

# Kanaka Creek Elementary

## MAY 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.*



### Principal's Message

I hope and trust that everyone has had a relaxing April break as we make our way in to term 3. Term 3 will be another busy term filled with fun and learning. Already, you can see by the upcoming events and the online calendar that our teachers have planned some incredible activities and field trips. I know as we continue through this term, our students will be able to show even more of their excitement and learning with their classmates and their teachers. As we come in to this final term, it is important to continue to make learning a central part of our days. Reading together is a wonderful way to increase students' literacy skills. As the nights get longer, it is important to still make this a part of bedtime routines. Card games and other strategy games are a good way to build mathematical competency and problem-solving skills. Doing these shared activities strengthens academic skills while also strengthening the bonds of attachment between caregivers and students.

Term 3 is also the time we start planning for next year's classes. It is extremely important in our planning to know as much as we can about students transferring schools as we begin this planning stage. Please read the rest of this short newsletter to learn more about transfers, withdrawals, and parent input for class placement. As always, I welcome any questions or concerns parents have in regards to their child(ren)'s education. Please feel free to come in and chat or make an appointment.

Chad Raible

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### Upcoming Events

Apr 30 <sup>th</sup>	Pro-D Day (No School)
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	School Re-opens after Spring break
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Aboriginal Egnite Camp
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Aboriginal Egnite Camp Div 6&7 – Dairy Farm Dan the Recycle Man – Div 15, 18-22
May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Popcorn Day - \$1 per bag Div 18 – Artist visit
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>PAC Plant Sale Pickup (10-12)</b>
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Creative Kaos – Div 16,19, 24
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Creative Kaos – Div 5,12,26
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Div 26 – Mary Poppins Play Me2We Rafiki Fundraiser PAC meeting @ 7pm in Library
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Me 2 We Rafiki Fundraiser
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Creative Kaos – Div 2,11,22 GSS Band Concert – 11am PAC Movie Night
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Dan the Recycle Man – Div 15, 18-22 Div 10 & 11 – Stave Falls
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	Primary Fire Safety presentations
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Primary Fire Safety Presentations
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Gr 7 Leaving Fundraiser – Krispy Krems Donuts
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Victoria Day (No School)
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Pro-D Day (No School)
May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Primary Cross Country (8:30-10:15) ARMS Butterfly Workshop – K's



## 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.

## Upcoming Events

May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Primary Cross Country BACK UP DATE PALS (3:15-4:15) in library (4 year olds starting K next year) Gr 4/5 Track Day – 8-12
May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly – time TBA Dan the Recycle Man – Div 15, 18-22
May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Speed Control Presentation – 8:45
May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Div 7-9 Timberline Ranch Gr 7 to High schools Gr 6 Immunizations ARMS Butterfly workshop – K's
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Div 7-9 Timberline Ranch Class Photo Day Book Fair Begins

## 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.

## Parents of Kindergarteners (current year or next)

Kindergarten orientation day is Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup> from 12:45 to 2:00 pm. Current kindergarten students will be dismissed at 11:30 am. More information on orientation will be sent on the parent portal shortly.

## PALS Meeting (for incoming kindergarteners)

Next PALS is on Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:15 pm in the library for children who will be attending Kindergarten next September. Please call the office to register.

## 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.**

## Upcoming NID Days

Reminder Monday, May 21 is Victoria Day and Tuesday May 22 is a ProD. Have a great long weekend.

## Yearbook Cover Contest

For this year's school Yearbook, we are holding a contest to design the front cover. Any student can enter. Get out your crayons, pencils or paints and make a winning design! Make sure you do it in FULL colour.

For your entry to be considered, it must follow these rules:

- Use a regular 8.5 x 11 sheet of white paper
- Make your cover is vertical (up and down, not side to side)
- Include the school name and "2017 -2018" in the design
- Include your first name

Also, make sure to put your whole name and Division or Teacher's name on the back of your design. All entries are due by May 31<sup>st</sup>.

## 2018 Track and Field

Intermediate students are currently participating in track and field. Students who qualify will be asked to participate in the District Meet. Your child will be notified if they qualify. If your child will be representing Kanaka Creek at the District meet, please ensure they are there well before their event time and they are dressed according to the weather. They will need to bring their own lunch and drink. A Kanaka tent will be set up at the event and it is imperative that students report to the teacher in charge when they arrive and prior to leaving. The District Track and Field Meet will be held at MRSS on Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> for grades 4/5 and Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup> for grades 6/7.

## 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 from 5:30 – 8:30pm!

Popcorn Day – May 4<sup>th</sup> - \$1 per bag, 1 bag per student. If you can volunteer, please meet at the gym after the first bell in the morning

PAC movie night – Friday May 11<sup>th</sup>

## Public Speaking

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the school public speaking event. The following first place students will be representing Kanaka Creek at the District Public Speaking events on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Grade 4 – First Place Keagan B**, Life as a Dog, ...  
Runner Up **Malena C**, Disneyland

**Grade 5 – First Place Seara S**, Dance ... Runner up **Taylor M**, Trials and Tribulations of Being a Twin

**Grade 6 – First Place Molly B**, Restorative Justice: The Power of Forgiveness...Runner Up **Vivian M**, Chinese Head Tax

**Grade 7 – First Place Zahra S**, Child Labour, ...  
Runner up **Annalisa T**, People with Albinism in Africa

## Me2We Rafiki Bracelets on Sale

On **Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>** and **Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**, our ME to WE Team will be selling handmade Rafiki bracelets to help Kenyan artisans create a better future for themselves and their families. In Swahili, rafiki means friend. Being a friend to the world means making sure everyone gets a fighting chance to lead the life they want. Wear your own to show you're a friend to families in developing communities. We will be selling our Rafiki Bracelets for **\$10** in **Mr. Moran's and Ms. Green's amphitheater** at lunch.

## SD 42 Diversity Presentation

7:00 - 8:30 pm, Monday, April 30  
Thomas Haney Secondary School  
23000 116 Avenue, Maple Ridge, V2X 0T8

The SD42 District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) invites parents and guardians to attend a Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) diversity presentation on **Monday, April 30 at Thomas Haney** by award-winning author and renowned performer Ivan Coyote.

Coyote uses personal narrative and the well-honed timing of a gifted raconteur to deliver a powerful message of hope and resilience, working to ensure a safe and respectful learning environment for all students. On April 30, Coyote will deliver the keynote presentation "Somewhere Over the Rainbow Sticker."