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Prospect Lake May 2018 UPDATE



It is with great pleasure to announce that Ms. Sat Lail has been successfully appointed to a continuing position as the Vice-Principal at Prospect Lake for the upcoming year. Congratulations!

We would also like to congratulate two dedicated staff who have announced their retirement. Both Mrs. Wendy Hamilton and Mrs. Jane Schwann have been longtime members of the Saanich School District and a huge part of the Prospect Lake School community for many years and they will be greatly missed. We wish them a healthy and relaxing retirement in June. I know you will join me in thanking them both for all the wonderful years at Prospect Lake Elementary and for the lives they have touched with their kindness and teaching. Happy Retirement.

Ms. Ko

WHAT'S NEW?

OUTDOOR SPACE

It has been a welcome change in the last few weeks to see the sunshine, watch the mud dry up and the fields green up again. Arrival of new soil and prep work for the garden beds have begun. We are grateful for the care and dedication the students and the community members put toward tending to this great space. We are looking forward to the new crops.

ACTIVE KIDS/ ACTIVE MINDS

BEFORE SCHOOL SPORT/ACTIVITY

This has been a huge success with 32 students who have registered and participated in activities with student volunteers from Claremont. Students and teachers have gained an appreciation of the benefits of activity before school. If you are a parent or participant of the program, feel free to give feedback to the high school students on their website sportsforkids743@gmail.com

CROSS COUNTRY

Students from Grades 3-5 participated in bi-weekly practices and had an opportunity to compete in three District Cross Country meets this year. Prospect Lake Panthers did extremely well, with many students improving their finishes each week. Special thanks to Mrs. Sinats, Ms. Lail, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Russell and Ms. Gregory for their support of our team.

TRACK AND FIELD

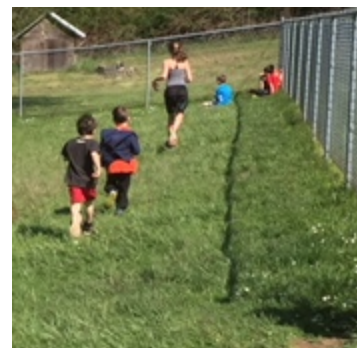
Grades 3-5 students will soon begin to practice the necessary events to participate in our Track and Field season this year. Our District Track Meet is scheduled to occur at the University of Victoria on Thursday, June 14.



MARATHON MATH

All students were introduced last week to a 500m route at the school. Kindergarteners are challenging themselves to walk/run 10 km. Students in Grades 1- 5 have a challenge to complete a marathon distance of 42.2 km over the month of May (some may even achieve

more than one marathon). It has been fantastic to see students with their classes earning their km and on their own or with friends during lunch and recess. Keep it up!! This is a great math focus in the classroom too!



DANCE CLUB

K-2 Students have been invited to join with Mrs. Hrynk-Foreman and Mrs. Daniel's student teacher Miss Julia Bukovec on Wednesday and Thursday at lunch playtime.

PERFORMANCES AND ASSEMBLIES



PANTHER PRIDE

In April, we had a visit from our “BIG PANTHERS” from Parkland Secondary. This leadership group shared ways they showed kindness in their everyday life. Our “little Panthers” shared some great examples too. Thanks to Parkland Secondary School for coming all the way to Prospect Lake Elementary for some Panther Pride!



FAMILY GROUP ASSEMBLY

Students gathered in their “family group” to work on ways we use and conserve water. These groups consisted of approximately 12 -15 students from each grade. They were so engaged and our Grade 5 leaders stepped up to the task of facilitator of the activity. Well done everyone.



Will Street Backyard Band, funded by Arts Starts, gave a lively and active performance for our students. He sang in English, French, Chinese and sign language...very impressive.



THANK YOU

On behalf of the Prospect Lake Staff, we would like to thank the Parents, Guardians and Students of Prospect Lake for the music, beautiful flowers and wonderful lunch provided to us last week. We speak often of our gratitude toward our Prospect Lake parent/guardian community and the partnership in educating your children. Thank you again for your time and contributions for this kind gesture.

PARENT APPRECIATION

Please join us for coffee, tea and a treat on the morning of May 11 at 8:00-8:35.

We want to thank all the parents and guardians for their support and role in making Prospect Lake Elementary an exceptional place for your children to grow and learn. We thank everyone for their support whether it be through volunteering at the school, support with field trips or special events, donations, classroom visits, volunteering on the PAC executive to attending PAC meetings. We look forward to seeing you on this day. If you are just dropping off and can not stay to mingle... keep an eye out for our staff and we will have a drive by option :) in our school parking lot.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

SPRING FAIR MAY 17 Only two weeks away!

Theme Raffle baskets are a great way to raise money. Thank you to all who have made donations to these baskets. These will be on display in the foyer prior to the fair on May 14. Come have a sneak peak and you can even purchase raffle tickets from May 14 on.

Along with raising money for the school, the school fair is a wonderful community event. I'd like to thank the organizers and volunteers who have spend countless hours and effort to put this event on. We look forward to seeing you May 17. There will be a dunk tank ...come see who gets to go in it!

