

Kanaka Creek Elementary

APRIL NEWSLETTER

At Kanaka we strive to develop a community of responsible learners who strive to attain their potential in a safe, cooperative and healthy environment.



Upcoming Events

Apr 2 nd	Easter Monday
Apr 30 th	Pro-D Day (No School)
May 1 st	School Re-opens after Spring break
May 2 nd	Aboriginal Egnite Camp
May 3 rd	Aboriginal Egnite Camp
May 4 th	Popcorn Day - \$1 per bag
May 5 th	PAC Plant Sale Pickup (10-12)
May 9 th	PAC meeting @ 7pm in Library
May 10 th	Me 2 We Rafiki Bracelet Fundraiser
May 11 th	PAC Movie Night
May 17 th	Gr 7 Leaving Fundraiser – Krispy Kreme Donuts
May 21 st	Victoria Day (No School)
May 22 nd	Pro-D Day (No School)
May 24 th	Primary Cross Country (8:30-10:15)
May 25 th	Primary Cross Country BACK UP DATE PALS (3:15-4:15) in library (4 year olds starting K next year)
May 30 th	Div 7-9 Timberline Ranch Gr 7 to High schools Gr 6 Immunizations
May 31 st	Div 7-9 Timberline Ranch Class Photo Day Book Fair Begins

Variety is the Spice of Life

Well, we've made it to the end of another term. It has been another great month of learning and fun here at Kanaka. Students have been participating in a variety of engaging activities and lessons. Our grade 3's have been creating biomes, our kindergarteners and grade one's have celebrated 100 days of learning, and our grade 6's and 7's have learned some valuable lessons from presenters from MADD Canada and iGirl/iGuy. Further, our intermediate students have been practicing speeches while many of our primary classes were learning valuable lessons about how to regulate their emotions and use their WITS. Students have gone to The Act, Seymour Mountain, and Rev's bowling. Within individual classes, students are learning about the life cycle of salmon, they types and origin of volcanoes, and various types of careers. Many of our students even used design thinking to create leprechaun traps as we celebrated St. Patrick's Day. If you are ever in the building, be sure to take a look around the library and on the walls so you can see evidence of all the great work that is being done. As we all take a well deserved break, be sure to take the advice of teachers in the term 2 reports about ways to carry on your child(ren)'s learning throughout the break. Games, journaling, and creative play are all ways to enhance developmental growth in your child(ren). See you in May!

Chad Raible

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Dan the Recycle Man is a local legend among elementary students. He presents programs about conservation, recycling, and being aware of the wild animals within our community. This month, he met with many of our primary classes and showed examples of black bears and cougars within our community. Here we see him giving a quick lesson to some grade 7's. Thanks, Dan!



Our students have been doing a lot of fun activities as we get to the end of term 2. From trips to Seymour to bowling to watching plays, our teachers ensure the activities are engaging and fun. Here we see the grade 1 classes enjoying a great afternoon of bowling at our local Rev's Bowling Lanes. What could be more fun than 100 six year olds doing disco bowl.



As the Olympics ended in March, many of our classes did Olympic themed events and activities. Here we see one of our grade 7 class compete in some fun Olympic themed games. The students were grouped in to teams based on ancient Greek cities and tasked to come up with their own banner. Then, the teams competed throughout the day. Kanaka Pride!!

WITS

WITS is a pro-active program encouraging children to make safe and positive choices when faced with peer conflict.

The WITS acronym – **Walk Away, Ignore, Talk It Out and Seek Help** provides a common language that children and adults can use in their environment to solve social problems.

Please visit the WITS Program website for more information. <http://www.witsprogram.ca/kids/>

Term 2 Conferences

Students recently presented how their learning was progressing in their classes to their parents and teachers. They created a portfolio of work that highlighted their strengths and areas where growth was needed. Then, they shared these with their parents as a way to guide the learning in term 3. Portfolios consisted of written work, pictures, projects, and even videos.

Singing with Fred Penner



Our KCE Choir has had another incredible year. They have been working hard learning a lot of songs since Christmas in anticipation of their performance with Fred Penner. Students and parent alike were excited and delighted to have this Canadian Children's performer sensation come and perform with our choir at The Act. Fred and the choir performed to a near sell-out crowd. They performed some of Fred's new songs from his latest CD as well as a few classics. The Cat definitely Came Back and sang beautifully in Maple Ridge!!



2018/19 Transfer Guidelines

Parents who wish to have their children transfer to another school in the district need to obtain a 3 part Student Transfer Request Form from their current school, complete the transfer form (including signature) and have the current principal sign and date it. The current school retains the form which is brought to the Principals' Transfer Meeting. Phase one of transfers ends April 4. Phase two runs from April 5 to June 20 and the final phase runs from June 21 to August 30. If you require any further information during the break, please call the District Education Office at 604-463-4200.

2018/2019 Class Placement Reminders

It is not yet the time for parents to submit requests for class placements – this is done in May (forms will be available on our website). This is an advance reminder regarding the process of submitting a request for next year's class placement. As per School District 42 expectations, please take note of the following:

- **We do not accept requests for specific teachers.** We do accept information about your child's learning styles that might help us make stronger placements.
- Please remember that our teachers have a rich amount of information about your child – this information makes for strong class placements and is based on a year-long experience with them.
- We cannot make placements based solely on friendships, especially if the social energy of the group is interfering with the classroom learning conditions.
- Teachers cannot make any guarantees about next year's class placements – if teachers suggest a teacher for next year, please remember it is only a suggestion. With changes in staffing and fluctuating enrollment – things can often change unexpectedly.
- Parent requests are one piece of the information we consider when placing students. We also have many other factors to consider and often our class placements are complex.
- Our ultimate goal is to create balanced classrooms that are beneficial for all.

Once again, please refer to the month end newsletter, should you be interested in submitting a request for your child's placement.

Are You Moving?

Please advise office staff immediately if your child(ren) will be attending a different school in September. As we will soon begin the process of staffing for next year, it is important that we have as accurate a picture as possible of our September enrolment.

Parking Lot Volunteers

We are in great need for volunteer parking lot attendants. We are looking for people who can help maintain a safe environment for kids by monitoring the parking lot entrance gate before and after school. We invite those who can help in the mornings from 8:10 – 8:30 and afternoons between 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The schedule is very flexible in that once you sign up you will not be held to the same day each week and/or month. Anytime you can spare we greatly appreciate.

Volunteering?

We are so fortunate to have many parents give their time and energy volunteering at the school. However, student safety is important to us. With this in mind, we ask that if you are in the school assisting in a classroom or with a specific activity that you check in at the office, and if necessary, pick up a volunteer tag. Often parents may be in a classroom or out on the playground at recess and lunch to visit with their child, and although we do not want to discourage this, it is important that you are wearing a school identification tag to alert students and staff that you are not a stranger.

PAC News

Next PAC meeting is Wednesday, May 9 at 7:00 pm in the library. Everyone welcome.

Spring Plant Sale - Delivery is Saturday, May 5 from 10:00 am until noon in the school parking lot. Plants **MUST** be picked up on this day. They cannot be stored.

Upcoming in July...Save the date for Summer Carnival July 5!

Photo Day

Photo Express will be here on May 31 taking class photos. **PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE GONE TO THE PARENT PORTAL POLICY AND PROCEDURES AND GIVEN PERMISSION FOR YEARBOOK PHOTOS FOR YOUR CHILD.**