



SASEENOS SCOOP

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Principal's Message

Dear Saseenos Families,

Welcome back to school everyone and Happy New Year! Our students are off to a new year of learning. It's a pleasure to visit our busy classrooms and see our learners in action. We would like to welcome a new student, Riyhan, to our school. Riyhan is in Ms. Bell's grade 4 class.

I'm excited to share the news that we will be opening a second Kindergarten class at Saseenos and this will be based on the Nature K philosophy. This is the second Nature Kindergarten in the district and we hope to get the class filled. There will be two very important parent information sessions for interested parents. Parents must attend one of the two sessions in order to register their child for the Nature Kindergarten program. Please read further for more details. As always please do not hesitate to call me or see me if you are curious about the program.

Sincerely,

Mrs. McArthur

Important dates:

Jan. 9th – New Curriculum Implementation – school is not in session for students

Jan. 11th – PAC meeting – time TBA

Jan. 19th - Grade 2 Red Cross Swim - SEAPARC

Jan. 19th & 21st – Nature K parent information sessions

Jan 25th - Ready, Set, Learn at Sooke Community Hall

Jan. 27th - Story Theatre 9:00 a.m.

Jan. 23rd – 27th Kindergarten/new student registration; 8:00 am – 3:00 pm



Kindergarten/new student 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. Parents can register their child on-line at <http://registration.sd62.bc.ca>. Parents unable to register on-line may do so in person at their home catchment school. School staff will help you register your child on-line.
- ◆ We will be registering students who might be moving into our catchment at this time. Please call the office if you have any questions.
- ◆ Nature Kindergarten registrations will also happen on the same day. However, **parents must attend** one of these two information sessions in order to register their child for the Nature Kindergarten program:
 - **Thursday, Jan. 19, 6:30 p.m. at Saseenos Elementary**
 - **Saturday, Jan. 21, 10:00 a.m. at Saseenos Elementary**

Again, registrations can be completed on-line or in-person starting 8:00 a.m. on January 23rd. Parents registering their child in the Nature Kindergarten program will indicate their preference at that time. Parents registering in-person must do so at their neighborhood school and submit a request to register for Nature Kindergarten.

Christmas Concert!

Congratulations to Saseenos students and staff for an excellent effort on the Christmas Concert. We appreciate the work of our Music teacher, Ms. McGregor, to highlight the skills taught during Music classes. We all enjoyed hearing featured songs from our Choir. It was a super start to the holiday season!



Red Cross Learn to Swim Grade 2s!



Thanks to the generosity of Sooke Lions, all grade 2 students will receive a set of six swimming lessons; Mrs. George will be taking all grade 2s to SEAPARC every Thursday afternoon for the next few weeks. These lessons will begin on Thursday, January 19th and end on Thursday, February 23rd! Parents will be receiving further details from Mrs. George.

The dates are as follows: Jan. 19th, 26th, Feb. 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd

Sports News!

Handball

We enjoyed participating in the handball season in November last year. We played games against John Muir, Poirier and Sooke Elementary schools. We would like to thank Mrs. Haddad for coaching our students. Way to go Saseenos!

Basketball

We have an intermediate basketball team this season and we hope to play a few games against other elementary schools. We thank Mrs. George for coaching our students. We will send more information once we get closer to the formal games.

We would like to welcome the following staff ...

We would like to welcome Ms. Jodie Carpenter as the grade ½ teacher. Ms. Carpenter is replacing Ms. Coombes who has taken a new teaching assignment in the district.

We would also like to welcome Mr. Dan Quint who will support students and teachers in our school.

Student pick-up at the end of the day!

A gentle reminder that if your child or children take a bus home and for some reason will not be taking the bus on a certain day, could you please inform us at the office. If you are going to pick-up your child outside, please inform Ms. Hill, Bus Supervisor. We will then check off your child on the bus list. Often we have to go looking for your child/children when we do not have that information.

Thank you for helping us keep your children safe.



PAC News

Happy New Year to all Saseenos families!

Subway Sandwich Day—Thurs, Jan 19th

Our January PAC meeting will be held on **Wed. Jan.11th**. Time to be announced.

