



## September 15, 2017

# VIEW ROYAL ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

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### IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE:

<b>Wednesday, September 13</b>	<b>PAC Meeting 6:30pm in Library - Everyone Welcome</b>
<b>Friday, September 15</b>	<b>Terry Fox Run - 1:40 p.m.</b>
<b>Monday, September 18</b>	<b>Non-Instructional Day - no students in session</b>
<b>Tuesday, September 26</b>	<b>Meet the Teacher and Corn Roast - 5:00 - 6:30</b>

### PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS:

Welcome back to View Royal. We are excited about beginning a new year and I hope you are too. The first week has been busy with the addition of new staff, opening two new classrooms, and the general organization that comes with the start of a new year.

Our principal focus this week has been the development of classes for the school year. We will have 17 class divisions (we just received a new classroom) with low class size in each. As I discussed in our June parent meeting, the organization of our school is with combined classes. While a low number in each class is beneficial for students, it is more challenging to place students in the best class to meet their social and learning needs. The staff has spent several hours creating our classes and each child has been individually placed for the best educational experience. There is always a sense of excitement when classes are announced and sometimes disappointment when students (and parents) expectations are not met. Here are a few things to consider.

We placed 321 students in 17 classes with a focus on the best learning environment for each student and several factors are considered and not necessarily in the same way for each child. Many students have the capacity to change classes easily and a small number need support and encouragement. New situations, information, and relationships are at the heart of all learning and we should never underestimate our students and their ability to adapt, learn, and grow.

As the children anxiously await new class placements please remind your child that you have full confidence in them to have a great year where ever they are placed and that you will support them as they learn with a new teacher and class. We are hoping that we will have new classes ready to go by Monday or Tuesday of next week.

**Mr. Jorgensen**

## **SCHOOL NEWS AND REMINDERS:**



### **SCHOOL START TIMES:**

Students are expected to come to school no earlier than **8:20** in the morning and parents can pick up at **2:43** pm. To help avoid congestion in our halls and build independence in your child I recommend that for older children (Gr 2 and up) you work towards meeting your child outside a specific door or perhaps at an arranged place on the school grounds. This may take some practice but the sense of independence for students is an important step in maturity.

### **PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION HOURS:**

Please note that in September Playground Supervision starts at 8:30 and ends at 3:00 pm. There is no adult supervision on the playground, in or around the school before or after that time. Please make sure that as we head for the summer and make plans for September, that you are able to organize your child's drop off for after 8:30 daily and pick-up before 3:00 pm each day. Thanks for helping to keep everyone safe.

### **SCHOOL LUNCHES:**

To decrease our impact on the environment we are a 'Pack in-Pack out' lunch school. The term comes from camping where campers leave no trace when they leave a site. Pack in-Pack out will also give parents a good idea of what has been eaten for lunch and what is left over.



## **View Royal Out of School Care THANK YOU !!!!**

A very big thank you to the VROC for their generous support of our Playground and School. They have given \$10,000 to the new playground and another \$5,000 towards agendas and the Fun Fair. What a generous contribution to our school. We certainly appreciate your support !!!!

## **PAC News!**

**We have Victoria Royals tickets for sale!**



We have tickets for the Royal's first home game on Friday September 22nd. Tickets are \$12! (If you buy the same ticket at the arena they are \$18).

We also have 150 vouchers available for purchase. The vouchers can be redeemed for any game making them a great gift or buy a few for an amazing birthday party!

Tickets for other home games will be available soon.

You can order tickets from Mo Jessa at [royals@vrpac.com](mailto:royals@vrpac.com)

## **Calling All Craft Vendors**

Last year was so much fun, we've decided to add an extra day to the craft fair!

Dec 2-3 - 10:00am - 3:00pm

Please email Trishia Tahouney: [fundraising@vrpac.com](mailto:fundraising@vrpac.com)

Please indicate the type of business and contact details

Looking for as many local vendors with homemade products as possible.

Limited space available



## **Coupon Books**

Entertainment Books are coming home at the end of the month.

Prizes to be won for the most books sold!

These are coming home on September 28 so keep an eye out for them.

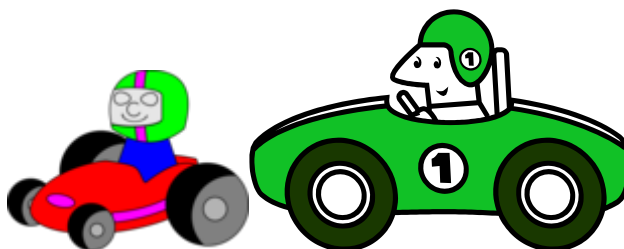
## Bottle Drive

The first bottle drive is on October 14<sup>th</sup> - Save your bottles and support your school!



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Western Speedway has graciously donated a family ticket to each student in the school for this Saturday night. Family tickets are valid for up to 2 adults and up to 4 kids from age 7-12. Tickets are to be used only by View Royal families. Distribution of tickets is not permitted, we ask that you please recycle the tickets if you are unable to use them. Thanks to Ms. McDonald for organizing!



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### **A request from Jodi Zahara, Div 3, Grade 4/5**

I am seeking clean (ie: food removed) unwanted small appliances, personal printers (cartridges removed), DVD or CD players, clock radios, and fans, for my Tinker Time with my class. Cords must be cut off beforehand, and all sharp parts (like blades) must be removed to ensure safety. If anyone has any pliers or screwdrivers that they would like to donate to this STEM project, they will graciously be accepted. Drop off is in room 11. No old computes will be taken.

Thank you !!





**Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 12 to 2pm**

**Merridale Cidery & Distillery, 1230 Merridale Road, Cobble Hill**

Spend your Sunday at the farm learning about pollinators, enjoying great food and drink, and supporting local pollinator initiatives!

**Special Guests**

*Lora Morandin, Ph.D., of Pollinator Partnership Canada*

*Joanne Gorle of Bee Sharp Honey*

*Rick Pipes of Merridale Cidery & Distillery*

For more information or to register for this event, visit [merridale.ca](http://merridale.ca).

Proceeds from this event will go to Pollinator Partnership Canada.



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