



**December 7, 2018**

# VIEW ROYAL ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

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## IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE:

Tuesday, December 18 <sup>th</sup>	Senior's Tea at 1:00pm in the Gym
Wednesday, December 19 <sup>th</sup>	Concert Dress Rehearsal - 10:30am (tickets not required)
Wednesday, December 19 <sup>th</sup>	Evening Concert – 6:00pm
Thursday, December 20 <sup>th</sup>	Evening Concert – 6:00pm
Thursday, December 20 <sup>th</sup>	Report Cards Home
Friday, December 21 <sup>st</sup>	LAST DAY OF CLASSES BEFORE WINTER BREAK
Friday, December 21 <sup>st</sup>	Spirit Day! Wear your pajamas! (afternoon movie in gym)

## PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS:

I would like to start by thanking you for your support toward our school during our busy Christmas season. Thank you for continuing to be mindful of messages from the students' teachers through Fresh Grade and the agenda planner. We notice when the students have practiced their concert songs with you! Keeping home routines, even though it is a little more challenging, is another way of supporting students. Healthy food, lots of sleep and being aware of classroom activities helps everyone anticipate plans and enjoy this time of year. Teachers appreciate you!

Thank you to the Fun Food Friday parents for volunteering at noon today and to the Movie Night parent group for all the hard work they put into organizing and running these events. An additional "thank you" to all of the families who donated items toward the sock hampers and to Mrs. O'Sullivan and Mrs. McKee who helped.

Our grade 3 students from Division 7 and their teachers, Mrs. Grubb and Mrs. Felton, will be off to Government House next week for a special tree decorating.

We are in the final stages of Term 1 Assessing Student Learning reports and are busy with the Senior's Tea and the Christmas Concert.

Thank you to Mrs. Keizers-Clark for leading our Hanukkah learning sessions and Mrs. Katie Lutes who has supported the Second Step sessions.

Grade 4 parents will receive FSA results early next week. Keep a lookout for an envelope coming home with your child.

Please welcome Ann Whiteaker as our assigned School District 61 Trustee.

~Miss Pick

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## Sock Hampers

Once again thank you for your generous support! The amount of donations that come in year after year always warms our hearts. We are including all students and classes this year in the creation of the hampers. There are also lunchtime student elves busy assembling. Stay tuned for a final count of how many hampers we are able to create this year.



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## HOLIDAY CONCERTS

Tickets for the concerts will be coming home with students next week. Please check agendas and backpacks!



Concerts dates and times are as follows:

**Wednesday, December 19 ~ 6:00 p.m**

**Thursday, December 20 ~ 6:00 p.m**

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 19<sup>th</sup> AT 10:30am THAT TRADITIONALLY HAS MORE AVAILABLE SEATING. ~ Tickets do not need to be reserved for this afternoon performance.*

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## A Reminder to Grade 4 Parents

We have sent electronically a letter as well as a hard copy letter on Tuesday, December 4th, 2018 to let you know about a Grade 4 survey. This survey, the Middle Development Instrument will take place with our Grade 4 students January 2019.

If you have any questions or need this resent please contact our school office.



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## Santa's Anonymous

Thank you View Royal School students for colouring the CFAX Santa's Anonymous Wish Tree ornaments again this year. CFAX Santa's Anonymous Wish trees are in shopping centres all over town to encourage the community to help grant wishes for children all over Greater Victoria!




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## Walk and Wheel to School Event Update

### Participation highlights

*The kids were very excited to walk and wheel to school.*

↓ Most trips taken by one school over the week

  
**530**  
walking

  
**317**  
wheeling

\* trip tracking results submitted by 19 schools

**10,238**  
30% more than 2017  
number of students at registered Walk & Wheel to School Week schools



**8,427\***  
number of active trips to/from school

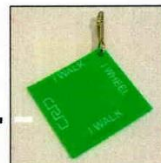


**12** Municipalities  
**4** School Districts  
**2** Electoral Areas represented by participating schools



*I see lots of kids with them on their backpacks.*

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Safety reflective zipper-pulls provided in school packages



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# PAC News!

Follow us on Facebook! [www.facebook.com/viewroyalpac](http://www.facebook.com/viewroyalpac)

Or visit our website [www.vrpac.com](http://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 9<sup>th</sup>

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](mailto: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](mailto:fundraising@vrpac.com) for more info



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## Purdy's Chocolates

Thank you to everyone who purchased chocolates for our Purdy's fundraiser.  
The event raised \$1400 for the school!



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# Christmas Concert Comfy Couch Raffle

December 19th/20th

Before the concert(s), your PAC will be selling tickets for your chance to win the BEST SEATS IN THE HOUSE, complimentary beverages and snacks to enjoy while you child(ren) perform.

Tickets will be \$2 each or 3 for \$5.  
\*Volunteers needed to sell tickets\*



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## Seniors Tea - December 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.

**If you have called to RSVP and find you can no longer attend, kindly call our office at 250-479-1671 to advise as we will most likely have a waitlist for this event.**

CODE WORD: Raffle

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## UPCOMING BOTTLE DRIVE CANCELLED

Just a reminder that the 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.**



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# ONGOING FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITES!!!

