



SASEENOS SCOOP

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Principal: Mrs. R. McArthur Secretary: Kerry Hueston

Principal's Message

Dear Saseenos Families:

Welcome back! Children are settling into new routines in their classrooms and on the playground. We are off to an exciting start as children enter a new year of learning.

It's great to see children quickly adapt and make connections with new teachers and classmates while maintaining established friendships.

Due to the number of children in the primary and intermediate grades, our class configuration looks slightly different from last year. Classes have now been finalized and students have started working in their new divisions.

Most of our classes are 'combined classes' which include two grades. This is common educational practice and is not based upon ability grouping. Within every grade and within every classroom, classes are balanced to address a variety of factors.

Please be assured that your child's placement was made thoughtfully and that all children will be working at appropriate grade level curriculum.

It has been a terrific first week and we appreciate your supportive involvement as we start a new year at Saseenos!

*Sincerely,
Ruchi McArthur*

Important Dates:

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| Mon. Sept. 19th | – District wide school Planning Day – school is not in session |
| Wed. Sept. 21st | – Meet the Teacher Night 6-7 pm |
| Thurs. Sept. 22nd | – Beach Day – Aylard Farm |
| Mon. Sept. 23rd | – Tennis lessons start |
| Wed. Sept. 28th | – Cross-country Run at JDF |
| Fri. Sept. 30th | – Terry Fox Run |
| Wed. Oct. 5th | – Cops for Cancer – celebration at Sooke Elementary |



NEW STAFFING

We would like to welcome the following staff to our school:

Ms. Coombes - Grade $\frac{1}{2}$
Ms. Sweetland - Learning Support
Mrs. Sketchley - Wednesdays in the Kindergarten class
Mr. McLeod - Music, until Mrs. Parliament's return
Ms. Fisher - Educational Assistant/noon hour supervisor
Mr. Warbrick - Aboriginal Education Support Worker



OUR STAFF

School Secretary:	Mrs. Hueston (8:15 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.)
Custodian:	Mr. Vince Talman
Crossing Guard:	Ms. Sarah Ferrier
Library Assistant:	Ms. Evelyn Hill
Lunch Supervisors:	Ms. Madeliene Fisher, Mrs. Mary England and Mrs. April Madill
Div. 1 Grade 4/5:	Mrs. Stewart (temporary)
Div. 2 Grade $\frac{3}{4}$:	Mrs. Elaine Haddad
Div. 3 Grade 2/3:	Mrs. Chantelle George
Div. 4 Grade 1/2:	Ms. Lauren Coombes
Div. 5 Kindergarten:	Mrs. Lenna Talman (M/T/Th/F) & Mrs. Jessica Sketchley (W)
Integration Support	Ms. Carol Walling
Learning Support	Ms. Carol Walling
Counsellor	Ms. Carol Walling
Music: Mr. McLeod	
Education Assistants:	Mrs. Rol, Mrs. Dalley, Ms. Fisher and Ms. Plotnikoff (temporary)
Aboriginal Education Support Worker:	Mr. Dennis Warbrick (Monday/Friday)
Speech and Language:	Mrs. Sandra Martell (Mondays)
Librarian:	Mrs. Ruchi McArthur

DISTRICT WIDE SCHOOL PLANNING - MON. SEPT. 19TH

Monday, Sept. 19th is a non-instructional day for our students as the district uses this day to plan for the year.

NEWSLETTERS VIA EMAIL

We are encouraging all families to access our newsletter via email. If you are not on our email list and would like to be included, please let us know at the office.

SAFE ARRIVAL

Please call **240 642 5658** if your child/children will be away from school. If you do not call to report that your child will be absent, our safe arrival parent volunteer will call alternate numbers until we know for certain that your child is SAFE.

STUDENTS TAKING BUSES



If your child/children take the school bus everyday but will not be taking the bus on a certain day, please let the office know. Alternately, please let Ms. Hill, Bus Supervisor, know if you are picking up your child as she will check your child off the bus list for that day. This helps us ensuring all bus students are accounted for. Thanks for your help in keeping your child/children safe.



The Terry Fox Foundation

TERRY FOX RUN - FRIDAY, SEPT. 30TH

Our annual **Terry Fox Run** will take place on **Friday, Sept. 30th** after lunch. We will have a short assembly in the gym and like last year, run to the beach off Kaltasin Road. We invite and encourage parents to join us in our run. We are looking for help with supervision with our children.

We will also be raising money for the Terry Fox Foundation. We are hoping to raise about \$200 this year and are asking students to bring a loonie or toonie. I'm sure we will achieve our goal!

BEACH DAY!

Last year we started a tradition of taking the whole school to a local beach in fall. Our school has two 'beach days'. And we are able to do this due to the generous support of our PAC. This year we will be going to Aylard Farm in East Sooke on Thursday, September 22nd!

The buses will leave our school at 9:30 am and leave Aylard Farm at 1:30 pm to return to school. Parents are encouraged to meet us at the beach. The field trip will be cancelled in case of inclement weather - we hope not! More details to follow.



MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT!

We would like to invite students and parents to meet our fabulous staff on **Wednesday, September 21st, 2016 between 6-7 p.m.** As in the past parents will have some time to meet their child/children's teachers in their classes and then we invite you for cake in the library!

TENNIS LESSONS ARE BACK!

We are fortunate to have Coach Brendan back at our school sharing his passion for tennis with our students. He will begin his free weekly tennis lessons on Friday, Sept. 23rd for nine weeks. He will be giving lessons to Divisions 1, 2, 3 & 4 this year. We would like to thank Coach Brendan, and the Tennis4Kids Association of Canada for sponsoring these lessons



STUDENT VERIFICATION FORMS

Students brought home verification packages. Please review all the information and return the forms to school at the earliest possible. Please fill out the **Earthquake and Emergency Release forms accurately.** Please inform the people you have chosen to have permission for emergency pick-up of your child/children as we will be doing an emergency release simulation drill at some point in the year. Day and time to be determined. Thank you in advance for your help!

SASEENOS PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)2016-2017

All parents are welcome to attend monthly PAC meetings. If you are interested in learning more about our school and ways you can be more involved as a parent, PAC meetings are a great place to start. There are numerous opportunities for parental involvement at the school and we welcome your participation.

President—Tara Kenmare

Vice President—James Locke

Treasurer—Lisa Locke

Secretary—Sam Smith

SPEAC—Amanda Dowhy

Foods—Chris & Gwen Pope

FUNDRAISER

The first fundraiser of the year will be Save-Around-Coupon books.

These books have already gone home 1 per family.

This great book is filled with hundreds of 50% off and 2-for-1 discounts on the things you do everyday.

The cost of these books are \$25.00.

Please send payment by **October 14th.**

Tuesday , September 20th @ 9:30 am - Halloween Dance fundraising committee meeting.