

SCHOOL NEWS FEBRUARY 25, 2022

STUDENT ACTIVITIES



SWIM CLUB - Last practice Monday Feb 28. Hoping to have a mini-meet at this practice. Thanks to Mrs. Sinats, Mrs. Gladwin, Mrs. Hrynyk-Foreman. Thank you to the students for their hard work, commitment and completing the sessions.

Grade 4/5 BASKETBALL - starts this week Feb 22 Tues/Thurs lunch. Thanks to Mrs. Bossence and Mrs. Harward for coaching.

CROSS COUNTRY TEAM - District Meets for Gr3,4,5 will resume in April 20, 27, May 4. Sign up will be next week and lunch hour practices to begin a week before spring break. Thanks to Mrs. Gregory, Mrs. Lail, Mrs. Harward, Ms. Bergman, Mrs. Rochon and other staff who are volunteering their time.

PRIMARY CROSS COUNTRY - Gr1 and 2 and mini meet at school in May. Thanks to Ms. Ko

TRACK MEET - Gr3,4,5 is planning to proceed in June. Stay tuned for more details.

PINK SHIRT DAY and BUDDY RUN





OUTDOOR GARDEN CLASSROOM

We are excited that this new space is complete and almost ready to use. We are looking for some volunteers to sand and re-stain 4 picnic tables in the spring.

CARNAVAL and SOCK DRIVE

Over the last few weeks, students at Prospect Lake have been learning about *Carnaval*, a French Canadian cultural festival that takes place each Winter in Quebec City.

On **Wednesday, March 2nd** we will be celebrating our own version of *Carnaval de Quebec*. As a part of these festivities, each class will have an opportunity to experience different activities related to *Carnaval*. Some of these activities include drinking *chocolat chaud*, eating French treats, *la pêche sur glace* (ice fishing), building Bonhomme's ice castle, and enjoying French music.

There will also be an opportunity for Prospect Lake families to participate in a sock ("snowball") drive. All socks will be donated to The Mustard Seed food bank. Socks will be accepted up until the end of the day on **Friday, March 4**.

March is *le mois de la Francophonie*, when people around the world celebrate the richness and vitality of French speaking cultures. We are excited to be celebrating with our school community by wearing blue and white to our **Carnaval on March 2nd**.



Mme. Tate, Ms. Haas & Ms. Donn

UPDATE ON SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

Thank you all for your patience and support with the transportation options before and after school. Our aim is to provide options to families and drastically reduce cars at peak times in anticipation of the construction and to allow the bus and shuttle to move through quickly in the parking lot.

This week we had an additional 20 riders on our school busses, approximately 70-75 students on the shuttle in the morning and afternoon and additional walkers to school. We have adjusted the times for the shuttle to accommodate additional trips. Please see schedule below.

UPDATED FEB 25, 2022

AM	SHUTTLE: PROSPECT LAKE HALL TO SCHOOL
8:15	<i>Drive through drop off begins - follow cones and direction from staff; have students ready for a quick exit to keep drop off lane moving.</i>
8:20	TRIP 1 - leave Hall
8:25	School Drop off
8:30	TRIP 2 - leave Hall
8:35	School Drop off
8:39	TRIP 3- leave Hall
PM	SHUTTLE: SCHOOL TO PROSPECT LAKE HALL
	<i>Park in designated spots at the hall to allow shuttle to enter/exit quickly. On arrival of shuttle, please wait for shuttle to depart and then the Supervisor will have you meet your child</i>
2:51	TRIP 1 - leave School
2:55	Hall drop off
3:00	TRIP 2 - leave School
3:05	Hall drop off
3:10	TRIP 3- if needed

UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION

FROM DISTRICT OF SAANICH WEB SITE West Saanich Road and Prospect Lake Road / Sparton Road Intersection

