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VIEW ROYAL ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE:

Friday, February 8 th	Valentine's Dance, 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Tuesday, February 12 th and 13 th	Book Fair! (12 th) 2:45pm – 3:30pm (13 th) 11:54am – 7:00pm
Wednesday, February 13 th	Early Dismissal at 11:54am
Wednesday, February 13 th	Drop-in Student Lead Conferences
Wednesday, February 13 th	PAC Meeting – 7:00pm (*note different time)
Thursday, February 14 th	Spirit Day – Wear Valentine's Day Colours!
Thursday, February 14 th	Fun Food Orders Due by 3:00pm
Friday, February 15 th	Non- Instructional Day

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS:

Happy Snowy Day! Thank you for keeping on top of the many school activities and events. Term 2 is such a long and focused part of our school year with deep, rich curriculum happening. Keep connecting with your child and child's teacher on their learning. Our staff appreciate your support.

Please welcome our new student teachers:

Natalie Hill in Mrs. Higginbotham's class

Ritu Jassal in Mrs. Moreau's class

Kayla Myles in Mrs. Winkler's class

See you at the school dance (still happening as of this printing) and at next Wednesday's Student Led Conference – an important chance for your child to showcase their effort with you. Enjoy the snowy weekend outside with your children.

~Miss Pick

Student Led Conferences – February 13th

We are looking forward to having parents attend Student-Led Conferences on Wednesday, February 13th, 2019. You will have an opportunity to observe your child in a number of different learning situations, check out some of the assignments done in the class, and you might even be able to try some of the learning games.

This year we are not doing appointment times. Please feel free to drop in when it is convenient for you during one of our two sessions and spend some time with your child exploring their learning. We are offering two sessions either 1 – 4:30 or 5:30 – 7. Staff dinner break is from 4:30 – 5:30pm and classrooms will be closed during this window.

Forms went home with students last week. Please circle the window of time you plan to attend in with your child and return these forms to your child's teacher by Monday, February 11th.

Scholastic Book Fair!!!

Our Spring Scholastic Book Fair fundraiser is just around the corner and is scheduled to take place during the student-led conferences on Wednesday, February 13th from 11:54pm to 7:00pm. We will also be open on Tuesday, February 12th from 2:43-3:30. Please come and visit us in the library and help support our school as every \$10 purchase returns up to \$6 in book profit to our school library.

Please refer to the book fair letter that will be coming home in the next few weeks for more details about our literacy fundraiser.



Transportation Registration for 2019-2020 School Year

The **2019/20 on-line Transportation Registration** process for **Regular Program and Special Needs** bussing will open on **noon, Friday, February 15, 2019** and **close 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 15, 2019.**

LINK AND ELIGIBILITY INFO (the on-line application will be available on the SD61 Transportation webpage on Feb 15; eligibility info on webpage):

<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/our-district/departments-services/facilities-department/student-transportation/>

SERVICE INFORMATION:

- SD61 provides **Regular Program Bussing Service** to approved students at: **Spectrum, Esquimalt, Shoreline/View Royal** (area near 6 Mile Rd), **Eagle View, Colquitz** (apply on-line using regular program application)
- SD61 provided monthly **BC Transit passes** for students at **Spectrum/Esquimalt** are determined after the application process by Transportation (apply on-line using regular program application form)
- Students who reside in catchment to a school not listed above, but live outside the district walk limits, would be eligible to apply for a SD61 funded monthly **BC Transit Pass**, but not regular program bussing service. Use Transportation email to inquire: transportation@sd61.bc.ca
- SD61 provides **Special Needs Bussing Service** to any school location for approved students with **an IEP detailing a permanent physical or cognitive disability that necessitates the need for transportation**. Excluding Victor students, all new special needs applicants or current riders who are moving to a different school **must attend their catchment school to be eligible** (apply on-line using special needs application form)
- Parents of **eligible Special Needs students** can choose the option of a SD61 funded monthly **BC Transit pass** (apply on-line using special needs application form)
- Parents can check their **catchment** by using the school locator tool (**English catchment**, not French): <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/schools/school-locator/>
- **International students are not eligible** for SD61 Transportation (contact International Student Program)

Please contact Transportation with any questions or concerns: transportation@sd61.bc.ca



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!

Next PAC meeting:

Wednesday, February 13th

7:00 pm

Room #1

please note time and venue change for this one meeting

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

PAC Facebook Contest!!

PAC Facebook Contest!! Thank you to everyone who entered our PAC Facebook Contest. Check our Facebook page for the winner of the \$50 Glenwood Meats gift card:

<http://www.facebook.com/viewroyalpac.com>

Thank you!

A huge thank you to Glenwood Meats and the Fisher family for their continued support of the PAC. Glenwood Meats has generously donated hot dogs for the upcoming dance as well as a \$50 gift card for the Facebook contest. Thank you!!



Valentines Dance- TONIGHT at 6:00pm!



Admission is by donation. Each family that attends with a donation will be entered into our door prize of a Purdys Chocolate gift basket! Door Prize tickets will be coming home with your children, don't forget to bring them with you! A reminder that children must be accompanied by a responsible adult at the dance.



Free Pizza Day! Thursday, February 14th

The PAC will be treating all the classes to free pizza on Valentine's Day. There's no need to order; the pizzas will be delivered to the classrooms. Dairy-free pizza will be provided for those children with a dairy allergy.

*Please note that the PAC will only be providing a limited amount of pizza for each class (and no drinks or snacks). If your child is a hungry one, please make sure you pack additional lunch for them.

