greater Victoria Public Library programs are free!

Would you or a colleague like to receive this information directly? Contact us at [children@gvpl.ca](mailto:children@gvpl.ca) to be added to our distribution list.

## Girl Guides of Canada – come join us! Girls and New Guiders welcome Girl Greatness Starts Here

Register at: [www.girlguides.ca](http://www.girlguides.ca)

Local contact:

[peninsulashoresgirlguides@gmail.com](mailto:peninsulashoresgirlguides@gmail.com)





## **FUN Camps...Inspiring Youth into Action!**

**FUN Camps** are unique environmental education and leadership summer camps for 6-16 year olds run by Friends Uniting for Nature (FUN) Society – a charitable non-profit organization.

At FUN Camps we focus on sustainability, collaboration and leadership. Youth learn how to reduce their ecological footprint, develop leadership skills and reunite with nature. Each participant will also learn how to plan and implement an environmental or social change project in their own schools or communities!

Email: [info@funcamps.ca](mailto:info@funcamps.ca)

Phone: 778-712-CAMP (2267)

To register go to: <http://www.funcamps.ca>

Find us on [facebook!](#)

**Activities include:** Exciting outdoor games, gardening, galumphs, swimming, building and racing solar powered cars, bike maintenance workshops, creating a mini eco-city, baking in solar ovens, sports, art, drama, hiking, exploring the beach, Uplands and Beacon Hill Park with professional naturalists and connecting with community initiatives.

The camps run **Monday-Friday, July 2 to Aug 23, from 9am-4pm** at the Main Hall at St. Matthias Church, corner of Richmond Avenue and Richardson Street.

Check us out online to register and for more information. We hope to see you soon!

INFO:



### **Hillside Hosts**

***Hockey Night in Canada's Play On!***  
**PRE-EVENT Street Hockey Scrimmage**

Hillside, a proud sponsor of *Hockey Night in Canada Play On!*, is hosting a PRE-EVENT Street Hockey Scrimmage - Sunday, June 2, 2013 (2 - 4 pm). All ages - All genders - Teams of 4 or individuals - Everyone Welcome! Local VIPs including Victoria Royals players will be on hand to provide some lively competition. No need to pre-register, just show up ready to play! (Questions? - contact Rem or Michele at 250-595-7154)

*Hockey Night in Canada's Play On!* main event is scheduled for June 15 & 16 at the Archie Browning Sports Centre. This annual event celebrates the game of hockey and Canadian culture in a wholesome, festival atmosphere that makes kids feel like NHL pros and helps adults feel like kids again! For participation details visit [www.playon.ca](http://www.playon.ca).



## **Pre-Event Street Hockey at Hillside!**

**Sunday, June 2, 2013  
2:00 - 4:00 pm**

Scrimmage with local VIPs  
including Victoria Royals players.  
Open to all ages / all genders.



## SIDNEY CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS

Are you ready for a party? This Canada Day you're in for two days of fun and exciting events. **Sunday, June 30** Celebrations kick off with the Community Barbecue organized and hosted by Sidney Thrifty Foods from 4 to 6 p.m. The dinner will be held in Sidney's Beacon Park. After dinner, the celebrations continue as we sing happy birthday to Canada and enjoy the special Canada Day birthday cake. Pre-fireworks entertainment will be provided by The Islanders at the Beacon Park Pavilion on the waterfront from 8 to 10 p.m. Save your spot early for the New Musical Fireworks Extravaganza, presented by the Town of Sidney, on the waterfront at 10 p.m. The fireworks will again include musical accompaniment. **Monday, July 1** Fuel up for a big day at the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast at the Mary Winspear Centre at 9 a.m. The Thrifty Foods-sponsored Sidney Canada Day Parade begins at Beacon Avenue and Resthaven Drive at 11 a.m. The parade continues along Beacon, then down Second Street to Ocean Avenue. Following the parade, from noon to 4 p.m. check out the Family Fun Fair all afternoon in Iroquois Park in Sidney where you can participate in the Dog look-a-like contest; see a variety of military vehicles; laugh with clowns; enjoy face painting; visit the Beacon Hill petting zoo; play road hockey games against Peninsula firefighters and police; visit the mascot and education station from the Shaw Ocean Discovery Centre, take part in a watermelon eating contest and many more activities for all ages. Make sure to take a look at the construction of some unique boats taking place in Beacon Park during the day. Then make your way to the Sidney waterfront for the always entertaining Build-a-Quick-Boat Race which launches at 4:30 p.m. Arrive early to find a good spot to watch this great event. The race has been sponsored by Slegg Lumber in Sidney for the last 28 years. Wow! Canada Day is chock full of fun and celebration.

