



SASEENOS SCOOP

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Principal's Message

Thank you to our PAC for organizing the fabulous Halloween Dance. It was lovely to have such a great turn-out with kids and parents dressed in 'spooky' costume. A special thanks for Carla and Todd for 'DJing' the event even though their child has moved on to Journey Middle School.

With November here we are nearing the end of our first term of the school year. Students have been busily working on their learning goals and enjoying special events in classes and around school.

Please mark your calendars for **Thursday, Nov. 24th** for a 3 hour early dismissal so that parents can meet with teachers. Saseenos students will be dismissed at 11:53 a.m. Buses will pick up students 3 hour early. As in the past we will be booking Parent/Teacher Interview times on-line.

The conferences provide an opportunity to meet together to discuss your child's progress and identify goals to work towards next term. It's always valuable to have students take part in meaningful conversations about their own learning. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Ruchi McArthur
Principal

Important Dates

- Nov. 7th - Remembrance Day presentations in Divisions 1 & 2
- PAC meeting @ 9:15 a.m.
- Nov. 10th - Remembrance Day Assembly - 11:00 a.m.
- **Nov. 11th - Remembrance Day - no school**
- Nov. 14th - D.A.R.E for grade 5s
- Nov. 15th - Picture Retake & performance by ZarYevka Ballet
- Nov. 17th - 22nd - Scholastic Book Fair
- Nov. 19th - PAC Christmas Craft Fair - 10 - 4 p.m.
- Nov. 24th - Parent Teacher Interviews - 3 hour early dismissal
- **Nov. 25th - PRO - D (school is not in session)**
- Dec. 14th - Term 1 report cards will be sent home
- Dec. 14th - Christmas Concert - dress rehearsal in the morning
- Dec. 15th - Christmas Concert - 6:30 -7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 19th - Jan. 2nd - Christmas Break
- Jan. 3rd - first day back



Remembrance Day Assembly



Lest We Forget.

On **Thursday, Nov. 10th** we will be having our **Remembrance Day Assembly at 11:00 a.m.** Families are welcome to join us. We invite children and adults to wear their uniforms if they wish. Additionally, if you have a family member who participated in any of Canada's wars or is currently a member of the Canadian armed forces, please let us know. Your child or children will be invited to place a poppy on a cross and the family member's name/ names will be read out. We hope this will make the ceremony more meaningful for our students.

Parent - Teacher Conferences - Thursday, November 24th 12:45 - 7 p.m.

Our parent-teacher conference will be held on **Thursday, November 24th**. Students will be dismissed three hours early at 11:45 a.m. Interviews will start at 12:45 p.m. You will be able to book interview times on-line for your child/children.

The website will become active on **Wednesday, November 9th at 10:00 a.m.** and will close on **Wednesday, November 23rd at 10:00 a.m.** <https://saseenos.schoolappointments.com>

As always, please call the office if you have difficulty with the process and Kerry will help you out.

Handball

Our grades 4 & 5 students have been practicing for handball during their lunch hour on Mondays and Wednesdays. Thank you to Mrs. Haddad for coaching our students. We have some exciting games coming up against other local schools. Good luck to our team!

New student!

We would like to welcome Brynn P. to our school. Brynn is in Ms. Bell's grade 5 class and is a wonderful addition to our school.

Scholastic Book Fair – Nov. 16th – 22nd

We will be hosting our first Scholastic Book Fair on November 16th – 22nd. We are looking for parent volunteers to help us with running the fair. If you are able to help either at lunch time or after school, please contact Kerry or Mrs. McArthur. Thank you in advance!

Safe Play - Restitution

We are proud of our learners at Saseenos and their responsible behavior and caring attitude. We encourage students to be polite, responsible, kind, respectful and safe. Some of our messaging around safe play involves keeping hands and feet to ourselves. We encourage students to use "I messages" (I don't like it when ..." or "I feel ... when ...") and to report unsafe behavior. We help students fix their mistakes and be restored to the group. Social Responsibility and Restitution is a big focus of our learning at school and we want all students to feel safe and included. We involve parents in this process by keeping parents informed and we ask that you let us know if you have questions or concerns. Thanks for your supportive involvement.

Student pick-up at the end of the day!

