

SASEENOS SCOOP

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Dear Saseenos Families:

Thank you for your continued support of our students through your involvement at our recent conferences. We are now working on second term goals as we gear up for the excitement that holidays bring.

As we head into the holiday season, we would like to embrace the philosophy of paying it forward. We do this by supporting the Sooke Food Bank each December. We have a bin set up for donations of non-perishable food items, personal hygiene items (soaps, toothpaste, toilet paper, tooth brushes etc.) and pet food. The Sooke Food Bank volunteers appreciate all our donations and are grateful for the community support. We will continue to collect donations right up to the last day of school before Winter Break. Additionally, starting next week I will be making pancakes in each class with the hope that in return students will bring donations for the Sooke Food Bank. Our way of paying it forward!

Monday, Dec. 5th – Ms. Coombes's class

Tuesday, Dec. 6th – Mrs. Talman's class

Wednesday, Dec. 7th – Mrs. George's class

Thursday, Dec. 8th – Mrs. Haddad's class

Friday, Dec. 9th – Ms. Bell's class

Finally, we look forward to seeing all of our families on Thursday, December 15th at 6:30 p.m. for our annual Christmas Concert. Save the date and read on for details.

Best wishes,

Mrs. McArthur
Principal

Important dates:

Wed. Dec. 14th – Term 1 report cards will be sent home

Wed. Dec. 14th – Christmas Concert rehearsal at 9:00 onwards

Thurs. Dec. 15th – Christmas Concert 6:30 – 7:30 / Hot lunch – Pizza

Fri. Dec. 16th – Last day of school before Winter Break

Mon. Dec. 19th– Fri. Jan. 1st – Winter Break

Tues. Jan. 3rd – School Reopens

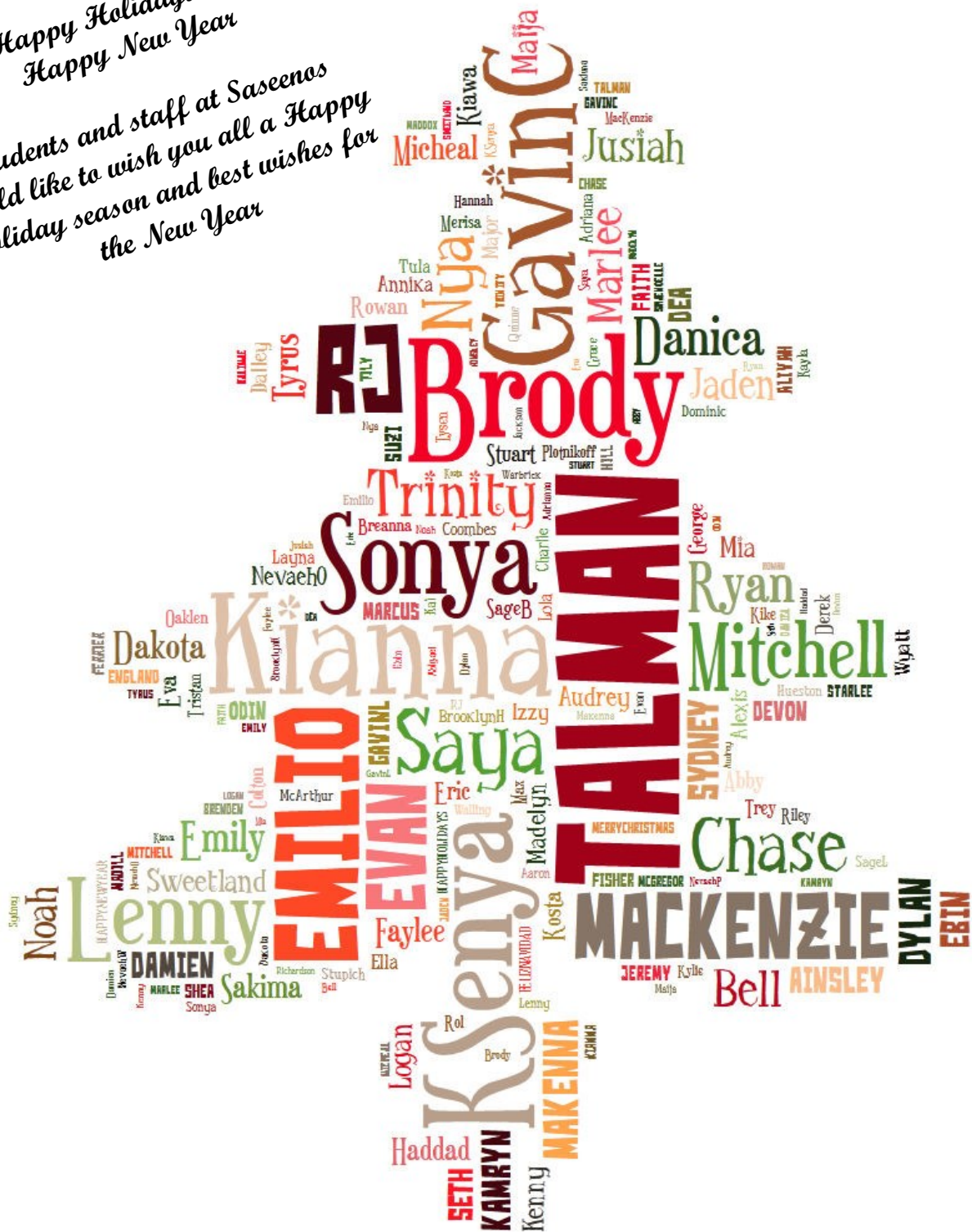
Mon. Jan. 9th – Pro – D – school is not in session

