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Class 4 Releasing Salmon Fry into the Koksilah River

Upcoming Events

Friday April 22nd

Class 4 Field Trip
8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Earth Day Gardening Celebrations
1:30 - 3:00 pm

Tuesday April 26

Class 7 Parent Evening
7:30 - 9:00 pm

Thursday April 28

Class 6 Play
7:00 - 9:30 pm

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Education Beyond The Fraser Institute Assessments



Last Friday I had the pleasure of attending the opening for the **Connecting Children to Nature Exhibit** at the Robert Bateman Centre, which

Friday April 29

Grade School Early Dismissal (PLP)

1:30 pm

(After Care still in effect)

Monday May 2

Re-Registration First Deposit due

\$200

Deadline for

Tuition Adjustment Applications

2016/2017

Tuesday May 3

BAK Mayfest

Class 3 Parent Meeting

3:30 - 5:00 pm

Wednesday May 4

Parent Association Meeting

7:00 - 9:00 pm

All are welcome

Saturday May 7

Mayfest

Schedule TBA

ECE Open House in the Preschool

Schedule TBA

[View Calendar](#)

From the Office

Re-registration for 2016/2017

The Re-registration questionnaire will be in your cubbie on Friday.

* Re-Registration Information and Questionnaire:

Re-registration information, including the 2016-17 fee schedule and re-registration questionnaire will be placed in parent cubbies on Friday. Each family must complete a questionnaire and return it to the office with their registration deposit prior to registration taking place. The re-registration questionnaire is the first step in our re-registration process and is what we use to prepare your re-registration forms for the 2016-17 school year.

* Re-Registration Deposits:

Each family is required to submit two non-refundable deposits in order to secure registration. Both of these deposits will be credited to your tuition

features the paintings of Class 7 & 8. It was wonderful to see such a big turn out for the event and I was very impressed by the caliber of work that the students had produced. These are the kinds of opportunities that demonstrate the deeper and profound qualities of Waldorf Education and more specifically Sunrise Waldorf School. This project brought forward the immense talents of our students, and a willingness to try at something very challenging. Each of them stood proudly beside their work and I look forward to seeing the paintings up in the halls of SWS for all of you to enjoy after the show in Victoria. Thank you again to Cheryl Galloway for spearheading the grant application for this wonderful project.

- Mr. McDuff

Class 4 - Stream to Sea Incubation Program



This year Class 4 participated in the Stream to Sea's Classroom Incubation Program. Fisheries and Oceans Canada provided the class with a specially-equipped aquarium for studying salmonids. Since January, Class

4 has been caring for 100 fertilized Chum salmon eggs. Each day the students measured and recorded notes about any changes they noticed. Soon the eggs became "eyed", which meant we could see the salmon's eyes and they began to roll and move in their floating basket. On January 27, they began to hatch and swim through the holes in the basket to hide under the river rocks. Now called "alevin", they still had their yolk sacs attached to their bellies. Just before March break, a few early bloomers began swimming up and exploring their tank, allowing further observations and a little more light into the tank. To our delight after the March break, the yolk sacs had completely disappeared, and we had a school of silvery energetic Chum fry. We began feeding them fish food, and on April 12, it was [time to release them](#) into the Koksilah River. Each child carried ten fish down to the river. We placed the buckets into the water to let the fish adjust to the warmer river water. We said a blessing, wishing the salmon fry a safe journey, a long and healthy life, and a successful return to this spot in four or five years to spawn and die. We were given 100 eggs and we released 100 fry. The children learned about the life cycle of this important creature, which has played such a key role in human life in this region for thousands of years. The chiller and all the other equipment that was required has been bought by SWS so that year after year, Class 4 will have the opportunity to take part in this program.

and will be reflected on your tuition contract. The first deposit, \$200.00 (post-dated for May 2nd, 2016), is due when you return your re-registration questionnaire. The second deposit, \$500.00 (post dated for July 4th, 2016), must be returned with your registration paperwork.

* Re-Registration Forms:

Registration forms will be distributed to parent cubbies on a staggered basis starting over the next few weeks and will have a one week return date attached to them.

*Tuition Adjustment Applications Deadline May 2nd

Applications can be downloaded and printed from our website

Parent Field Trip Drivers

Our Insurance company requires parents who are driving for field trips to submit the following to the office:

- Current Driver's Licence
- Insurance with a minimum \$2,000,000 liability
- Driver's Abstract

Click here to view the steps for obtaining a Driver's Abstract and having it sent to the school for our records. The driver's abstract is valid for one year only and will need to be resubmitted each year. The driver's licence and insurance records will need to be resubmitted as they become expired.

