



SASEENOS SCOOP

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Principal's Message

Dear Saseenos Families:

LITERACY WEEK - April 11 - 14th

We will be celebrating our Literacy Week next week. We have many literacy based activities planned for individual classes and the whole school along with special performances, assemblies and activities related to reading and writing. We will welcome guest readers to our classes every day of the week. Additionally, we will encourage many students to participate in the challenge of turning off their electronics at home and reading for twenty minutes. Lastly, we will have volunteers from the Sooke Lion's Club organizing a delicious pancake breakfast for our whole school on Tuesday, April 12th.

We encourage our students to continue to read daily at home. Please consult with your child's teacher if you would like specific strategies for helping with reading or if you would like more information about your child's reading progress.

Thank you for your continued support.

*Best wishes,
Mrs. McArthur
Principal*



Important Dates:

Apr. 7th - 12th : Scholastics Book Fair

Apr. 11th - 14th: Literacy Week

Apr. 13th: PAC meeting 9:15 a.m.

Apr. 14th: 3 hour early dismissal (Parent Teacher conferences were held in March)

Apr. 15th: Pro D Day - school is not in session

Apr. 20th & 27th - Cross-country run at JDF

Apr. 25th, 26th, 27th - Clay works for all students

May 2nd, 3rd, 4th - Glazing (clay) for all students

May 4th: Parent meeting at Journey Middle School for all Grade 5 students

May 6th: Pro D Day - school is not in session

May 9th: Class/whole school photo

May 19th: Grade 5 transition day at Journey

May 19th: PAC Spring Carnival (SASCOM)

May 23rd: Victoria Day

ARE YOU MOVING?

School district staff continue to work on our staffing for the 2016/17 school year. It is now critical that you notify the office **by May 31st** if your son/daughter will be attending another school in September 2016. If you have plans for your Grade 5 child to transition to a school other than Journey, please notify us of that as well. Please inform Mrs. Scott: ascott@sd62.bc.ca or Mrs. McArthur: rumcarthur@sd62.bc.ca or call the office at 250 642 5261 if your child will not be returning to Saseenos for September 2016.



STUDENT ACTIVITIES

- ♦ **FLOOR HOCKEY:** Thank you to Mrs. Haddad for organizing the floor hockey tournament at Saseenos.
- ♦ **SOCCER:** We are hoping to have an intermediate soccer team - we will keep you informed!
- ♦ **CROSS-COUNTRY:** Cross-country will be taking place on **Wed. Apr. 20th & 27th** after school. Next week I will be sending home permission forms with interested students. Thanks to our PAC, we will be sharing a bus with Sooke Elementary students to and from JDF.
- ♦ **TENNIS:** All Division 1, 2 & 3 students will be receiving free weekly tennis lessons for the next 8 weeks. We are grateful to an organization called Tennis4kids and to their coach Brendan Patel for making this possible.



- ♦ **CLAY MURAL:** All students will be creating a clay tile mural under the guidance of Renee Sala, a local clay artist. She will be here at the end of April and beginning of May to work with individual classes and we hope to have the mural ready for September 2016. Thank you to our PAC for supporting this project.

GRADE 5 TRANSITION TO JOURNEY

- ♦ We will soon be saying goodbye to our Grade 5 students as they will be moving on Journey Middle School next school year. Here are some transition opportunities our Grade 5s will have in the coming months:
- ♦ Journey administration and specialist teachers will be visiting Saseenos to meet with staff and students
- ♦ Grade 5 students will be going to Journey Middle School to spend an afternoon participating in an Exploratory organized by Journey staff and students on **Thurs. May 19th**
- ♦ Journey Middle School will be hosting Grade 5 parents/students for an information evening on **Wed. May 4th (7-8 p.m.)**



STAFFING UPDATE:



We would like to welcome Mr. Kevin Simonar as the music teacher; Mr. Simonar is replacing Ms. Parliament who is away on leave

We would like to welcome Ms. Niki Williams, EA, to our school. Ms. Williams will be supporting all students in Mrs. Haddad's class

LOST & FOUND



With the warmer weather arriving, students may accidentally leave their coats/jackets/sweaters out on the playground at break times and before and after school. Please check out our Lost and Found items at the front door of the school. It is overflowing with great stuff!



3 HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL ON THURS. APR. 14TH

Please don't forget that students will be dismissed at 11:45 a.m. next **Thursday, April 14th** for time in lieu of the Parent/Teacher/Student conferences held back on March 3rd and also that **Friday, April 15th** is a Pro-D Day.



PAC News

- ♦ April's PAC meeting has been moved to 9:15 am on **Wed. April 13th**, in the library
- ♦ The due date for Steeped Tea Orders has been extended to **Mon., April 18th**.
- ♦ We are looking for vendors for the upcoming Carnival on **Thurs., May 19th**, tables are \$25 for a full table and \$15 for a half. Forms are available in the office during school hours. There is a limited number of tables for this event.
- ♦ We are still looking for donations of gently used comic books for our Carnival. If you are able to donate please let us know!
- ♦ And finally, a great big THANK YOU to all of the parents who donated towards our Scrap Metal Drive! We are still waiting for the total amount that was raised and we will let you know when we find out.