Mon. Jan. 23rd - 27th – Kindergarten & new student registration

Christmas

Happy Holidays and
Happy New Year

Students and staff at Saseenos
would like to wish you all a Happy
Holiday season and best wishes for
the New Year



Christmas Concert

Please come and enjoy our Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 15th in the evening between 6:30 – 7:30 PM. Doors will open at 6:00 PM. We appreciate the work of our Music teacher, Ms. McGregor, and all staff for getting the students ready for the concert. If you're unable to attend the Christmas Concert in the evening, we will be having our rehearsal on Wed. Dec. 14th at 9:00 a.m. and you are welcome to attend.

We will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Sooke Food Bank and all donations are welcome. The Sooke Food Bank is accepting the following items:

- Non-perishable food items
- Personal hygiene items
- Pet food



Kindergarten Registration for 2017 - 2018

Registration for Kindergarten for the 2017 school year begins on Monday, Jan. 23rd - Friday, Jan. 27th at 8:00 AM.

If your child was born in 2012 and will turn 5 by Dec. 31, 2017, your child is eligible for Kindergarten registration. All registrations will be done on-line.

We will also be registering new students at this time. If you are new to our area or are hoping to move into our area, please register your child/children.

Scholastics Book Fair

Our first Scholastics Book Fair was a success. Thanks to all staff and parents who helped with the smooth running of the fair. We earned a total credit of \$186 for books. We were able to purchase books for our Library and classrooms. Thank you once again for supporting our school.

A Big Thank You!
Sooke Harbourside Lions
For all the clothes and
supporting our
forgotten lunch program.



SASEENOS PAC BULLETIN BOARD

December PAC News!

Save Around coupon books are still available to purchase in the office.

These make great Xmas gifts. Only \$25.00

Grizzlies tickets—\$7.00 per ticket

Available in the office

This is a great way to support our students and enjoy a fun night out.

FYI— if you bring a non-perishable food item your name will be entered to win a ticket to the Victoria Grizzlies Game.

One ticket per division will be drawn.

There will be no PAC meeting this month.

Thank you Saseenos families for your support.

Did you know one of our school goals is to become better writers? Students are working on adding descriptive detail to their writing and taking pride in their work. Please enjoy Trinity, Kali-mae, Noah, and Seth's writing samples ...

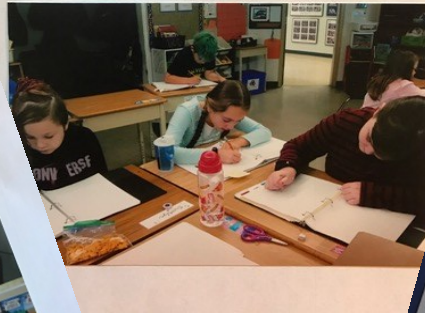
By Trinity Grade 5—In Summer I love the smell of flowers, fresh air and sunscreen. I love the smell of flowers because flowers smell delicious. I love fresh air because it makes me feel good and I like the smell of sunscreen because it makes me feel like I am at the beach. I love the taste of watermelon, cold water, cold lemonade and ice cream on a hot day because it is refreshing. I feel happy, warm and nice in the summer because there is no school and the sun is shining. In summer I touch sand, salt water and sunscreen for a day at the beach because it is one of my favorite places to go in Summer. At the beach I see the ocean, yellow sun, blue sky, sand and flowers. All of these sights make me feel calm. I love the sound of the ocean waves and people laughing. I love the sound of birds because it is music to my ears and the ocean is music to my ears too. I love the sound of people laughing because it make me happy and makes me laugh too.

Writing in Division 2

By Division 2

In Mrs. Haddad's class we write a LOT! At the beginning of the year we wrote quite a few poems. Then we learned about free-writing. That's when we can write anything we want! We can write lists, letters, stories, poems or journals. Sometimes students even make comics and publish books for the rest of the class to read!

