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VIEW ROYAL ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE:

Monday, September 10th	First Day with All Kindergarten students All Students Move to new Classes
Tuesday, September 11th	Please send supplies or \$25 cheque for supplies to classrooms today.
Wednesday, September 12th	Student Packups Go Home today! Strong Start Opens today! PAC Meeting 6:30 pm All Welcome!
Friday, September 14th	Terry Fox Run
Monday, September 17th	Professional Development Day – School based
Wednesday, September 19th	Student Packups Due today!
Friday, September 21st	Last Day for Terry Fox Foundation Fundraiser
Thursday, September 27th	Corn Roast/Meet the Teacher 6:30 pm
Friday, September 28th	School Wide Assembly – School Colours – 2pm

Principal and Vice Principal Message:

Welcome and Welcome back! Thank you PAC for starting off our sunny year with the wonderful welcome breakfast. To all parents who joined in, who donated and who helped with set up and clean up; THANK YOU! What a great start to the year and a wonderful way to welcome back our families and show our new families the feeling of community at this school.



Welcome back Breakfast by your PAC!

Thank you for your patience with start up. We now have permission to move classes and will do so on Monday, September 10th. The following is our new grade configuration for the 2018-2019 school year: 3 Kindergarten classes, 2 Grade 1 classes; 2 Grade 1/2 classes, 1 Grade 2 class, 3 Grade 3 classes, 1 Grade 3/4 class and 5 Grade 4/5 classes. View Royal Staff will continue to work collaboratively to create balanced classes. The following factors are considered:

1. Provincial, District and School considerations

- class size
- number of students with special needs designations
- number of educational assistants
- shared teaching assignments

2. Learning needs of individual students

- each child's academic needs
- the teaching style of the teacher and the learning style and learning rate of the student
- the child's physical and social maturity
- the child's needs in social, emotional and behavioural areas
- the child's intellectual development level
- the age of the child
- the possible need for Learning Support, ELL or special education services

Please realize, for the good of View Royal Elementary School, it is important that all of our teachers know they have the support of the parents. Continue to do all you can to support them. Respect the established protocol to follow up on issues that you feel need addressing (by speaking first directly to the teacher). We are confident that you will do everything you can to make the year a success for everyone. After all, a willingness to see the positives, and to work together for the common good, are the things we ask your children to do every day!

We will begin Monday morning in last year classes and all staff will support the moving of students to their new classrooms. Student planners have arrived and will be distributed at this time. We are now able to ask parents to send \$25 towards school supplies that the teachers shopped for this summer. Please send a cheque to your child's teacher made payable to View Royal Elementary School.

Thank you for supporting our START UP for 2018-2019!

Mrs. Winkler and Miss Pick

School News:

ONE LESS PARKING SPOT

The Town of View Royal, disposal contract services and our district worked together on moving the dumpsters today to support access by the big trucks and lessen congestion for Helmcken Road. You will see these moved today to the new spot.

Ministry of Education Updates:

The Foundation Skills Assessment is an annual province-wide assessment of all B.C. students' academic skills in grades 4 and 7, and provides parents, teachers, schools, school districts and the Ministry of Education with important information on how well students are progressing in the foundation skills of Reading, Writing, and Numeracy. The testing window will be October 1 to November 9th, 2018. Grade 4 students and families can access samples below. The test has evolved over the years to one that is more interactive and better aligned with curricular changes. Students will respond to online questions and questions in paper student booklet. Here is a link to sample questions:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/assessment/foundation-skills-assessment/fsa-samples>

Community News:

Girl Guides of Canada

Does your daughter like camping? crafts? making new friends? Would she benefit from learning leadership skills and teamwork?

Girl Guides of Canada just launched our new Girls First Program that gives girls choices based on their interests.

Raven District Girl Guides is starting soon. Why not come and join us. We have units for ages 5 to Adult. Register online at www.girlguides.ca (go to find a unit.)

Sparks (ages 5-6)

2nd Raven meet Tuesday's 6:30-7:30 at Esquimalt Rec Center

3rd Raven meet Wednesday's 6-7 pm at View Royal Community Hall

1st Raven meet Thursday's 6:30-7:30 at Esquimalt Rec Center

Brownies (ages 7-8)

47th Victoria meet Monday's 6:30-8:00 at Parish of St. Peter's & St. Paul's

Guides (ages 9-11)

14th Victoria meet Wednesday's 6:30-8:30 at Esquimalt Rec Center

7th Raven meet Thursday's 6:30-8:30 at Esquimalt United Church

Pathfinders (ages 12-14)

18th Victoria meet Thursday's 6:30-8:30 at Esquimalt Rec Center

Rangers (ages 15-17}

1st Emily Carr meet Wednesday's 6:30- 8:30 at Esquimalt Rec Center

Adult Volunteers always wanted.

If you have any questions email ravendistrictcommis@gmail.com

Back to School Safety Tips:

September means more kids on the roads and in the crosswalks. Let's help make back to school a safe experience for everyone.

<https://www.tranbc.ca/2015/09/01/prepare-to-be-schooled-bc-is-back-to-school/>

Back Pack Tips:

Please see attachment for safety tips brought to you by BC Chiropractic Association on backpacks.

Interested in the Young Engineers Program?

Check out all these offerings:

<http://greaterVictoria.youngengineers.org>, and also at the [Esquimalt rec centre site.](#)