



PAC News

Deep Cove Elementary School / École Deep Cove

May 2008

Message from the Co-Presidents

We had the privilege of attending the Kindergarten orientation morning this week for next year's kindergarten intake. Taking those families around the school demonstrated very clearly what a wonderfully rich environment our school provides, from ducklings in the Kindergarten classroom, music in a grade one classroom to a full dance performance in the gym. The school was humming with activity!

These past two months have been non stop, Deep Cove put on a stellar performance at the cross country meets. Many thanks to all the staff and parents who helped with the training runs and the meet. Earth week was a wonderful week with many school and PAC initiated activities tied together, incorporating theatre, field trips, salmon release, games and other lunch time activities. Many thanks to all involved in making this week part of the culture of our school. The class reps pulled out all the stops to ensure that our staff were well and truly appreciated on staff appreciation day. Add to all that the French book fair, class photos and wacky hair day - the list never seems to end!

We are now down to the last two months of school, we have one more book fair coming up, games day, and track and field for the older grades.

Let's hope the weather starts looking a little more like spring!!! See you at the next PAC meeting on May 21 at 7pm.

Karen and Christine

Cell Tower Opposition Meeting Date Confirmed!

The District of North Saanich confirmed that the agenda of the May 26th Committee of the Whole (COW) Meeting will include a discussion of Bell's application to construct a communications tower at 1071 Wain Rd. COW meetings start at 7:00 pm and take place in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Hall at 1620 Mills Road. This meeting is open to the public. When deciding whether to attend, please remember that the large number of people who came out to oppose the Official Community Plan was an important factor in Council's decision to oppose the Plan. Please decide to attend.

½ CPF Representative Position Available

Interested in volunteering but have limited time? Perhaps sharing the CPF representative position is the solution. A parent has come forward who would be interested in sharing this position with another parent starting in September, 2008. If you are interested or have a question, please contact our current CPF representative, Julie Kaye (j_m_kaye@hotmail.com)

School Supplies

School supply lists for next year have been sent home with your child. If you wish to order supplies please send in the form to your child's teacher no later than Friday May 16th. No late orders please. The lists are also available on the PAC website www.deepcovepac.ca. If you have any questions please contact Nancy Starkiewicz at nanseas@telus.net or 655-1551.

Staff Appreciation Breakfast

It's time to pull out your finest table linen and track down that fabulous strata recipe...

We'll be hosting our annual Staff Appreciation Breakfast on Friday, June 27th, and will be looking for volunteers to set up, prepare brunch dishes, serve and clean up. Look for sign up sheets in early June!

If you know already that you can help out that day, please drop me a quick email at smorgan@sides.ca.

Thanks everyone!
Sally Morgan



Thank you to **Susi McMillan** and **Anne Marie Daniel** for coordinating the expanding Healthy Habitat initiative at Deep Cove. Gratitude is extended to **Sophie Johannesson, Julie Morris, Eileen Wood, Christine Kenwood, Andrea Love,** and **Rhonda Dignan** for their assistance in making this year's event a success.

Lisa Glover and **Karen Gartside** did a bang up job of coordinating the French Book Fair. Thanks you two for ALL your hard work and great organizational skills! Lisa and Karen are grateful for the assistance of the parent volunteers:

Laurie Irwin, Louise Boutin, Martine Lunke, Penny Sigouin, Nancy Starkiewicz, Julie Newman, Kirsten Bennett, Toni-Rose Carvalhal, Debora Giles, Lee Fraser, Coreen Lane, Cheryl Kimber, Jennifer Daniel, and Rhonda Dignan

Thank you to the 5 little ducklings for being so darn cute! A HUGE thank you goes to **Mrs. Manning** for bringing the duck eggs into her classroom and for welcoming all Deep Cove students and teachers into her K/Grade1 class watch them hatch and grow (along with their parents, siblings, friends, etc. After all, who could resist!!!)

Thank you to all the **students and staff** involved in the wonderful production of Stone Soup! Parents appreciated yet another opportunity to visit the school to watch their children and we enjoyed the performances very much!