We have a special writing binder where we keep our ideas, lesson notes, drafts and copies of our published work (those are our good copies). When we want to make a good copy of something, we revise it first to make it sound better. That's how we write in our class.



Reading in Mrs. Haddad's class by Kali-mae

In Mrs. Haddad's class when we read we do D.E.A.R. D.E.A.R. stands for Drop Everything And Read. When we have D.E.A.R. we have book boxes to hold our books. We have a lot of books in our class, we have so many books that our class is considered like a library! We have books like: Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Bad Kitty, Captain Underpants, Walter the Farting Dog, Skippyjon Jones and even more books! We make sure that we pick books that are not too hard not to easy but just right!



Handball
By Noah

In Mrs. Haddad's class we do handball. You get to play games against other schools. You can play with your friends. You're only allowed 2 steps and you can only hold the ball for 5 seconds. You're trying to score goals and trying to stop the other team from scoring goals on your net. You can't go in the goalie's crease!

November 8, 2016

My favourite part of the trip to the Salmon Centre was seeing the dead fish because I got to see the inside of the fish. My least favourite part of the Salmon Centre was seeing too many dead fish because it was disgusting! I loved going!

by Seth

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 62 (SOOKE)
2016 - 2017 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Total Days in Session	187
Days of Instruction	179
Non-instructional Days	7
Administrative Day	1
School Year begins (All schools in session one-half day)	Tues., Sept. 6
Non-instructional Day (District-Wide School Planning)	Mon., Sept. 19
Thanksgiving Day	Mon., Oct. 10
Non-instructional Day (Provincial)	Fri., Oct. 21
Remembrance Day	Fri., Nov. 11
*Early Dismissal (three hours for all schools) – Learning Conferences (Parent-Teacher Interviews/conferences)	Thurs., Nov. 24
Non-instructional Day – Professional Development	Fri., Nov. 25
Last day Before Winter Break	Fri., Dec. 16
Winter Vacation (incl. Christmas, Boxing Day and New Year's Day)	Mon., Dec. 19 – Mon., Jan. 2/17
Schools Reopen	Tues., Jan. 3, 2017
Non-instructional Day – Professional Development	Mon., Jan. 9
Provincial Exams (Gr. 10 – 12)	Mon. Jan. 23 – Fri. Jan. 27
Second Semester Begins	Mon. Jan. 30
Family Day	Mon., Feb. 13
Non-instructional Day (Tri-District)	Fri., Feb. 24
Last Day before Spring Break	Fri., Mar. 17
Spring Break	Mon., Mar. 20 – Fri., Mar. 31
Schools Reopen	Mon. Apr. 3
*Early Dismissal (three hours for all schools) – Learning Conferences (Parent-Teacher Interviews/conferences)	Wed., Apr. 12
Non-Instructional Day – Professional Development	Thurs., Apr. 13
Good Friday	Fri., Apr. 14
Easter Monday	Mon., Apr. 17
Non-instructional Day – Professional Development	Fri., May 12
Victoria Day	Mon., May 22
Provincial Exams (Gr. 10 – 12)	Thurs. June 22 – Thurs. June 29
Last Day of School	Thur. June 29
Year-end Administrative Day	Fri., June 30

*Nov. 24 & April 12 will remain the Early Dismissal Days; however, the elementary and middle school parent-teacher interviews/conferences may be held at an earlier date if the local school community deems it to be beneficial for communicating student learning to parents.



LIFE-THREATENING FOOD ALLERGIES AND SPECIAL DAYS

Special days like birthdays, Easter and end-of-the-year parties are times of celebration with friends, family and food. However, there are students in our school with life-threatening food allergies and these students are especially at risk during these times. You can help to keep allergic students safe by:

- ◆ Celebrating with stickers, games or prizes instead of food.
- ◆ Not sending or bringing peanut and nut-containing products to the school or classroom.

Refer to your school's policies and procedures around life-threatening food allergies for more information.

For more information contact:

- ◆ Your local Health Unit
- ◆ HealthLinkBC at 8-1-1 and ask to speak to a Registered Dietitian or www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthyeating/
- ◆ HealthLink BC File #100 Severe Food Allergies in Children and Teenagers:
www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthfiles/hfile100a.stm
- ◆ Anaphylaxis Canada www.anaphylaxis.ca/
- ◆ Your doctor
- ◆ Your pharmacist

Health Units:

Esquimalt	250-519-5311	Salt Spring Island	250-538-4880
Outer Gulf Islands	250-539-3099	Sooke	250-642-5464
Peninsula	250-544-2400	Victoria	250-388-2200
Saanich	250-519-5100	West Shore	250-519-3490