

SASEENOS SCOOP

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Principal's Message

Dear Saseenos' families:

We are nearing the end of another memorable school year. We will be honouring our Grade 5 students at an assembly on Tuesday, June 27th at 1:30 pm. Parents are also invited to attend our year-end assembly on Friday, June 23rd at 10:30 a.m. where we will be acknowledging all students for their participation this year and recalling some of our favourite memories. We are grateful to our PAC and would like to express our appreciation for supporting our students and staff.

Our staff would also like to thank all parents for your continued involvement and kind support this year. The children have benefited through your efforts and we appreciate the many ways parents participate at school.

Saseenos is fortunate to have a staff of caring professionals who plan for success for all learners. I appreciate our staff's dedication to providing rich and engaging learning opportunities for children. It is a pleasure to work and learn with our staff. What truly makes a school great are the kids. Saseenos' students are responsible citizens, caring classmates, keen learners and good friends. Thank you for sharing your children with us. Lastly, we look forward to seeing many of you at our Parent Appreciation Coffee morning on Friday, June 9th as you drop children off.

Best wishes for a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

Mrs. McArthur

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Fri. June 2 – Track and Field at Royal Bay Secondary
- Wed. June 7 – Hot lunch – Pizza
– Grade 5 Camp Thunderbird parent permission meeting
- Thurs. June 8 – Div. 3, 4 & 5 off to Beacon Hill Park/water park
– Nature K Orientation in the afternoon
- Fri. June 9 – Parent Appreciation Coffee in the morning at 8:15 a.m.
- Thurs. June 15 – LUV2GROOVE dance workshop
– PAC AGM/Election at 9:30 a.m.
- Fri. June 16 – Sooke Bluegrass Band
- Thurs. June 22 – Grade 5 Camp Thunderbird
– Div. 2 & 3 Tent Day
- Fri. June 23 – Year-end Recognition Assembly 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
– Fun Day in the afternoon
– PAC hot dog day
- Mon. June 26 – Beach Day at Aylard Farm
- Tues. June 27 – Grade 5 Assembly 1:30 p.m. onwards
- Thurs. June 29 – last day of school for students

ARE YOU MOVING?

It is now critical that you notify the office if your son/daughter will be attending another school in September 2017.

Please email Mrs. McArthur (rumcarthur@sd62.bc.ca)
or
Mrs. Hueston (khueston@sd62.bc.ca)
or
call the office at 250 642 5261.



Lost and Found Tour!



Please check out the Lost and Found items before the end of the year. We have a collection of winter clothing and summer jackets! All clothing will be donated to the Canadian Diabetes Association at the end of the school year.

Year-end assembly

On Friday, June 23rd at 10:30 am we will be sharing some memories of the year. Please be sure to join us for this special assembly and an opportunity to see the year-end slide show.

Grade 5 Farewell Assembly

Tuesday, June 27th at 1:30 pm

Parents are invited to join us on **Tuesday, June 27th at 1:30 pm** as we say goodbye to our Grade 5 students.

BEACH DAY!

When? Monday, June 26th

Where? Aylard Farm – East Sooke Park

Buses will leave our school at 9:00 am and leave Aylard Farm at 1:30 pm to return to school.
Parents are encouraged to meet us at the beach.

More details to follow!



Saseenos Talent Show!

Congratulations to all the students who performed at the Saseenos Talent Show on May 26th. Here are the names of our talented students who participated: Suzi, Brynn, Nevaeh P., Kali-mae, Emily, Madelyn, Kosta, Dominic, Ella, Aliyah, Chloe, Ebin, Lenny, Tily, Hannah, Mia, Dea, Kenny, Sonya, Shae-noelle, R.J. & Kianna Thanks to Kianna and Brynn for ‘m-c-ing’ the event. A big thanks to Ms. Carpenter for organizing the event.

Principal for the Day

Sakima in Mrs. Haddad's class won the 'Principal for the Day' raffle this year and chose Kiawa & Dylan to be his vice-principals. They spent the day helping Mrs. McArthur with supervision outside, monitored students in their classes, conducted a Health & Safety inspection of the school and ate a special lunch in the office with Mrs. McArthur. They even extended recess by 10 whole minutes!

At the end of the day here is what they said:

The best part of the day was extending recess by 10 minutes and eating special lunch!

The most challenging part of the day was doing safety checks for the whole school!

And yes, they would love to do it again because it was fun and they got to work with students!

Library closed!

Our library is now closed for book exchange. We will soon begin inventory of all our library books. Please return all library books to the school. Notices will be sent home to students with overdue and lost books. Please call or write a note to Mrs. McArthur if you have a question about a missing or a lost book.



The Sooke Lions – thank you!