Breakfast Club: Volunteers requested

We are pleased to be able to provide toast to the hungry children of Deep Cove five days a week. Some volunteers come in twice a week and we have no "spares". The days we are particularly short are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday; even occasional help on these days would be appreciated. Volunteers arrive between 8 and 8:15 and are finished when the first bell rings at 8:38. The children really enjoy the toast, if they are running late, or need a snack between before school care and school, or just want a little something to get them started. Their appreciation is rewarding.

If you can volunteer, please contact Eileen Wood at starfishcove@shaw.ca

Deep Cove Lunch Hour 1-2 Club

All year we have had a small dedicated group of volunteers, that have helped provide activities and supervision for the Grade Ones and twos over the lunch hour. It is totally voluntary for the kids, but we manage to get quite a few most Wednesdays. They have had a lot of fun this year, doing everything from crafts, painting, outdoor games and of course the most popular, skipping. It is a great time for the younger kids to get together and enjoy an activity together, something to call their own. We will be continuing the club until the end of May, every Wednesday, and it will be coming to an end before the really busy month begins!

Thanks to all of the 1-2 club volunteers that have helped out this year, without you guys and gals, there obviously wouldn't be these popular activities for this age group.

Chris Swain

Thrifty smile cards

Our Thrifty smile card program runs until May 30th. We have \$2000 to date and our target is \$3000. There is a still lots of opportunity to use your cards for the benefit of the PAC this month !

Money loaded onto the card during May will contribute to our fundraising, so please consider loading your card before the month end for purchases you will make in June. After the end of May, loading money onto the card will not contribute any money to the PAC.

After May please do hang on to your Thrifty cards over the summer as we will reapply for the program in the fall and if accepted those cards should then still be valid for use.

Any questions about the Thrifty smile card program please contact Karen Gartside at karen.gartside@shaw.ca



Book Fairs

Book fairs are an important fundraiser for the school and the library in particular. They also provide parents with an opportunity to purchase books at discounted prices and in the case of the French book fair to purchase books that are not readily available in local book stores.

Depending upon the proceeds taken at a book fair, the book fair earns different profit levels. In some cases up to 60% of the takings. We have the opportunity to take the profit in either books or cash or in some cases a combination of both. The profit is always better if we take it all in books but the decision as to how this is taken is made depending upon other library requirements. For example we recently used book fair profits to pay to get a back log of books catalogued and on to the library shelves.

We have a great library at Deep Cove School and the book fairs help to keep funding it.

Mark your calendars - Upcoming Panorama book fair

The Panorama book fair will be taking place week commencing May 26th - May 30th.

This is a great summer reading book fair - you can expect a wide selection of books, both new titles as well as old favourites for all grade levels: *All discounted 5-40%*

The book fair will run afternoons only from 11:00 am until 3:30 pm. If you are available to volunteer to help with the fair please email Karen Gartside at karen.gartside@shaw.ca with dates and times that you are available.

Profits from the Panorama book fair can be taken by the PAC in either books or cash and can be up to 50% of the total proceeds. This book fair provides Mme Sarty the opportunity to purchase books from a variety of catalogues.

French Book Fair

The French book fair just before spring break was a great success. The proceeds from the fair were \$2765.09 which was the best yet over the past 3 years. This translated into a 40% profit option and will provide \$1100 worth of funds for the library, which Mme Sarty will use to purchase books from both the fair directly and order from the scholastic catalogues. Many thanks to Lisa Glover the book fair co-ordinator and all the volunteers who helped.

Thank you from Tillicum Elementary School PAC this years school in need

Tillicum PAC would like to thank **Deep Cove Elementary School PAC** for their very generous donation of \$1000! Two Deep Cove PAC reps came to our March PAC meeting to present our PAC with their donation cheque. Deep Cove PAC hoped the money would be ear-marked for a field trip type of opportunity for Tillicum students. After consulting with the principal and the school staff it was decided that the money would be spent to extend the Jazzercise lessons so that each class had the opportunity for 2 Jazzercise sessions instead of just one. Thank You very much to the Deep Cove PAC for this opportunity!