## **Thrifty Foods Smile Cards**

Thrifty Foods Smile Cards available through [fundraising@vrpac.com](mailto: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.



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### **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!

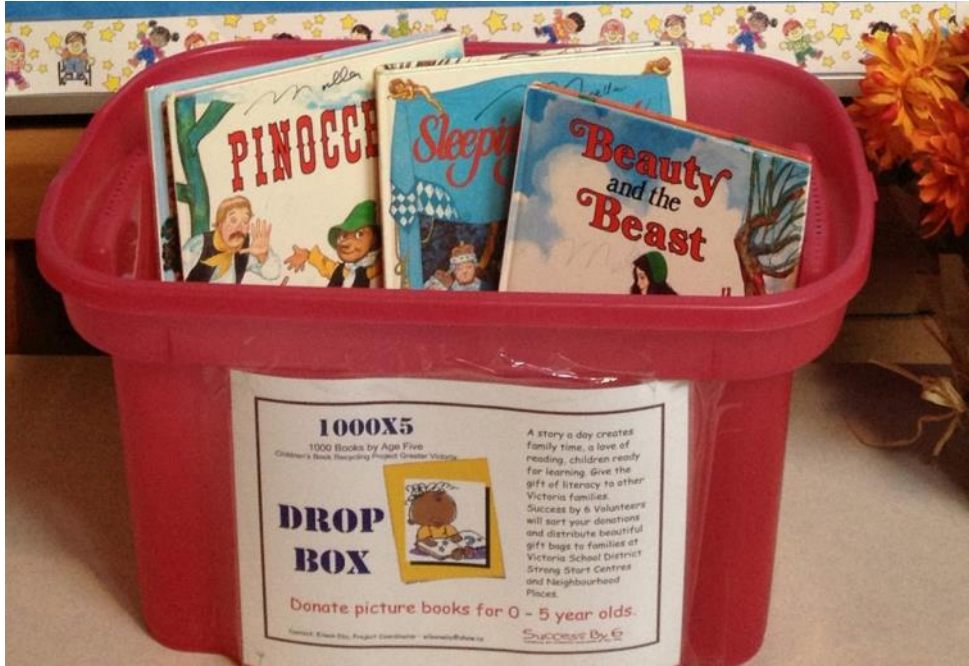
Email [secretary@vrpac.com](mailto:secretary@vrpac.com) with your name, phone number, and the Code Word  
(please use PAC draw as subject of email)

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

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# 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.

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## KINDERGARTEN IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

Child, Youth and Family Community Health offers immunization clinics throughout the year for Kindergarten aged children.

The following are the most common vaccines given to children at this age. Some children may be missing some vaccines and have not completed their childhood immunizations. Public Health Nurses or Family Physicians can ensure that your child is fully immunized against the following vaccine preventable diseases.

Vaccine	Vaccine Schedule
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis and Polio (given in one poke)	Most children in kindergarten are due for this vaccine.
Varicella (Chickenpox)	Most children in kindergarten are due for a <u>second</u> dose of this vaccine. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Children who have had chickenpox disease or shingles when they were <u>over</u> one year of age do not need this vaccine.</li> <li>♦ Children who had chickenpox disease when they were <u>younger</u> than one year of age OR who have never had chickenpox disease should have already been given 1 dose of this vaccine and now need a second dose. If the second dose is necessary, it can be mixed with the measles mumps and rubella, so the child will be getting only one poke.</li> </ul>
Hepatitis B	Most children in kindergarten should have already been given 3 doses of this vaccine.
Measles, Mumps and Rubella (given in one poke)	Most children in kindergarten should have already been given 1 dose of this vaccine. Most children in kindergarten are due for a second dose or this vaccine. In kindergarten it can be mixed with chickenpox vaccine so children will be getting only one poke.
Meningococcal C	Most children in kindergarten should have already been given 2 doses of this vaccine.

All of these vaccines are provided free of charge by the health unit or your family doctor. To check your child's immunization status or to make an appointment, phone your local Public Health Unit.

For more information:

- ♦ Your local Public Health Unit
- ♦ HealthLinkBC or dial 8-1-1 (a free call)
- ♦ HealthLink BC Files
- ♦ Your family doctor
- ♦ [www.immunizebc.ca](http://www.immunizebc.ca)

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# Welcome to School

## An Information Evening for New Kindergarten Parents

*(Children born in 2014)*

Location: **Oaklands Elementary,  
2827 Belmont Avenue**

Date: **Wednesday, January 16, 2019**

Time: **6:30-8:30 p.m.**



### Other Dates to Remember:

*Early French Immersion Registration: January 14– 18, 2019*

*Kindergarten Registration: January 28 – February 1, 2019*

One *Learning* Community

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# Gingerbread SHOWCASE

Nov 17, 2018 - Jan 6, 2019

Parkside Hotel & Spa  
810 Humboldt St, Victoria



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