We would like to thank the Sooke Lions for supporting our school community. They have provided bussing for swimming lessons (grade 2 & 3s), they cover the cost of swimming lessons, gift certificates to purchase food & healthy snacks as part of our 'Forgotten Lunch' program and they have also provided us with clothing – socks, pants and shirts for when students have accidents and need a change of clothes.

Farewell – staff!

We will be saying goodbye to few staff: Ms. Stupich, Ms. Carpenter, Ms. Sweetland, Mr. Quint & Mr. Epp will be leaving us at the end of this school year. We would like to thank them for teaching our students and wish them all the best in their future teaching assignments.

Sooke Food Bank – school supplies!

The volunteers from the Sooke Food Bank would like to collect any used/unused school supplies at the end of the school year. Every year volunteers sort through these supplies and send them to students in countries where families are unable to purchase basic school tools. I will leave boxes in each class and if you wish to donate your child's school supplies at the end of the year, they can simply put them in the boxes. Our way of being part of the larger global community!



Student Placement Policy

Our Goal:

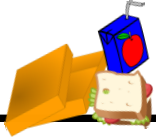
Our goal at Saseenos is to provide the best possible learning environment for every child. The process of student placement is a task we undertake thoughtfully and there are a variety of important factors to consider. We attempt to provide children the opportunity to experience as many teaching styles and learning environments as possible in order to enhance their lifelong learning skills. The unique needs of all our learners are carefully considered.

Class configurations often include “combined” classes of two grades. This is standard practice and is educationally sound. A common misconception is that students are placed in a combined class based entirely on their academic ability. This is not the case. All students work on the Ministry of Education Curriculum at their grade level and teachers routinely differentiate instruction for all students.

While we do not guarantee that parent requests will be met, we do consider parent input along with other important educational criteria. Requests for specific teachers cannot be considered. ***If you wish to contact Mrs. McArthur about specific educational considerations for your child's placement, please do so by Friday, June 23rd.***

Lunch hour next year!

We will be switching playing and eating time during lunch time next school year. This year students eat first and then go outside to play. While the time will remain the same, 11:45—12:45, in September, students will be playing first, from 11:45—12:20, and then eating from 12:20—12:45. A number of elementary schools in our district already have this system in place and is successful. This will allow also Nature K students to stay outside and save them from changing their clothes twice.



WHAT A PAC!

Thank you to our amazing PAC for their outstanding efforts to raise funds and providing fun activities for kids. The Saseenos Elementary community would like to express sincere thanks to this year's PAC for their hard work.

Special thanks to the 2016/17 Executive

President/Fundraiser - Tara Kenmare: Tara has spent countless volunteer hours working for the school. Tara has spearheaded fundraising campaigns, organized many special events and organized a myriad of activities. We sincerely appreciate her dedication to our school - thanks Tara!

Vice President - James Locke: A big thanks to James for his support to our PAC through the school year. Thank you for your time and help with planning PAC events.

Secretary - Sam Stanley: Thank you for taking notes at all our PAC Meetings and helping out with PAC events.

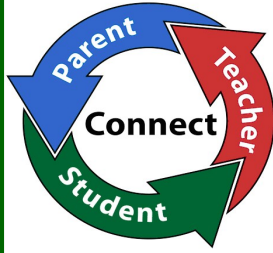
Hot Lunch coordinator - Chris Pope: Chris has spent countless hours ensuring all Hot Lunch orders are accurate and students get the food that was ordered; Chris along with his family have taken care of the concession during PAC events like the Christmas Craft Fair and Spring Carnival.

Treasurer/Gaming and Grants - Lisa Locke: We are grateful that the PAC finance are in the capable hands of Lisa. We appreciate her hard work. She has a busy job keeping up with all of the fundraising that our PAC does! Lisa also ensured that the emergency supplies are up to date and the emergency shelter is organized.

Safe Arrival - We have a team of dedicated parents who help out in the mornings to ensure all students arrive at school safely. We are particularly grateful to Ellen, Susan, Taylor, Rachelle and Tara - thank you for keeping our kids safe.

S.P.E.A.C - Thank you Amanda Dowhey for representing our school.





JUNE 2017

SASEENOS PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL -PAC



- *PAC AGM & Elections* — Thursday, June 15th @ 9:30 am (Refreshments provided)
Two positions are up for election
President & Secretary
Please see attached
- *Boston Pizza Lunch Day* — June 7th.
- *School Supplies Order Forms* — Place your order by July 8th, 2017 at staplesschooltools.ca simply by logging in using the reference number provided by your school, or visit your local Staples store with the letter from your school.

On behalf of the Saseenos PAC we would like to thank everyone for coming out and showing your support for our school. It was a great evening and hugely successful.