Deep Cove Apparel

Show your school pride, and order your Deep Cove t-shirts and hoodies. The shirts will have the Deep Cove logo on the front and the stylized Dolphins logo on the back. Look for more details, and order forms, coming soon in your green envelopes.

Saanichton: A School to Remember!

Saanichton School is having a gathering on May 15th, from 4:00 until 7:00, to celebrate the school's history. Get together with other Saanichton alumni to say goodbye to this wonderful school in our community.

RSVP to: saanichtonaschooltoremember@shaw.ca

"KAZ BASKETBALL CLINIC"

Again Mr. Gerald Kazanowski will lead this summer a basketball clinic for your children for 2 days.

Ages : 9 to 11 years old

Date: July 14th and 15th , 2008

At : North Saanich Middle School.

Time: 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

It will be limited numbers, if you want to register please call Sandy at 656-9942 by June the 13th.

Fee: \$50 per child (cheque payable to Claudia Kazanowski send it to #619 Norris Rd. North Saanich BC V8L5M8)





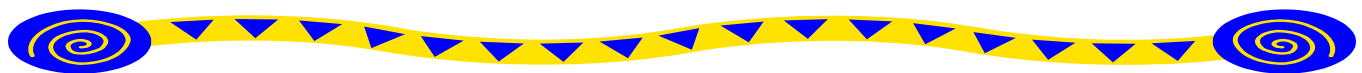
"A Taste of Lesotho"
Eat (a little), Dance, Care (a lot)!
Monday June 2, 2008
5:30 to 8:30 pm
Deep Cove School



This is an event you do not want to miss, so mark it on your calendars. Peg Herbert, the founder of the association "Help Lesotho" is coming to visit Deep Cove School. We are taking advantage of this opportunity to organize an evening family event to celebrate our school's twinning with Motati Primary School and to raise funds for our friends in Lesotho. If it works well, who knows...we might even turn it into a yearly event. The evening will start with a simple community dinner. Food and Music are universal means of bringing communities together to celebrate the good things in life. However, in consideration of the fact that food is very scarce for many people in Lesotho, we will keep the food aspect of the evening very simple. We will cook some pap, perhaps also some rice, a dish with beans and we will have some salads to accompany it. The drink will be nice clean tap water. We would like to encourage everybody to **bring some picnic cutlery and plates**, once again, as a reminder that waste is simply not an option in many places. Desserts will be available at a Bake Sale table. We are hoping that the weather will cooperate and that we will be able to enjoy a nice time with our friends and neighbors eating outside. After the meal, the younger children will go and play some organized games for half an hour or so, while adults will come inside to listen to a presentation by Peg Herbert, who spends a good part of each year in Lesotho working to improve people's lives there. After, we will go in the big gym for some music and dancing. We are in the process of making arrangements for the music and so the music act will be kept as a surprise for now. We are hoping that many families from Deep Cove School will come to this event to celebrate our own community while helping out another community half the way around the world, the community of Motati Primary School. We will also be selling tickets to people from the wider community in an effort to expand the visibility of our Lesotho Project.

Tickets have been kept affordable and will be \$10 for individuals, and \$25 for families (up to 2 parents or grand-parents with all your kids) and include food, games and music.

To reserve tickets, call Martine at 656-5658. Ticket numbers are limited so buy them early to avoid disappointment. Tickets will also be available for sale at the Deep Cove Market or at Ten Thousand Villages in Sidney.



TRAFFIC NOTES

For those families that park at the Fire hall, please park against the curbs in the parking lot. **Please do not block the driveway access, or park on the north side of the pavement.** The fire engines use the Wain Rd driveway, but the firefighters use both when arriving at the fire hall.

Thank-you to all the people who have found alternate parking since the No Parking zone has been extended on Clayton rd.

Remember to be a good neighbour -- be sure not to block driveways or mailboxes when parking around the school, and be considerate of any landscaping at the roadside.

Thank-you!