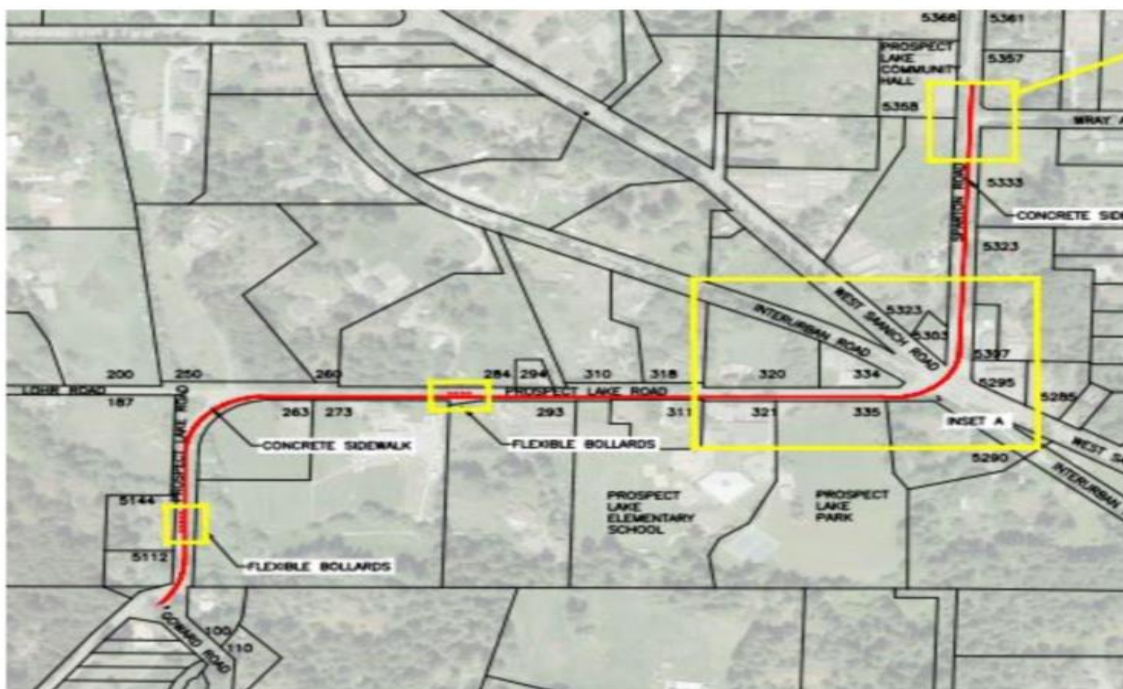
Start Date: February 2022 **End Date:** Fall/Winter 2022

Project Description: Saanich is working with a design consultant to complete the conceptual design of a full intersection upgrade at West Saanich Rd and Prospect Lake Rd / Sparton Rd. This will include improvements to traffic flow with safe access in all directions by pedestrians, cyclists and motorists to the Prospect Lake Elementary School, nearby businesses and the Interurban trail.

Project Goals:

- Improve traffic movements at the intersection
- Provide safe facilities that promote safe streets and more people walking and riding bikes
- Extend pedestrian pathway/walkway from Whitehead Park at Goward Rd to the Community Hall to close any gaps
- Upgrade Watermain Design from the intersection to the Prospect Lake school

The area of work is shown below represented by the Red Line and the full plans can be seen here: <https://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/local-government/departments/engineering-department/current-projects.html#trans>



February 8, 2022: DISTRICT OF SAANICH Construction Notice We are pleased to announce that the West Saanich Road and Prospect Lake/ Sparton Road Intersection and Sidewalk Upgrade Project has been awarded to Hazelwood Construction Services Ltd. During construction, work will take place during regular hours between Monday to Friday. As well, there may be work occurring during some weekends or during the night if the work is scheduled and permitted ahead of time.

Construction is scheduled to begin in the middle of February 2022 and will take the majority of this year. Experienced Traffic Management Personnel will be present at site during construction work. We request your patience and ask that you obey their instruction for safe movement. Appropriate signage will be in-place outside of immediate work zone to help direct vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians through and around the work area.

February 25 2022: Canadian Utility Construction Notice contracted by Fortis BC to install a new natural gas line. There will be excavation starting Feb 28 to install a new natural gas line through Prospect Lake Rd along the Interurban trail. It is estimated to be approximately 2 weeks.