Fun Food – Subway!

Friday, February 22 is fun food day! PLEASE NOTE WE HAVE CHANGED THE ORDER DEADLINE DATE... orders are due **Thursday, February 14 at 3pm**. You can order online at: <https://vrpac.hotlunches.net/>. We always need volunteers, we meet in the library at 11:30am and are done by 12:45pm. Can you help?
Email funfood@vrpac.com

Victoria Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils

The Victoria Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils or VCPAC for short is a website full of information about our school district, upcoming events, We encourage parents and guardians to take a look at this website. www.vcpac.ca

PAC Elections

PAC elections will be held in May. We would love to have parents and guardians join us at an upcoming meeting to see what the PAC is about.



Free Parent Seminar – Wednesday, February 27th 7-8:30pm

The View Royal PAC presents a free parent info night. Join us!
“How to build nutritious, kid-friendly lunches to help fuel your child's learning.”


Registered dietitian and child-feeding expert Kristen Yarker, MSc, RD helps parents support picky eaters to try new foods on their own (without being forceful or sneaky). Since 2008 she has been working with parents to provide good nutrition for their kids today... and, instill a LOVE of food that lasts a lifetime.


This event is free & childcare is provided. Doors open at 6:30pm - we will meet in the library.

Please share!

RSVP to treasurer@vrpac.com. Please indicate if you require childcare to ensure proper staffing.

A promotional flyer for a seminar. The top half has a blue background with a sunburst pattern. It features a logo of a head with food inside, the text 'VIEW ROYAL PAC PRESENTS: FOOD FOR THOUGHT', and the title 'HOW TO BUILD NUTRITIOUS, KID-FRIENDLY LUNCHES TO HELP FUEL YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING'. Below this is a photo of Kristen Yarker and her bio. The bottom half has an orange background with the date 'February 27th', time 'Presentation from 7-8:30pm', and location 'View Royal Elementary School Library, 218 Helmcken Road'. It also includes a short description of the seminar and RSVP information.

 VIEW ROYAL PAC PRESENTS:
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FEATURING: **Kristen Yarker**, MSc, RD

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Facebook.com/KristenYarkerNutrition
Instagram: @kristenyarker

February 27th
Presentation from 7-8:30pm
Doors open at 6:30pm
View Royal Elementary School Library
218 Helmcken Road

Did you know? The brain is a very hungry organ!
Unlock the potential of food for your child's brain. Join us as we explore how to support your child's learning through easy to prepare smart snacks and lunches.

RSVP: treasurer@vrpac.com
*Childcare and light refreshments will be provided, please indicate if you will require childcare to ensure adequate staffing

New Fundraiser!

Epicure fundraiser is coming up this month. Watch for info coming home with your children soon!



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

Cobs 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.



COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFORMATION...

View Royal Community Association

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Community Movie Nights

New for 2019, the View Royal Community Association is presenting Community Movie Nights, showcasing a diversity of films to appeal to the diversity of people who live in our community. With no one genre being favored, films will aim to bring awareness & perspective to unique issues, uplift the human spirit or showcase the ability for people to make connections amidst our differences.

- Movies are open to all members of our community, near & far.
- Doors open at 6:45pm, movies start at 7:15pm at 279 Island Hwy.
 - Movies are FREE! Donations are happily accepted!
- Popcorn, treats & refreshments available for sale on site.

Weekly Film Schedule for February – March 2019

Tuesday February 5th:



Where the Wild Things Are (2009, Warner Bros. Film)

Based on the classic children's story by Maurice Sendak, this is our choice for our community movie night debut! Join Max in this adventurous fantasy drama as he creates his own world of Wild Things while confined to his bedroom without supper. For the youth in all of us, big or small, this film is rated PG.

Tuesday February 12th:



The Lobster (2015)

A European arthouse film, the Greek director, Yorgos Lanthimos, brings us a story that picks a part traditional culture's portrayal of being single when in a dystopian near future, single people, according to the laws of The City, are taken to The Hotel, where they are obliged to find a romantic partner in forty-five days or are transformed into beasts and sent off into The Woods. An unusual and a unique film. Rated 14A.

Tuesday February 19th:



Birthmarked (2018)

In honor of BC's Family Day, this Canadian fiction comedic film challenges the contrast of nurture vs. nature when two top scientists quit their jobs to take on an experiment that they think will revolutionize our understanding of human identity. In the raising of three kids from three different gene pools with contrasting genetic backgrounds, the husband and wife scientists set out to nurture the nature out of them, learning along the way what the real value of family is. Rated 14A.

Vancouver Island Parent Conference – March 2, 2019

Registration for the 2019 Vancouver Island Parent Conference is now open at <http://vipc.ca/register>.



New this year:

- childcare will be available for ages 5-11 through West Shore Parks and Recreation for \$35 / child for the day!
- Sessions are marked according to suggested age focus 0-9 10+
All Ages
- A special conference rate has been arranged with the Grand Pacific for out of town guests \$129 + tax
- There will be a post-conference social at the Six Mile

Cost: \$75 if registered by February 3.

\$100 if registered after February 3.

This cost includes lunch and refreshments for the day.

Bonus: the first 100 paid, non-sponsored registrants will receive a swag bag on the day of the conference.

Location: Belmont Secondary School (3041 Langford Lake Road)

We sincerely hope you can join us for this exciting event! A full description of all speakers and workshops can be found at <http://vipc.ca>.

We look forward to seeing you at the conference!



Your VIPC Committee www.vipc.ca