We would like to thank the businesses and individuals that donated to our Carnival and Silent Auction:

Sooke Montessori Preschool
Route 14
View Royal Casino
Bits of Bliss
Just Bounce Inflatables
Coastline Living Photography
17 Mile Pub
The Prestige Hotel
Sooke Health and Fitness
Tullabelle Designs
Tricia Joy Bings
Christina's West Coast Creations
East Sooke Store
My Chosen Café
She Beauty Salon
Great Canadian Dollar Store

*Thank
You*



BE SUN SMART

Too much sun exposure and especially sunburns in young children can cause eye damage and can increase the risk of skin cancer in later years. Sun damage is cumulative, which means that the damage builds up with each exposure.

Those at highest risk of skin cancer are those with:

- Fair skin and blond or red hair
- Skin that burns and freckles easily and doesn't tan easily
- Lots of moles or large and unusual moles
- History of severe sunburns

The good news is that skin cancer is almost totally preventable.

From late spring to early fall, avoid unprotected sun exposure between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. If your children are outdoors between these times, teach them to:

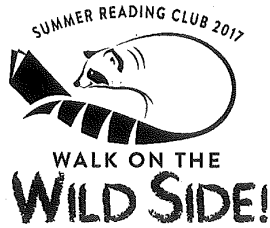
- ◆ **SEEK** out the shade
- ◆ **SLIP** on clothing that covers arms and legs
- ◆ **SLAP** on a wide brimmed hat and sunglasses
- ◆ **SLOP** on sunscreen with SPF #30 or higher
- ◆ **SLURP** lots of water

For more information contact:

- ◆ HealthLinkBC at 8-1-1 (a free call) or www.healthlinkbc.ca
- ◆ Health Canada www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hl-vs/sun-sol/index-eng.php
- ◆ www.dermatology.ca/skin-hair-nails/skin/sun-safety/

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



Summer Reading Club 2017

Summer Reading @ Vancouver Island Regional Library

Summer vacation is almost here and your children are no doubt dreaming about fun times and adventures! But in order to keep your children's reading skills sharp; it's also a smart idea to include reading as a part of their summer fun.

Like all skills, a little practice goes a long way. Vancouver Island Regional Library invites kids aged 0 - 12 years to join Summer Reading Club. Participants will embark on a reading adventure at the library with this year's theme: **Walk on the Wild Side!** Summer Reading Club encourages children to read a little every day by providing:

- Fun tools, such as colorful reading records, tattoos, magnifying rulers, and medals.
- Chances to win cool prizes—the more they read, the more chances to win.

Best of all, Summer Reading Club is free and all Summer Reading Club registrants are welcome to participate in the library's **Read Down Your Fines** promotion. For every reading record page a child completes, they are eligible to have up to \$5 in fines removed from their library account!

Summer Reading Club officially begins **July 4th**. You can register your children online starting June 15th at www.virl.bc.ca or you can drop by your local branch.

For more information, call or visit your local branch of Vancouver Island Regional Library or visit www.virl.bc.ca. In remote areas, the program is available through our Books by Mail service. Please call 1-877-415-8475 for information.

Planning a family trip or vacation? Don't forget that children can borrow from and return books to any of the 39 branches of Vancouver Island Regional Library located on Vancouver Island, Haida Gwaii, and Bella Coola on the central mainland coast. We make it that easy for you!

Strong Libraries ■ Strong Communities

Bella Coola Bowser Campbell River Chemsinus Comox Cortes Island Courtenay Cowichan Cowichan Lake Cumberland Gabriola Island Gold River Hornby Island Ladysmith Masset Nanaimo Harbourfront Nanaimo North Nanaimo Wellington Parksville Port Alberni Port Alice Port Clements Port Hardy Port McNeill Port Renfrew Quadra Island Qualicum Beach Queen Charlotte Sandspit Sayward Sidney/North Saanich Sointula Sooke South Cowichan Tahsis Tofoño Ucluelet Union Bay Woss

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EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS

~~*JUNE 14th 6:30 P.M.*~~ June 15th, 9:30am

Have you ever wanted to get more involved with what is happening at Saseenos Elementary School? Why not consider joining the Saseenos PAC Executive Committee.

The following positions are up for election for the 2017~2018 school year.

PAC President ~ presides at all Executive, General and special meetings
~ attends annual S.P.E.A.C. Presidents and Vice Presidents dinner
~ Prepares agenda for the general meetings, dates established at first meeting of the school year
~ will have the power to strike committees as needed
~ will be one of the (minimum) 3 signing officers

PAC Secretary ~ keeps accurate records of all executive, general and special meetings
~ will issue and receive correspondence on behalf of the PAC
~ will publicize information in the school newsletter as required

Nominations can be made in the office until the the end of the school day on June 14th and during the AGM that night. Nominations are open to all current and new parents of Saseenos Elementary School.

Name of Nominate: _____

Name of Nominator: _____

Please return to the school office