All parents/guardians are welcome to attend.

Saseenos Spring Craft/Vendor Market will be held on **Sat. Feb. 4th from 10:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

We have lots of tables available
full table \$25 or half table \$20.

Please contact Tara for more information
250 893 1478



Note of thanks from the Sooke Christmas Bureau & Food Bank

On behalf of the Christmas Bureau and the Food Bank, I would like to thank everyone - the Staff, Parents, and especially the Students of all the schools for their wonderful efforts in gathering such a tremendous cache of food. The donations were absolutely needed and appreciated by hundreds of people in our area. We were able to provide hampers for those people who, for a variety of reasons, are unable to provide for themselves, and at a time of year when being without is especially difficult. Your generosity is heartening and uplifts every one of us.

I think that the innovative ways that each school went about organizing the food collection and fund-raising was particularly fun and inspiring. You all should be proud of yourselves. Keep up the good work!

Perhaps we could organize another food drive in the Spring as even the large volume of food that was donated in December will be depleted by then.

Thank you all.

Marie Wilson
School Liaison,
Christmas Bureau/Food Bank

Important information from Journey Middle School (JMS) for all grade 5 students and families

Journey Middle Schools offers a number of specialized programs for their students. Please make note of meeting dates & times:

1. **Late French Immersion:** JMS will be offering Late French Immersion next year. There will be a parent information evening on **Wed. Jan. 18th at 6:30 p.m.** for all interested students and parents.
2. **Hockey Academy:** registrations for the hockey academy will open on **Wed. Feb. 1.** Coach Elm will be visiting all the elementary schools to talk to grade 5 students in January.
3. **Concert Band:** Ms. Bjourklund, band teacher & Mr. Glen Bedard, VP, will be visiting our school to talk to grade 5 students about the great band program at JMS.
4. **Parent Information Night** (for all incoming grade 5 students) – **Wed. April 12th at 6:30 p.m.** at JMS
5. **Grade 5 student transition visit to JMS** – our grade 5 students will be going to JMS on a transition visit on **Thursday, May 25th** in the afternoon. I will send out more information closer to the date of the visit.



MOVE MORE, SIT LESS! UNDERSTANDING THE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY RECOMMENDATIONS

Bodies are made to move and children and youth need to be moving more. How much more? At least 60 minutes every day!

What types of activity?

- ◆ Heart-pumping aerobic activity like running, basketball, soccer and biking at least 3 days each week
- ◆ Strengthening activities 3 days a week like climbing and swinging at the playground, push-ups, running, and jumping rope

Parents who are active tend to have children who enjoy being active.

Adults need at least 30 minutes of physical activity most days of the week. If you and your family are not meeting the recommendations, begin slowly and gradually increase the amount of time you spend being active. Find a few fun activities that the whole family can do together. If you need ideas, check your local recreation centre.

For more information:

- ◆ Your local Public Health Unit
- ◆ Physical Activity and Sedentary Behaviour Guidelines
- ◆ Public Health Agency of Canada
- ◆ ParticipACTION
- ◆ Physical Activity Resources at HealthlinkBC

Belmont Secondary is hosting the 1st Academy Night Jan 19th for all the Westshore secondary and middle schools.

Included are two District Programs: Equestrian and Golf (new for 2017/8) that run outside the timetable which will allow for all secondary students the opportunity to attend.

The Night begins at 6:00 with general information on registration and payment followed by breakout sessions for individual academy program information with academy teachers.

Academy Programs

www.westshorecentre.com

Equine

• Royal Bay • Belmont • EMCS



Hockey

• Spencer • Journey • Belmont • EMCS



Soccer

• Dunsmuir • Royal Bay • EMCS



SD 62 Academy Night for:

• Royal Bay • Belmont • Spencer • Dunsmuir

January 19th, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

@ Belmont Highschool Auditorium

2017/2018 Registration begins February 1st @ 6:00 am

NEW! Golf Academy

• Royal Bay • EMCS • Belmont

Call: 250-391-9002 ext. 250 for more information

Dance

• Dunsmuir • Royal Bay



Baseball/Softball

Belmont



Lacrosse

Royal Bay