## Peninsula Minor Soccer Association News Update

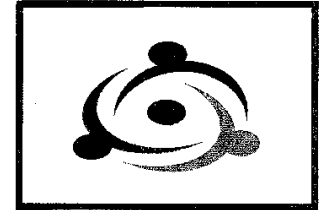
The early registration deadline for the 2013/2014 soccer season has been extended to June 30, 2013. PSA also has some exciting news regarding our Mini-Program. In addition to opening registrations up to U5 (2009) aged players...all players aged U10 (2004) and younger will now be playing in a PSA run House League that will not require any travel to other associations for away games. Please visit [www.peninsulasoccer.ca](http://www.peninsulasoccer.ca) for full details.



## ADHD Parent Support Group

### THE GROUP:

- Support
- Education
- Sharing
- Acceptance and Understanding
- Special Presentations



### THE MEETINGS:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of Month
- 7pm – 8:30pm
- LDA Resource Centre
- RSVP or for info:  
[info@ldasvi.bc.ca](mailto:info@ldasvi.bc.ca)

**First Meeting  
Tuesday, June 4, 2013**

Everyone welcome.

Please RSVP as space is limited.



**Sidney / North Saanich RCMP are looking for individuals interested in participating in our detachment's Auxiliary Constable Program!!**

This unique developmental opportunity will enable you to become a key contributor to your community by actively participating in community events, crime prevention programs, traffic control, foot and bicycle patrols, ride alongs, search and rescue initiatives, and ceremonial endeavors.

### REQUIREMENTS

- A minimum 19 years of age
- Canadian Citizen
- High School Diploma
- Possess a valid Class 5 Driver's License
- Must Meet Medical Suitability Standard
- Must be of good character and able to attain a RCMP reliability status
- Standard-Level First Aid including CPR prior to the completion of training.

- 80 hours of classroom training
- 20 hours of online training
- Mandatory Use of Force Defence Tactics Training
- Some fitness and foot drill may be required
- Attendance to all training days is required
- Classes will be held every Thursday evening for (beginning September 5, 2013), and one Saturday or Sunday every month
- Participants must successfully pass a mid-term exam and a final exam

### TRAINING

The combination of the training program and the use of force takes approximately 120-140 hours to complete.

Contact Cpl. Erin Fraser at (250) 656-3931 or by e-mail [erin.fraser@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:erin.fraser@rcmp-grc.gc.ca) to request an application form.

Website: [www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/ccaps-spcca/auxil-eng.htm](http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/ccaps-spcca/auxil-eng.htm)

## BEWARE OF BATS!

About 10% of bats in British Columbia are infected with Rabies. Rabies is a virus that is spread to humans from sick bats through bites, scratches, saliva or touching. Rabies is a serious disease and **will** cause death if not treated quickly.

To prevent rabies:

- Vaccinate your pet dogs or cats.
- Do not touch bats... **ever**.
- If you are bitten or scratched by a bat, wash the wound well with soap and water.
- If you find a bat in your house, leave the room right away. Call the Communicable Disease Program or HealthLinkBC at 8-1-1 (a free call).
- If you have **any** contact with a bat, including situations when a bat is in the room and you cannot exclude any possible bite, scratch or mucous membrane exposure (e.g. in a room with a bat, sleeping in a room/tent with a bat), **immediately** call the VIHA Communicable Disease Program, or go to the nearest hospital for a Rabies vaccination.