NEW BOOSTER SEAT REGULATIONS

BC implements new child restraint laws effective July 1, 2008. The biggest change is for the use of booster seats for children over 40lbs, and under 4'9" in height, until age nine. However, smaller changes have been made for other child safety seats, as well. More information can be found at the following links:

http://www.icbc.com/road_safety/carseat.asp

http://www.tsfbcaa.com/child_safety_seats

Visit our website www.deepcovepac.ca



Healthy habitat 2008 --- Earth week report

Thanks to all the school and, especially to the volunteers, who made earth week a good time!!!!

- We planted 150 sunflowers for the June 2nd fundraising event “A Taste of Lesotho” to benefit Motati School and Help Lesotho.
- Teachers and students watched and laughed at the CRD production of "Ducktales" which was presented to the whole school.
- With the help of Peninsula Community Streams, we released 400 Salmon Fry into Chalet Creek for the second year so next year some will return to spawn.
- We had a “lights out lunches” for the week. Hey, that is a EASY idea continue. Let’s do it all the time!!!
- We played Trash Dash relay and the Roles game about all the roles we play that make us good citizens.
- Volunteers said that Waste-Free lunch was, "quite discouraging as garbage was pretty substantial. "Many classes take their recycling home but overall we still have garbage full of recycled materials, I.e. yogurt containers, applesauce containers, and lots of plastic bags every day at Deep Cove School. The garbage in the school waste ends up on the landfill. The school does not have a blue box system. To have recycled material go back into the cycle, kids have to bring it home. Anybody have a solution to propose? See this newsletter for recycling information that may be useful to you at home. Especially check out the new recycling program on the 4th Saturday of each month at Central Saanich Town Hall. They take electronics, styrofoam and foil bags among other things. That way you can recycle almost everything.
- Some parents are switching to metal water bottles and litter-free lunch kits. The PAC is looking into organizing a bulk buy of these kits.
- We have done enough earth friendly projects to qualify as a green school (100) but still have to record them on the poster and send the list in.
- We have a brand new state of the art composter. Next step are the compost buckets for every class.
- Peninsula Community Streams came back to work with the Grade 3's on a watershed project.
- Our Help Lesotho group have a table at St. John's United Church Spring Fair and will be holding a "Taste of Lesotho” fundraiser on June 2nd.
- Every week Deep Cove School is doing earth-friendly projects, thanks to the teachers, the children, and the volunteers. Please bring your ideas and dreams to a meeting next fall so we can keep the momentum. Many thanks!!!

Anne Marie and Susi

“1000 X 5” Children’s Book Recycling Project

Peninsula Connections for Early Childhood (PCEC) initiated a book recycling project on April 1st, 2008 directed at collecting used books to be distributed free to parents of pre-school children who need them. Their goal is to ensure that kids read 1000 books by age 5. Deep Cove School is participating in this book gathering project. Our “1000 X 5” collection basket is located just across from the school library entrance. Almost 600 books have already been collected throughout the school district. Book distribution to families has started and distribution is through Beacon Community Services, Sidney Lion’s Food Bank, NIL/TU,O Child and Family Services, and the Sidney Strong Start Centre. If you have books that you no longer read and would like to know that they will go to a good home to become well read once more, please drop them off. If you have a large number of books to donate that won’t fit into our basket outside the library, please contact Daphne McNaughton, PCEC “1000 X 5” Project Leader, at d1mvictoria@shaw.ca to arrange pick up.

Visit our website www.deepcovepac.ca

Did you know you could recycle these?

1. Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFLS)
at **Capital Iron** – 9768 5th St., Sidney
2. End of Life Electronics such as Desktop Computers, Computer Monitors, Notebook Computers, Desktop Printers and Fax machines, Televisions.
at **Sidney Bottle Depot**. #5-10025 Galaran Road. Tel: 655-4878. Mon – Sat. 9am – 5pm.
or find out more at www.electronicrecyclingbc.ca
3. Tetra Packs (rice and soya milk), Tetra Packs (refundable), Plastic Milk Jugs, Plastic Containers (refundable), Paint, Paper Milk Cartons, Glass (refundable beverage), Drink Boxes, Cans (refundable)
at **Sidney Bottle Depot**. #5-10025 Galaran Road. Tel: 655-4878. Mon – Sat. 9am – 5pm.
4. Hard/Rigid Plastics, Soft Plastics (e.g. cereal box inserts, bread bags, cellophane wrapping, shrink wrap); Polystyrene foam Packing Blocks (used to pack around breakable or electronic equipment), Polystyrene foam Packing Peanuts, Foil-Lines Bags (bags that are inner-lines with foils such as Starbucks, Nabob, foil-lined chip bags and candy wrappers (these must be rinsed); Milk Cartons and Tetra Packs.
at **Recycle Depot for the Peninsula at Central Saanich Municipal Hall Parking Lot** (Wallace Drive and Mt. Newton Cross Road. Entrance off Wallace Drive. Every 4th Saturday of the month starting March 22, 2008. 9am – 12pm. Cost: see rates at www.pacificmobiledepots.com.

