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VIEW ROYAL ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE:

Friday, November 30th	Monthly Assembly @ 2:00pm
Friday, November 30th	Fun Food Orders Due by 3:00pm
Friday, December 7th	Fun Food Day

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS:

Might just be the best November weather in a long while. Nonetheless, please send your students with the appropriate rain gear as we go outside for recess and lunch!

Thank you to the parents who participated in the learning session at the PAC meeting. This month we surfed through some science on the BC curriculum website. Take a look at what your child is doing: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/>; click on curriculum at the top tab and find your child's grade level.

Looking for something for your child to keep that reading going? This school library website is a huge warehouse of education first activities: <https://elibrary.sd61.bc.ca/>

Thank you for your support with the afternoon pick up changes. Safety is our focus and your help has been noticed!
~Miss Pick

Two Days of Professional Learning:

We are in Day 2 of reflective practice with our View Royal Staff. On Thursday we had a Reading Recovery specialist review the components of reading and writing including meaningful spelling and word work as well as setting the stage before reading. We ask our students: Does it make sense? Does it look right? Does it sound right? In the afternoon we had school district personnel continue our study with the work of Regie Routman in deepening our understanding of the most optimal learning models for literacy. Today we reviewed writing assessment and made preparations in our grade groups for a school wide write to take place before the end of January. We also had a gender diversity workshop and a sharing session of professional learnings from previous workshops. It has been a full two days! We are shared leadership at this school and would like to express gratitude to the following staff who contributed by leading or arranging our two days of Pro D: Amanda Bjork, Ameer Ballantyne, Karen Higginbotham, Reese Willis and Sarah Winkler.

Catchment Boundary Review

Parents, this is your chance to contribute to the School District boundary review. Please find out how this may affect your child along their K-12 school year journey.

You can learn more and contribute your thoughts here:

<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/community/catchment-boundary-review/>

Scholastic Book Fair



Thank you to the View Royal Community for your generous support of our literacy fundraiser! The total sales for our Scholastic Book Fair was \$4954.25 which means that we raised approximately \$2700 for new books in our library!! This would not have been possible without the help of our wonderful volunteers, the PAC and our staff. A huge thank you goes out to: Maureen Millman, Mae McSorley, Nola Doll, Jody Boreen, and Adriana Pedersen.

RazKids Reading Program

Finding it a challenge to find just the right book for your child to continue their reading development? Did you see the empty levelled books shelves at the library?

One way to continue at home is to use RazKids.

This is a FREE online program that our school offers parent access until February 26th, 2019. After that there is a cost to families if they choose to continue to use it.

New to RazKids? Click on the 2 minute video to find out more. PLEASE check it out!

<https://www.raz-kids.com>



CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Ticket order forms for the Christmas Concerts went home last Friday. Please make sure you get your requests in! The concerts are as follows:

Wednesday, December 19 ~ 6:00 p.m

Thursday, December 20 ~ 6:00 p.m



A reminder that due to Fire Marshall Regulations seating is limited so each family will only be able to order a **maximum of 2 tickets**. However, you may request additional tickets for either concert and we will fill those orders after December 10th **should seats be available**.

Please make alternate arrangements for your younger children.

PLEASE REMEMBER THERE IS ALSO A DRESS REHEARSAL YOU MAY ATTEND ON THE MORNING OF Wednesday, DECEMBER 19th AT 10:30am THAT TRADITIONALLY HAS MORE AVAILABLE SEATING. ~ Tickets do not need to be reserved for this afternoon performance.

Next Year's Student Photos



Following our photo day this year we had a discussion about a different technology offered by our photographers, Edge Imaging, and it has been decided that View Royal will change the way student photos are done next year. Student's will have their photo taken in front of a green screen. Parents will login in online with the unique code assigned to your child and be able to view and select from over 150 backgrounds, from contemporary to traditional, abstract to scenic, and see your own child's image on that background before purchasing! Feel free to check it out!

<https://www.edgeimaging.ca/en/elementary-and-middle/fall-portraits.html>

Winter Sock Hampers



View Royal Families,

For years our school has collected items and donated Shoebox Hampers for needy individuals living on our streets. Last year we created 'WINTER SOCK HAMPERS' and they were so well received that we will be doing them again. We will collect the same items as in the past and place them in a pair of warm winter socks.

