



SASEENOS SCOOP

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Principal's Message

Dear Saseenos Families:

We are nearing the end of a memorable school year. We will be honouring our Grade 5 students at an assembly on Friday, June 24th at 1:30 pm. Parents are also invited to attend our Year End Assembly on Wednesday, June 29th at 10:30 am where we will be acknowledging all students for their participation this year and recalling some of our favourite memories. We will also be thanking our incredible PAC members.

I would like to thank our PAC for hosting another successful Spring Carnival. 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.

Best wishes for a wonderful and memorable summer!

*Mrs. McArthur
Principal*



Important Dates:

Thurs. June 9th – Grade 5 student to Camp Thunderbird

Fri. June 17th – Blue Grass Band (1-2 PM)

Wed. June 15th – Div. 3, 4 & 5 field trip

PAC AGM/Election at 6:30 p.m.

Wed. Jun 22nd – Beach Day – Aylard Farm (East Sooke Park)

Fri. June 24rd – Grade 5 Farewell Assembly (1:30 – 2:30 pm)

Tues. June 28th – Fun Day/Hot Dog Lunch

Wed. June 29th – Year-end assembly (10:30 – 11:30 am)

Last day of school

Report cards are sent home

Tues. Sept. 6th – first day of school





ARE YOU MOVING?

It is now critical that you notify the office if your son/daughter will be attending another school in September 2016. Please email Mrs. McArthur (rumcarthur@sd62.bc.ca) or Mrs. Scott (ascott@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!



BEACH DAY!

When? **Wednesday, June 22nd**

Where? Aylard Farm - East Sooke Park



The 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!

Grade 5 Farewell Assembly - Friday, June 24th at 1:30 pm

Parents are invited to join us on **Friday, June 24th** at 1:30 pm as we say goodbye to our Grade 5 students.



Year-end assembly

On **Wednesday, June 29th** 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.

Saseenos Talent Show!

Congratulations to all the students who performed at the Saseenos Talent Show on May 20th. Here are the names of our talented students who participated: Alida, Coral, Chloe, Mia, Nevaeh W., Tula, Aliyah, Nevaeh P., Kali-Mae, Maddox, Brenden, Jaden, Ebin, Rowan-Jean, Mackenna, Suzi, Anson, Madelyn and Izzy. Thanks to Simon & Alida for 'm-c-ing' the event. A big thanks to Ms. Nicole Cookson for organizing the event.



Principal for the Day

Maija in Mrs. George's class won the 'Principal for the Day' raffle this year and chose Kamryn and Faith to be her 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 5 minutes!

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

The best part of the day was extending recess by 5 minutes!

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!



Saseenos has a new water fountain!

We have a brand new water fountain where students can fill their water bottles with cold water. So far we have had 1824 bottles of water!

Thanks to our PAC for providing the funding for the water fountain.



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DARE News!

This year all our Grade 5 students successfully participated in the DARE program led by Constable Sean Heidman from the Sooke RCMP detachment. DARE (Drug and Alcohol Resistance Education) teaches young students about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse. We celebrated their DARE 'graduation' at a student led assembly on Friday, May 27th.



Library closed!

Our library is now closed for book exchange. Ms. Hill 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.



Farewell & welcome - staff!

We will be saying goodbye to a few staff: Ms. Ferguson, Mr. White, Mr. Metcalfe, Mr. Simonar & Mr. Marten will be leaving us at the end of this school year. We would like to thank them for teaching our students and we hope they come back to Saseenos again.

We will also say goodbye to Mrs. Scott, our secretary. Mrs. Scott has taken a position at Ecole Poirier Elementary School. Lucky for Poirier! We will miss you Mrs. Scott.

Mrs. Hueston is coming back!

We would like to welcome Mrs. Kerry Hueston back to our school in September 2016. As you might remember, Mrs. Hueston was on leave for a couple of years and will now be returning to Saseenos. Welcome back Mrs. Hueston!



The Sooke Lions and Sooke Harbourside 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 the swimming lessons, and also make pancakes for our school's pancake breakfast.

The Sooke Harbourside Lions provide our school with 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.

Thank you for your support!



Track and Field

For about a month students have been getting ready for the district elementary school track and field event. This year the events took place at the brand new Royal Bay Secondary School field. Also new this year was the inclusion of grade 3 students. The track and field meet took place on Friday, June 3rd. Here are the students who ran races & relays and participated in shot-put: Jackson, Mackenzie, Makenna, Saya, Shae, Sonya, Aaron, Brenden, Brody, Chase, Danica, Emilio, Kianna, Lenny, Maddox, Nevaeh, Rowan-Jean, Alida, Chloe, Coral, Dakota K., Devin, Jill, Marya, Robbie, Rowan G., Rowan S., Ryan, Seth, Spencer, Teagan, Thomas, Tristan. Big thanks to Saseenos staff for helping in getting students ready for the meet.



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 provincially Prescribed Learning Outcomes 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

WHAT A PAC!



Thank you to our amazing PAC for their outstanding efforts to raise funds and provide 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 2015-16 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/Hot lunch coordinator - Nanci Walsh: Nanci is an active member of our PAC; Nanci spends countless hours ensuring all Hot Lunch orders are accurate and students get the food that was ordered; Nanci along with her family have taken care of the concession during PAC events like the Christmas Craft Fair and Spring Carnival. Nanci will be greatly missed in our PAC meetings next year as her son, Jayden, moves on to Spencer Middle School. Once again Nanci, thank you for your hard work!

Treasurer/Gaming and Grants - Rebecca Bosma: We are grateful that the PAC finances are in the capable hands of Rebecca. We appreciate her hard work. She has a busy job to keep up with all of the fundraising that our PAC does!

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 Hurst, Susan Timmerman, Nanci Walsh and Tara Kenmare. Thank you for keeping our kids safe.

2016-2017 Saseenos Elementary School PAC Elections

Have you ever wanted to get more involved with the in's and out's at the parents' level at Saseenos? Well here is your chance! Our PAC elections and AGM are fast approaching and we are accepting nominations for the following positions:

PAC President

PAC Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary

Foods is currently filled but we are always looking for helpers!

Nominations can be made in the office during school hours until the end of the day on June 15th, and can also be made at the PAC AGM, **Wednesday, June 15th** at 6:30pm. Self nominations are also welcome.



Thank you! From the Saseenos PAC

Where do we start...

Thank you ARCTECH Computers for sponsoring our Spring Carnival.

Thank you to the DARK KNIGHT of Victoria and his lovely assistant Laura for bringing smiles to the faces of the children and parents of our school.

Thank you to our vendors for displaying your amazing products for our parents to browse and purchase.

Thank you to our awesome face and body painter, Jill VB from Brazen Face and Body Painting for your amazing art work.

Thank you to all of our volunteers that were at the school all day setting, running, and cleaning up the Carnival.

Thank you to our AMAZING kitchen staff and cook for making sure that everyone was fed .

Thank you to all of our parents for bringing your children. Thank you to all of our children for coming out and being your AWESOME selves!!

Sincerely,

The Saseenos PAC



STAPLES School Tools Lists

School Tools lists for next year's school supplies have been sent home with students. If you need another copy you can print them off our website (<http://saseenos.sd62.bc.ca/>) or stop by the office for a printed copy. Copies of Journey's lists for middle-school bound students are also available on our site.