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

If you have a child entering Kindergarten next year, then please join us on Wednesday afternoon May 23 from 12:30-1:15. Your child will have an opportunity to visit our Kindergarten classrooms and familiarize him/herself with the learning environment in our school. There will an opportunity for parents to have an overview and an opportunity to ask questions with the administration and our PAC. Please meet in the gym at 12:30. Looking forward to meeting you.

WHOLE SCHOOL INQUIRY FIELD TRIP

We are excited for our field trip in exploring the local watershed on May 25. We have partnered up with our own Jenny Eastman, Project Wet, Peninsula Stream Keepers, Friends of Tod Creek, Rocky Point Bird Observatory, and Power to Be.

Our primary students will visit 2 sites at the start of the Tod Creek Watershed where they will explore insects, native flora and invasive plants.

Our intermediates will visit 4 sites throughout the watershed and explore bird identification, fish ladders and preservation of the watershed.

The whole school will meet at Power to Be on Prospect Lake to have lunch and continue with further activities for the afternoon that will solidify the learning from the morning sites that students have visited. Some activities include a First Nation elder story telling, a game, insect viewing , visit to a turtle pond

- **Guiding Questions for Primary** “What is a watershed?” “How do we use our watershed?”
- **Guiding Questions for Intermediate** “What is a watershed?” “How do we look after our watershed?”

EXTRA HOT LUNCH on MAY 25

Thank you Hot Lunch ladies! Extra Hot Lunch on May 25 (Subway) to be delivered to our field trip. If you choose not to order this hot lunch... please put your child's lunch from home in a brown bag with their name on it and then it will be delivered to them as a class set on their field trip.

Subway sandwiches now online at <https://ples.hotlunches.net> or pick up a paper order form at Mrs Blackwell's desk.

CLASS PLACEMENT FOR 2018/19

As we move into the next few months, our staff will begin to look toward the 2018-19 school year. Teachers, administration, and other professionals working with Prospect Lake students take all of the information, gathered during meetings throughout the year and through our work with the students, to help build classes that meet the needs of students in the best way possible.

We value the ongoing dialogue throughout the year regarding your child's social emotional and learning needs, during

- Informal Parent /teacher conferences
- School Based team meetings
- IEP or Behaviour planning meetings
- Meetings with other professionals such as our OT/PT/SLP/Counsellor, Psychologist

Through many sessions, collaboration and planning, classes are tentatively created prior to the summer break and revisited in August and September. We take into consideration the following:

- Learning Needs- areas for support and enrichment
- Learning Environment- eg. multi-age classes allow us to place students to develop new friendships, mentorship /leadership opportunities, teaching style to suit the learner
- Social Relationship- good buddies may not make good classmates. We make every effort to consider students being place with others to benefit the learner and learning environment
- Composition issues- to the best of our ability we consider balance of gender, behaviour, social emotional, learning needs and balance of numbers for multi age class and overall class size

If you have information in these categories that the school doesn't know about and you feel would help us with the complicated task, please complete an input form (available after May 18 until June 4) . It can be found on-line in our "forms" section of the website. Please note this is not a teacher request.

FAMILIES LEAVING PROSPECT LAKE: If your family will be moving away and your child(ren) will NOT be returning to Prospect Lake Elementary next year, please let the office know as soon as possible.

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES in the Saanich School District

Shelley Hardcastle, Principal, to Keating Elementary (from Brentwood Elem)

Shirley Elm, Principal, to Brentwood Elementary (from Parkland Sec.)

Steve MacGregor, assigned to Deep Cove Elementary as Principal

Sat Lail, assigned to Prospect Lake Elementary as Vice Principal

Sara Postlethwaite, assigned to Sidney Elementary, as Vice Principal

Mary Kaercher, assigned to Deep Cove Elementary, as Vice Principal

Karen MacEwan, as Principal, Royal Oak Middle School (from District 61)

David Mark, assigned to Bayside Middle School, as Vice Principal (from North Saanich Middle)

Steve Newlove, assigned to North Saanich Middle School, as Vice Principal (from Bayside Middle)

Wendy Walker, assigned to Individual Learning Centre, as Principal

Ryan Ellis, assigned to Individual Learning Centre, as Vice Principal

UPCOMING DATES

May 10 /11 Hanging plants to be picked up (one part of the gym)

May 11 Parent appreciation 8 am- 8:35

May 17 Spring Fair

May 21 Victoria Day

May 22 PAC meeting

May 23 New Kindergarten orientation 12:30- 1:15 meet in the gym

May 25 Watershed field trip (extra hot lunch order) -whole school

June 14 Track meet

June 15 Camp Thunderbird Grade 5 -all day

June 18 Beach day- whole school

June 26 Year end Assembly -whole school 1:50-2:30

June 27 Grade 5 Farewell Assembly 12:45-1:30

June 28 Pancake breakfast AM

June 29 Staff only day