We have two representatives from each class who have brainstormed a list of 'necessities', which they would like to see go in these hampers. These items have been split up by divisions:

Div. 1 and 2: Warm Winter Socks (Adult Size Please)

Div. 3 and 4: Mittens

Div. 5 and 6: Soap

Div. 7 and 8: Deodorant

Div. 9: Lip Balm

Div. 10 and 11: Toothbrushes and Toothpaste

Div. 12 and 13: Small Kleenex Packs, Wet Wipes and Hand Sanitizer

Div. 14: Snack Size Non-Perishable Food (ex. Granola Bars)

Div. 15: Juice Boxes or packages of hot chocolate

Div. 16: Combs and Brushes

Div. 17: Decoration to tie up sock, pipe cleaner and ornament

If you have an item you would like to donate and it is listed in a division that is not your child's, we would still LOVE to have it.

Please bring all donations into your classroom by **FRIDAY, November 30th 2018**.

Thank you, once again, for your generosity,
View Royal Staff and Students

PAC News!

Follow us on Facebook! www.facebook.com/viewroyalpac

Or visit our website www.vrpac.com

You will find up to date information about what your PAC is up to!

PAC is taking a break over December, so our next meeting will be on:

Wednesday, January 9th

6:30 pm

School Library

Everyone welcome, we would love to see some new faces!!

Free babysitting is provided by the PAC.

*For the safety of our children, the PAC is now providing 2 babysitters at each meeting.

We always look forward to having new members and volunteers. Come out to enjoy one of our fun events and see what volunteering with us is all about. Or join us for a PAC meeting in the school library 6:30 every second Wednesday of the month. For information about volunteering, or PAC meetings please email president@vrpac.com

Did you know that the Pac supports many of the "extras" that are provided to our children at School? Without a PAC our kids would miss out on activities such as: Field trips, dances, movie night, fun fair, wheelchair basketball, special performances, fun food days, gymnastics, parent information nights, camps and much more.

If you are able to help, or have questions about volunteering for any event please contact fundraising@vrpac.com for more info



Seniors Tea - December 18th from 1:00-2:30

This is a longstanding annual event at View Royal, where we get to include some of our most loving and supportive community members - our Grandparents!

This is such a great way to teach our children to give back to community, and to share happiness and joy... but, it takes a lot of team work to put it together.



*Volunteers are very much needed!

Monday, Dec. 17th 12:00-2:30 for set up, decorating, and getting the cups and saucers ready.

Tuesday, Dec. 18th 10:00-4:30 prepping food and tea, helping grade 5 students to serve, and clean up.

If you can help out for a few hours on one, or both of the days, or provide baking to be served to our guests, please email

seniorstea@outlook.com

Without the help of parents, this event will not be able to take place.

Please remember that due to space restrictions, this event is for grandparents and senior community members only. Parents wishing to see the concert, are asked to wait for evening concerts or the dress rehearsal.

UPCOMING BOTTLE DRIVE

Due to a shortage of volunteers at previous bottle drives, the PAC has decided to cancel the planned January drive. If you have bottles to donate at any time, please take them to the bottle depot and ask to have your refund donated to View Royal Elementary.



Movie Night

Thank you to all who attended Movie night. We raised \$500 for our school!



Code Word: Tea

ONGOING FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITES!!!

Thrifty Foods Smile Cards

Thrifty Foods Smile Cards available through fundraising@vrpac.com
Pre-load your card at the store and 5% of your purchase is donated back to our school!



Cobs Bread at Eagle Creek Shopping Center

Cobbs Bread Eagle Creek- ask for your order to be put under View Royal Elementary *before being rung through* and 5% of your purchase will go back to our school!



Glenwood Meats - 1245 Parkdale Drive in Langford

Glenwood Meats is again offering 10% of all purchases back to our school!
Bring your receipts to the school drop box, or ask at Glenwood counter to have your receipt put into the View Royal box.



Now for a fun little contest!

In the School office you will find an entry box and tickets.
Fill out one ticket with your name, phone number and/or email address.
For your entry to be valid, you must include the code word that is hidden in every newsletter.
We will draw one winner each month for a prize.