CRD Blue Recycle Bag -Materials Accepted:

Clean newspapers and inserts, Clean mixed paper products such as stationery, computer paper, file folders, envelopes, newsletters, flyers, magazines, catalogues, cereal boxes, detergent boxes, paper towel rolls, greeting cards, paper egg cartons.

CRD Blue Recycle Box- Materials Accepted:

1. Clean rigid plastic packaging from consumer goods (e.g. tools, electronics), food (e.g. salads, baked goods), empty CD/DVD/VHS protective cases.
2. Clean rigid plastic containers – Yogurt and margarine containers, shampoo/liquid soap bottles, clean product containers, pill/vitamin bottles, clean plant pots, plastic milk jugs.
3. Clean plastic and metal lids
4. Clean glass bottles and jars
5. Clean aluminum & tin cans
6. Clean foil and foil plates (no food residue)
* remember – clean containers and plastic packaging only, take lids off containers, flatten metal and plastic containers whenever possible, no plastic bags or Styrofoam.

Cardboard – Material Accepted by CRD:

1. Corrugated cardboard
2. Pizza boxes – remove and discard food, residue, liners and inserts. Turn pizza boxes inside out.

For more information to go www.crd.bc.ca/recycling

Courtyard Update and Work Party Plan

Teachers, the administration, and parents are hatching a plan for the courtyard. The creative process takes time ... we have many great ideas but only a small courtyard to squeeze them into! In the interim, some parents have expressed interest in giving the existing courtyard a spruce up including a good weed whack, a power wash, and a general tidy. If you can contribute a couple of hours and/or have a weed whacker or power washer to share, please contact Christine (c.kenwood@shaw.ca) or Karen (karen.gartside@shaw.ca). We will collect names, arrange a mutually convenient time, and the task will be done in no time! Although parents often to bring younger children to help out with volunteer activities, we ask that for this project that no children be present. We don't want any weed whacked OR power washed kids (although some days, the latter may seem to be a very good and tempting idea!)

No Swim Club Next Year

As many of you know, Panorama Recreation Centre is undergoing renovation and their pool will be closing. Due to the pool closure, Deep Cove will NOT run the after school Swim Club next year. A scarcity of available time at the Commonwealth Place pool, its higher cost, combined with longer driving time make this option unfeasible. We will look forward to starting up Swim Club again once the pool at Panorama re-opens.

LOST AND FOUND

Please come and look for your child's missing coat, shirt, boots, rain gear, bathing suit, shoes, hat, mitts, water bottles, etc.

Remaining items will be given to charity on **the last day of the school year - June 26.**

Games Day

This year, Games Day is June 13th. Please plan to attend (younger siblings welcome) for a wacky fun filled morning! The PAC will provide muffins and beverages for visiting parents and kids at mid-morning but will not be providing lunch. Parents can bring a picnic lunch and blanket in order to eat outside if it is pleasant. Alternately, they can eat in the classroom with their school age children who will be enjoying Hot Lunch that day

Upcoming events

May 19	Victoria Day
May 20	Gr. 3 aquatics ends
May 21	PAC General Meeting
May 22 – 23	Science Venture
May 26 – 30	Panorama Book Fair
May 30	Hot Lunch Day
June 2	Taste of Lesotho
June 12	District Track Meet, UVIC
June 13	Games Day
June 23	Grade 5 Luncheon
June 26	Last day of school
June 27	Staff Appreciation Breakfast

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