



THE CORDOVA BAY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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School District No. 63 (Saanich) resides on the traditional territory of the W̱SÁNEĆ people encompassing the five local communities: BO,́KE,́CEN (Pauquachin), MÁLEXEŁ (Malahat), W̱JOŁEŁP (Tsartlip), W̱,SIKEM (Tseycum), and S,ȚAUTW (Tsawout). We acknowledge and thank the W̱SÁNEĆ people on whose traditional territory we live, learn, and teach. The W̱SÁNEĆ people have lived and worked on this land since time immemorial



Spring Break March 21

To April 1, 2022

Report Cards March 15-17

From our families to
yours:

Happy 😊



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I have two topics to share with you today: Update on the provincial health order for public schools & our new School District website

UPDATED MASK ORDER

As you are likely aware, on March 10th Dr. Henry (PHO) provided an update to her health order on mask usage in the community. In particular, there were updates for the general community as well as specifics for the K-12 education system. With regards to K-12 public schools, mask use for both staff and students will become optional beginning the first day of Spring Break (March 19th). Mask use will also be optional on schools buses and other areas or activities in our schools. This means that mask usage remains in effect for Saanich Schools up to and including March 18th.

Staff and students may choose to wear a mask once we return from Spring Break as it will be a personal choice to do so. A decision to wear a mask will be respected.

We anticipate future announcements (likely on April 7th) from the PHO on a few topics, including:

- The potential removal of vaccine passports in the community;
- 100% audience capacity at various education events including graduation ceremonies;
- Reduced limitations to field trips which currently require vaccine passports.

NEW SCHOOL DISTRICT WEBSITE

Saanich Schools provide outstanding opportunities for students ... and we thought that needed to be celebrated in a better way. So, we've spent over a year completely reimagining our district website to capture the spirit of what makes Saanich Schools great!

- A website design that is intuitive, engaging and interactive
- A simplified user-focused navigation that is crisp, clean and modern
- Bright photos and video images of our students, staff, schools and community
- Brand new pages with easy to use search features

WE'RE LAUNCHING VERY SOON -- GET READY!



I also want to wish everyone a wonderful Spring Break of relaxation and rejuvenation. Enjoy the two week break from March 19th to April 3rd.

Respectfully,

Dave Eberwein

Superintendent & CEO, Saanich Schools

Talking with Youth about Ukraine

Even in homes where attempts are made to protect them, children are hearing about the war in Ukraine. Some overhear their parents' conversations or phone calls, some hear the news on in the next room, and others engage with friends on the bus, at school and on social media. Here are some basic starting thoughts for how we might guide parents and educators on how best to reassure children and address their fears while still being honest.

<https://cmionline.com/talking-with-youth-about-ukraine/>



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Mental Health & Well-Being

Supporting Social-Emotional Learning in Saanich School District



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The Saanich School District remains committed to wellness and the promotion of positive health in our schools and communities. These monthly snapshots are an invitation to learn together as we foster and promote positive health in our own lives, and the lives of those around us.

Please follow the link to access our

[March Parent and Student Snapshot](#), focused on trauma and resilience.

Local and online mental health and wellness resources for families are available at SD63's [Mental Wellness Hub](#).



FAMILY SPORT & RECREATION FESTIVAL

Saturday
May 7th
11am – 3pm

at PISE, 4371 Interurban Rd

Brought to
you by...

PISE.ca



Celebrating the
opening of our
new field turf!

Over 30 activities!

Raffle prize baskets!

FREE!

You are Invited to **FOLKTORIA** - produced by the
Greater Victoria Folk Festival Society

The City of Victoria has given a "Go Ahead!" for Folkloria to be held at Centennial Square on Saturday, June 4 from 12:00 to 8:00 pm, and Sunday, June 5, 2022, from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. Folkloria will be celebrating five years. This event is organized and delivered by volunteers from our community. Our sponsors include the City of Victoria, Fairway Markets, Victoria Downtown Business Association.

Your school district has a strategic plan goal about providing an inclusive and culturally responsive learning environment and supporting understanding of the diverse cultures in our community. We applaud your commitment. Our organization reflects forty diverse cultures in our community and brings people together through music and dance.

Folkloria 2021 was held **virtually** for the weekend of June 5/6. <https://youtu.be/MYipm9QAb3I>

Folkloria 2020 was held **virtually** for Saturday June 6, and Sunday June 7.
<https://www.facebook.com/Folkathome/>

Website: <https://www.folkloria.ca/>



Fort Rodd Hill and Fisgard Lighthouse National Historic Sites

Activity Ideas for family fun!

<https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/lhn-nhs/bc/fortroddhill/activ/experience>





**Female Indian
Runner Duck**

Would you like to adopt some ducks? One of our Kindergarten classes will be hatching some ducks and are looking for a home or homes for them once they are ready. If you are interested, please let us know!

Ducks are **highly intelligent and emotional creatures**. They can understand commands, play with toys, play games, give kisses, and beg for snuggles like other birds if you take the time to work with them. If handled frequently and gently from an early age, ducks will become quite sociable with people.



**Khaki Drake
Male**