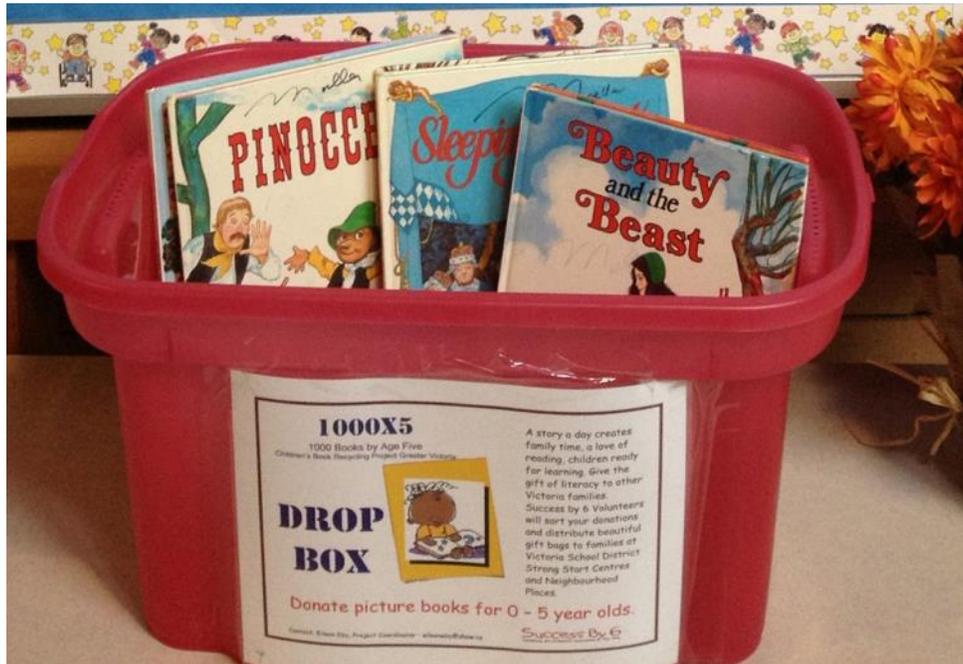
You may also enter this draw by email!

Email secretary@vrpac.com with your name, phone number, and the Code Word
(please use PAC draw as subject of email)

This contest is for parents and guardians only. No student entries please

3 Books = 1 Gift

Together We Can Make it Happen



This is the second year of the three book challenge. As we head into the holiday season, many families appreciate a bit of help with gifts. And what can be a better gift than a bag of 3 books for babies and toddlers? Every month 1000X5 pops 2400 books in 800 gift bags. Last year, the challenge yielded thousands of books. Thank you.

If each child in View Royal Elementary School brought in 3 gently used books for babies and preschoolers, we would collect 939 books, enough for gift bags of books to 313 children.

Let's make it happen.

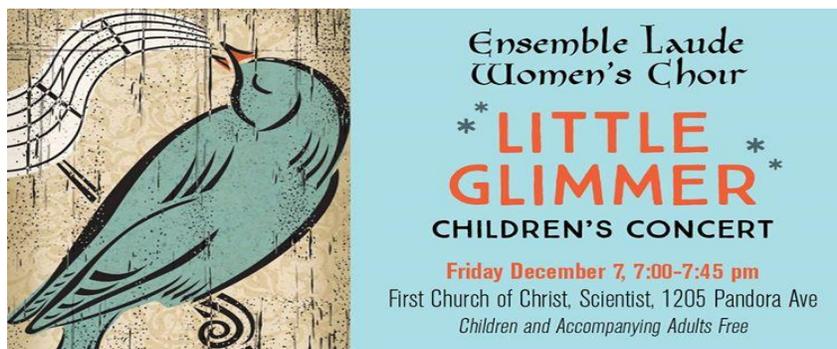
Drop books for babies and preschoolers off in the pink bin in the school's front entrance.



Ensemble Laude

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Usher in the Winter Choral Season with Ensemble Laude Choir's free kids' concert. This is not a traditional Christmas concert, but a cornucopia of stories and music to evoke the many magical ideas that swirl and sparkle in the winter landscape. It is a mini-version of our December concerts, a choral music presentation geared for children. A draw for prizes is included. After our **40 minute concert**, the students will head home before 8 pm.

There is no cost to attend Little Glimmer. **Entry is free.**

- * Festival seating (no reserved seats) Handicapped area available.

DETAILS:

Concert Date: Friday, December 7, 2018

Start time: 7 pm

Doors open: 6:30

Tickets: FREE EVENT

Location: 1205 Pandora Ave at First Church of Christ, Scientist

This concert is sponsored by a Victoria Foundation Development Grant. Last season choir students from eight selected SD61 schools had the opportunity to work with directors Elizabeth MacIsaac and Carolyn Howe in rehearsals and to sing in concert with Ensemble Laude. If your students are interested in joining voices with future collaborative concerts, please contact us. Ensemble Laude is a beloved community choir based in Victoria.

Questions and contact: info@ensemblelaude.org