For more information contact:

- VIHA Communicable Disease Program:  
South Island: 1-866-665-6626  
Central Island: 1-966-770-7798  
North Island: 1-877-887-8835
- HealthLinkBC at 8-1-1 (a free call) or [www.healthlinkbc.ca](http://www.healthlinkbc.ca)

## KEEPING ACTIVE CHILDREN HYDRATED

Active children need to be encouraged to drink to prevent dehydration (not enough water in the body). Water is the best choice to keep children hydrated. Other good choices are milk, fortified soy or rice beverages or small amounts (1/2 cup per day) of 100% fruit or vegetable juice. Sports drinks and energy drinks are not recommended for children.

**Keep active children hydrated:**

- Offer water often, especially during activity
- Provide water or milk and watery snacks like watermelon, cucumber or smoothies after activity
- If offering juice, limit to 1/2 cup a day

**Is your child's water bottle safe?**

Disposable plastic bottles that are filled with water, pop, sports drinks, etc., should not be reused. Use stainless steel bottles or bisphenol A-free plastic bottles that are designed for reuse.

**Reusable water bottles:**

Wash water bottles well by hand each day. Dishwasher water does not reach all parts of the inside of the bottle and may not be the best way to clean bottles. Recycle any bottles that show signs of wear such as scratches, dents, or a cloudy, cracked appearance.

For more information contact:

- HealthLinkBC at 8-1-1 and ask to speak to a Registered Dietitian or [www.healthlinkbc.ca/dietitian/](http://www.healthlinkbc.ca/dietitian/)
- Sugar in beverages: How Sweet It Is: [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/health/sweeteners.pdf](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/health/sweeteners.pdf)
- [www.bchealthyliving.ca/node/104](http://www.bchealthyliving.ca/node/104)

## PLAY IT SAFE WITH YOUR SMILE

Every year, sporting accidents cause broken teeth and injury to children's mouths. Mouth protectors help prevent injury to teeth and lips during sports such as ice and field hockey, baseball, basketball, soccer, lacrosse and rugby.

Adults can be good role models by wearing helmets and mouth guards to prevent sports injuries and encouraging children to do the same.

Mouth guard kits are available at sporting goods stores for under \$20.00. Ask the store about the best guard for the particular sport. These mouth guards are quick and easy to fit, but are not suitable for use over braces or other oral appliances. For a custom fit mouth guard, contact your dental office.

Accidents can happen. If a tooth is knocked out, there may be blood. This is upsetting to the child and the adult attending to the emergency. Reassure the child, take a deep breath yourself, then:

- Find the tooth if possible, hold by the crown and place in milk or water
- Rinse the mouth with warm water and apply cold compress
- Call a dentist immediately

Play it safe with your family's smile.

For more information contact:

- VIHA Child, Youth and Family Community Health Dental:

Victoria	250-519-5100
Esquimalt	250-519-5311
Nanaimo	250-739-5845
Port Alberni	250-731-1315
Courtenay	250-331-8526
Campbell River	250-850-2124
Toll Free	1-800-663-7867

## PROTECTING YOUR CHILD'S HEARING

**Some hearing facts...**

- **Children have more trouble hearing in noisy environments than adults!** This is because their nervous systems are not mature. Children learn best in quiet, both at home and school.
- **Noise or loud music can hurt your child's ears!** Firecrackers are really dangerous – they can cause sudden permanent damage. Power tools, lawnmowers and even loud music can damage the delicate inner ear. When your child is around loud noises, protect them with earplugs or earmuffs or better still, avoid the noise.
- **Do you have concerns about your child's hearing?** Talk to your school nurse about getting a referral to a Health Unit Hearing Clinic. These clinics provide screening, testing, assessment, hearing aid fittings and other services.

For more information contact:

- Your local Health Unit Hearing Clinic

**Hearing Clinics:**

Victoria	250-388-2250
West Shore	250-519-3490