



SASEENOS SCOOP

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Dear Saseenos Families:

Every December, Saseenos Elementary along with other schools in the Milne's Family zone collect non-perishable food and other items to support the Sooke Food Bank. We will be setting up a bin for donations of non-perishable food items, personal hygiene items (soaps, toothpaste, toilet paper, tooth brushes etc.) and pet food. The Sooke Food Bank volunteers appreciate all our donations and are grateful for the community support. We will continue to collect donations right up to the last day of school before Winter Break. Please put your donations in the hamper in front of the office.

For the last few years I have made breakfast for every division at Saseenos and in return I ask students bring donations for the Sooke Food Bank. Our way of paying it forward! This year too I will be making pancakes and sausages for our students starting the week of December 11th. Please let me know of any dietary restrictions.

Finally, we look forward to seeing all of our families on **Thursday, December 21th at 6:30 p.m.** for our annual Christmas Concert. Save the date and read on for details.

Monday, Dec. 11th – Mrs. Talman's & Mrs. Haddad's classes
Tuesday, Dec. 12th – Ms. Van der Hoeven's and Ms. Wood's classes
Wednesday, Dec. 13th – Mrs. George's class
Thursday, Dec. 14th – Ms. Ferguson's class
Friday, Dec. 15th – Ms. Bell's class

Best wishes,

Mrs. McArthur
Principal



SEASONS & MOONS CENTOLEN – Winter, Cold Earth MOON – SIS,ET – the Elder Moon

Weather: This is the oldest moon. The days are short, and sea travel is unsafe due to storms and rainfall.

Cultural activities: Traditionally, more time is spent indoors. This is the most important time of the year for spiritual and cultural activities, including Winter ceremonies and the telling of legends by Elders. People also gather in longhouses for Winter ceremonial dances.

Important dates:

Wed. Dec. 12 – Divisions 3, 4 & 5 off to BC Forest Discovery Centre in Duncan

Fri. Dec. 15 – Term 1 reports will be sent home

PAC Hot lunch – Pizza

Thurs. Dec. 21 – Christmas Concert at 6:30 p.m.

Fri. Dec. 22 – Last day of school before Winter Break

Mon. Dec. 25 – Jan. 5 – Winter Break

Mon. 8 – School Reopens

Mon. Jan. 15 – Pro – D – school is not in session

Christmas Concert

Please come and enjoy our Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 21st in the evening between 6:30 – 7:30 PM. Doors will open at 6:00 PM. We appreciate the work of our music teachers, Ms. Parliament & Mr. Borland, and all staff for getting students ready for the concert. If you're unable to attend the Christmas Concert in the evening, we will be having our rehearsal on Wed. Dec. 20th at 1:30 p.m. and you are welcome to attend.

We will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Sooke Food Bank at that time. The Sooke Food Bank is accepting the following items:

- Non-perishable food items
- Personal hygiene items
- Pet food



**BOOK
FAIR**
COMING SOON!

Scholastic Book Fair

We will be holding our first Scholastic Book Fair between December 13th and 15th. There will be books and other items for purchase. There will be lots of literacy related ideas for Christmas presents and stocking stuffers. If you wish to purchase a Christmas present let Kerry know and she can put the item aside. We are looking for parent help with the running of the book fair. Please see Kerry if you're able help on any of those days.

The book fair will be open to parents before and after the morning bell, and to students at lunch and afterschool.

Handball!

We've had a successful handball season. Congratulations to our team: Saya, Shae-noelle, Eva, Makaela, Eric, Gavin, Jackson, Rihyan, Sakima, Charlie, Kali-mae, Logan, Noah and Kiawa, Thank you Mrs. Haddad for coaching our students!

Kindergarten Registration & new student registration for 2018 - 2019

Registration for Kindergarten for the 2018 school year begins on Monday, Jan. 29 – Friday, February 2 at 8:00 AM. If your child was born in 2013 and will turn 5 by Dec. 31, 2018, your child is eligible for Kindergarten registration. Please read the information below if you're interested in the Nature K program at Saseenos. All registrations will be done on-line. We will also be registering new students at this time. If you are new to our area or are hoping to move into our area, please register your child/children.

Nature Kindergarten - 2018-2019

Nature Kindergarten program is offered at Saseenos and Sangster Elementary schools. This year was a pilot year at Saseenos and we are proud of the success of our program.

Students spend a half-day outside every morning, rain or shine, in natural settings. Children then return to school for their lunch and remain in the school during the rest of the afternoon for indoor learning.

Parents must attend one of the information sessions listed prior to registering their child into Nature Kindergarten:

Saseenos Parent Information Sessions:

- **Thursday, January 18th, 6:30 P.M. at Saseenos Elementary School**
- **Saturday, January 20th, 10:00 A.M. at Saseenos Elementary School**

Registration for Nature Kindergarten opens on **Monday, January 29th beginning at 8 a.m.**

Parents can register online or in-person at their neighbourhood school. If registering online, please select Nature Kindergarten as your preference. Parents who wish to register in person must do so at their catchment school and submit a request for Nature Kindergarten.

As this program typically fills up within the first day of registration, parents are encouraged to register for Nature Kindergarten as close as possible to the opening time of registration.

Safe-Arrival

We have a team of parents who volunteer their time for the Safe Arrival Program. If your child is going to be away please call the **Safe Arrival number 250 642 5658** and leave a message with the date, your child's and teacher's name.

If your child is late please make sure that your child reports to the office and gets a late slip from Kerry. Thanks for your help with this.

Parent Advisory Council (PAC) NEWS

- Thank you to everyone who ordered Purdy's Chocolates. With your continued support we were able to raise \$324.85! That is equivalent to one school bus rental.
- There will be no PAC meeting this month. Our next meeting will be January 10th at 9:30am in the library. All parents and caregivers are welcome.



HEAD LICE AWARENESS

Head lice are common in BC communities. Although they are a bother, **head lice are not a health risk.**

Head lice spread quickly by close, head-to-head contact. Lice cannot live on furniture or carpet, and they cannot jump or fly. There may be few or no symptoms, but itching may occur.

You can help by:

- ◆ Checking your child's head with the wet combing method of detection once a week throughout the year.
- ◆ Review the pamphlet *Wet Combing – How to Get Rid of Head Lice*, available online, at your school and Public Health Unit.
- ◆ Encouraging your child to wear their hair tied back.
- ◆ Treating if you notice live lice on your child's head.
- ◆ Reminding family and friends about the importance of routine head checks.

For more information:

- ◆ Read the HealthLink BC File on Head Lice HealthLink BC File #06 Head Lice
- ◆ Contact your local Public Health Unit