CO-OP Gas Fundraising



When filling up your tank, use our Peninsula CO-OP member number **31160**. If you use this number

when buying gas at the CO-OP stations in Duncan, Mill Bay and Victoria, SWS receives money back in December of each year. Ladysmith and Chemainus stations do not apply as they are mid-island.

Attendance Requirements for Kindergarten to Grade 8

As an Independent School, we receive a government grant that is based on attendance. In order for SWS to receive the optimum grant we must diligently report student attendance to an auditor. Please help us be accurate with our audit by doing the following:

Earth Day - April 22 1:30 - 3:00 pm



We are looking forward to honouring Earth Day on Friday April 22. If you would like to volunteer or contribute, please inquire with your child's teacher. Please send your child to school with a sun hat and shoes appropriate for gardening. **We will need lots of flattened cardboard, many shovels, forks, and wheelbarrows.** Thank you for

labelling these tools and storing them at the front of the school where you may retrieve them at the end of the day. Thank you to the Class 3 parents for baking the traditional carrot cup cakes!

The Parent Association



Many hands make light work...

Friday April 22nd from 8:45 am - 12:00 pm, we will be reorganizing the PA shed. The PA shed is where we store the many supplies needed for our yearly festivals. Each Spring a

reorganization is needed to keep all of

this equipment easily accessible and in working order. 4-6 parents to help out with this important task would be ideal. If you would like to step forward and help out please contact Christina Hamill:

stellatahamill@gmail.com
250-748-0389

The Library is Open for Lending



Thanks to the generosity of parent volunteers, we are happy to announce that the library will open its doors for students and parents on

Wednesdays from 3.15 to 3.45

pm and for parents on Fridays from 8.30 to 9 am beginning Wednesday April 27 and Friday May 6 - Just in time for Handwork Circle. The library is located in the portable.

Books will not be lent during the last week of school so that all borrowers can bring them back and they can be duly reinstated on the proper shelves.

The Handwork Circle is Back!

ABSENCES

All student absences must be reported through a phone call or written note to the office. If you haven't phoned in, a written notice is required.

LENGTHY STUDENT ABSENCES

Student absences of 10 days or more, for reasons other than an illness, must be reported to the office for auditing purposes. In order to sustain the Ministry of Education funding for that student, a homework plan must be in place with the teacher, and followed up upon the student's return to school. Parents are responsible for this, and any loss of Ministry funding will be the financial responsibility of the parent(s).

LATE STUDENTS

Please be reminded that all Grade School students need to come to the office to collect a late slip when arriving after 8:25 AM. This is to ensure they are not marked absent.

EARLY PICK-UP

Please remember to notify your class teacher when you know you will be picking up your child early from school. When you pick up a child early for illness or any other reason, you need to stop at the office before you leave and sign your child out. We may need a half day absent note from you.

THANK YOU!

CLASSIFIEDS



WE'RE HIRING

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COME GLOW WITH US!

We are hiring dynamic, experienced Raw Food team members for our Juice and raw food cafe! Glow Juice is so excited to develop the skills of our Raw Food team.

We would love to have you join us as we create our delicious Spring Seasonal menu - Opening May 2016.

Please send resumes to: duncan@glowjuice.ca



We are so pleased to announce that the Handwork Circle is starting up again. Thank you Christiane Mothes for rekindling the spark of this amazing community builder

and parent education portion of our school. ALL are welcome, beginners and new parents alike. The first project will be Felted Wool Crowns and you can see a photo of some samples here. They are also on display in the reception window at the front entrance.

Handwork Circle will be held in the Portable on Fridays from 8:45 - 10:45 am

Starting Friday May 6th

Bring your coffee and join us.

AWSNA Marketing Survey



Dear Parent,

We are requesting your participation in the Association of Waldorf Schools of North

America's electronic marketing survey.

Results of the survey will be used to further Waldorf Education's continental brand recognition and message - a message aimed at conveying confidence in the credibility of the Waldorf experience and strengthening the visibility of our schools. The survey should take no longer than 15 minutes to complete.

Responder information will remain anonymous.

The research is quantitative, and collecting of data will take place from now until May 2, 2016.

Thank you for supporting this important work!

Survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7BJWCG9>

The West Coast Institute Teachers in Training - Accommodations Needed



Sunrise Waldorf School will be home for many teachers in training with the West Coast Institute this summer. Dates for the training are from July 3rd - July 22nd. If you have

a room with kitchen privileges, or a whole house that needs sitting/renting while you are away during those dates, please contact Filipa Santos at

santos.filipa4@gmail.com

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Stay current with all of the happenings and events at Island Oak School.

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