Thank you for informing us when your child/children will not be taking the school bus home. Again, a reminder that if you are going to pick-up your child outside, please inform Ms. Hill, Bus Supervisor. We will then check off your child on the bus list. Often, we have to go looking for your child/children when we do not have that information. Thank you for helping us keep your children safe.



If you've toured our school in recent weeks, you may have noticed ...

- Buddy classes working on Halloween art and decorating the gym for the Halloween Dance
- We have a school goal of becoming better writers
- Grade ½ students working on their PEACE poems for Remembrance Day; we have a few samples for your reading pleasure!

PEACE IS By Oaklen

Peace is snuggling with my mom
Peace is relaxing on beach day
Peace is looking at clouds

PEACE IS By Aliyah

Peace is closing my eyes
Peace is deep breathing
Peace is sunny days

PEACE IS By Tristan

Peace is going fishing
Peace is going to East Sooke Park
Peace is birds singing

- Saseenos Choir practicing under the expertise of Mrs. Talman, an accomplished music teacher (and our Kindergarten teacher!)
- Grade 2/3 students writing in their 'FALL' booklets – we have some budding writers in our school; please enjoy Logan's 'Fall' writing!

IN FALL ... by Logan

In Fall we go trick or treating.
In Fall we carve pumpkins.
In Fall we celebrate Thanksgiving.
In Fall we rake leaves and put them on the trampoline.
In Fall we celebrate my birthday.
In Fall we remember the people who were in wars on Remembrance Day.

- Descriptive ads on 'Spooky/horror houses' for sale by budding realtors in the Grade ¾ class! I'm sure there are several buyers!
- Several students 'hanging out' with their big buddies from the Big Brothers and Big Sisters Club; these big buddies are high school students from EMCS who volunteer their time during their spare blocks to be mentors to many of our students



Writing & Artwork by Logan Gr. 3



SASEENOS PAC BULLETIN BOARD

November PAC News!

- ◆ Thank you to everyone who came out for the Halloween Dance. We would like to send a big round of applause to all our volunteers for helping make this event a success. We couldn't have done it without your support
- ◆ Thank you to all families who supported our Saltwest Naturals fundraiser. We raised over \$250
- ◆ The November 19th Saseenos PAC Christmas Craft Fair is fast approaching! Vendor tables are still available - \$30 for a full table or \$20 if you wish to share one!
- ◆ Due to multiple scheduling conflicts, our **November PAC meeting** will be held on **Monday, November 7th at 9:15 a.m.**
- ◆ **Lastly, for all the hockey lovers!** Saseenos PAC is excited to partner with the **Victoria Grizzlies Hockey team!** We have been given 100 tickets for purchase for the December 10th game against the Wenatchee Wilds for the 7:00 game. Tickets are \$7.00 each and available at the office!
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First come first serve! Buy those hockey tickets!



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PREVENTING COLDS AND INFLUENZA (FLU)

Cold and influenza season is here. As the weather gets cooler and we move indoors, so do germs. Children need reminders to decrease the risk of colds and flu in your house by:

- ◆ Washing hands often
- ◆ Coughing and sneezing into their elbow
- ◆ Not sharing facecloths or towels
- ◆ Keeping hands away from nose and mouth
- ◆ Not sharing food or drink with others

To help limit the spread of germs, please keep your child at home if they are feverish, coughing a lot, has a thick yellow or green discharge from the nose, or is otherwise obviously unwell.

Remember:

- ◆ Viruses cause colds and influenza
- ◆ The most effective treatment for a cold is rest and fluids
- ◆ The influenza vaccine will protect against specific types of influenza
- ◆ Antibiotics will not make a cold or other virus go away faster
 - ◆ Call your doctor if your child has an earache, fever higher than 39°C (102°F), rash, is very sleepy, very cranky or fussy, has trouble breathing or a cough that will not go away.
- ◆ Handwashing is the most effective way to stop the spread of germs that cause colds, influenza, diarrhea, and other illnesses
 - ◆ Wash hands, before and after eating or handling food, after using the toilet, handling pets, coughing, sneezing, or wiping noses

For more information contact:

- ◆ Your local Public Health Unit
- ◆ HealthLinkBC or dial 8-1-1 (a free call)
- ◆ Your doctor