



**January 18, 2019**

## VIEW ROYAL ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

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### IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE:

Tuesday, January 22 <sup>nd</sup>	DARE Program (grade 5 students)
Friday, January 25 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly Assembly – 2:00pm - snuggle up and read in the gym for Family Literacy Day!
Friday, January 25 <sup>th</sup>	Ready, Set, Learn Event at 11:00 – 12:00 (for 3 or 4 year olds)
Mon. Jan. 28 <sup>th</sup> – Fri. Feb. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Kindergarten Registration Week
Monday, January 28 <sup>th</sup>	Kindergarten screening by VIHA (vision, hearing & dental)
Tuesday, January 29 <sup>th</sup>	DARE Program (grade 5 students)

### PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS:

Happy New Year! We are truly into new routines as we dive deep into term two learning! Walking around the classrooms we are seeing Cst. Brewer lead the Grade 5 DARE program, nutritious meal planning, author studies, new novel study groups and the school wide write. Grade 4 students completed the Middle Years Developmental Instrument (MDI) this week. <http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/mdi/>. Our teacher learning during shared meeting times also continues with a variety of topics including Aboriginal teachings, numeracy strategies that work as the digits increase, and common writing assessment rubrics. There is remarkable effort here at View Royal!

We are asking our families to support the effort, by considering the feedback given at the end of December with our assessments and Term 1 report cards. Please continue the conversation with your child and put into action the steps toward achieving the goals they have set for themselves. These are academic goals, but there are also important social and emotional goals which impact growing independence.

Cpl. French was here to support our shared concerns about the speeding on Helmcken Road. Friendly reminder to also slow down in our parking lot. We have worked with the Town of View Royal on the salting routines for our adjacent sidewalks. We welcomed our school trustee, Ann Whiteaker here for a tour of the school.

Have a good weekend! ~Miss Pick

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## Reminder

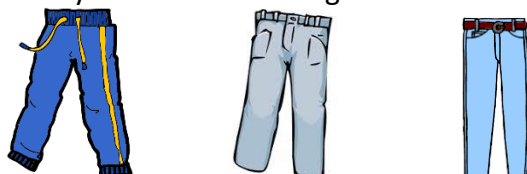
Please return report card envelopes if your child has a CSL paper report card.



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## Clothing Needed

Mud puddles are upon us and our supply of extra clothing is quickly diminishing. If you have any boys' pants, size 6 -12 that you would be willing to donate we would appreciate it.



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## Reading to a dog?? Meet Riley, our newest guest at View Royal School

Please welcome Riley and trainer, Mrs. Angela Pilski, to our school on Monday mornings until March break to read with the Grade 1 and 2 classes as part of the Paws and Tales program. Paws and Tales dogs have been selected, trained and certified as Therapy Pets through the Pacific Animal Therapy Society. Riley is known as a good listener and comes with wonderful credential from the Gorge Road Hospital. Mrs. Pilski is a retired occupational therapist with extensive experience working with children.

[www.patspets.ca](http://www.patspets.ca)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fsspNWKUfFU>

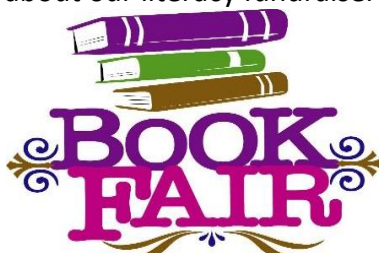


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## Scholastic Book Fair

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 13<sup>th</sup> from 11:54pm to 7:00pm. We will also be open on Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> 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.



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## SD61 Important Dates to Note

### Registration & Transfers:

<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/parent-student-resources/registration/registration-transfer-dates/>

### Late French Immersion Registration:

<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/parent-student-resources/registration/late-french-immersion/>

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## View Royal K-5 School

is hosting an Open House  
for 3 and 4 year olds and their parents

## READY, SET, LEARN OPEN HOUSE

Date: **Friday, January 25, 2019**

Time: **11 AM – 12 PM**


Where: **School Library**

Come bring your 3 or 4 year old, and hear what public schools have to offer,  
and how to help your child get ready for school.

There will be stations for children to take part in,  
and a free book for your child to take home. See you there!

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VIEW ROYAL PAC PRESENTS:  
**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**  
HOW TO BUILD NUTRITIOUS, KID-FRIENDLY  
LUNCHES TO HELP FUEL YOUR CHILD'S  
LEARNING

FEATURING: **Kristen Yarker**, MSc, RD

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. [www.KristenYarker.com](http://www.KristenYarker.com)

Facebook.com/KristenYarkerNutrition  
Instagram: @kristenyarker

**February 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**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](mailto:treasurer@vrpac.com)  
\*Childcare and light refreshments will be provided, please indicate if you will require childcare to ensure adequate staffing

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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!

Next PAC meeting:

**Wednesday, February 13<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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## **PAC Facebook Contest!!**

Enter to win a \$50 Glenwood Meats gift card.

To enter, please visit our Facebook page:

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

Winner will be draw on February 8<sup>th</sup>

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## **Valentines Dance- Friday February 8<sup>th</sup> 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!

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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](http://www.vcpac.ca)

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### **SAFETY FIRST!**

Just a reminder to please slow down in the parking lot and keep an eye on the sidewalk and crosswalk for pedestrians. Let's all work together to keep our kids SAFE!

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### **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.

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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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# 1000X5

1000 Books by Age Five

Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria

## January 27 - Family Literacy Day ...Donate books to increase early literacy

Do you know that reading books to babies and preschoolers is the most significant indicator of early school success? Cuddling and reading to your little ones shows that you value reading, builds comfort, enjoyment and early skills that last a lifetime.

Help make that true for those still to gain those habits. **January 27 is National Literacy Day.** As well as enjoying a new story with your child, please make an extra effort to drop of gently used picture books for babies and preschoolers in the drop box in the..... All very young children benefit from being read to – help make that a reality for more. Thank you for being part of the 172,000 books donated over the last eight years.

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### Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria

The Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria (ICA) helps individuals and organizations to connect across cultures. We provide information, support and tools to help immigrants and refugees reach their goals. By engaging people through networks, education, employment, and arts programming we create a welcoming community.

<http://www.icavictoria.org/welcome-centre/workshops-training/>

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### Field Hockey

2019 registration for the Victoria Junior Field Hockey League is closing on January 31, 2019. If your child plays or is interested in trying the sport of field hockey now is the time to register.

To Register visit our [website](#) and click on the [Online Registration](#) tab.

The 2019 Spring season will run from **April 13 to June 23, 2019**  
with no session on the May long weekend.

If you have any questions please contact our Administrator Heidi Gayleard  
at [info@victoriajuniorfieldhockey.ca](mailto:info@victoriajuniorfieldhockey.ca)

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# 'intheknow'

information + support

## Special Local Speaker Anxiety: An Occupational Therapist's Approach

Please join us for a talk with special guest:  
Sean Boulet BA (with distinction), MBR (OT).

Thursday, January 17, 2019  
7:00pm – 9:00pm

Saanich Neighbourhood Place  
3100 Tillicum Road  
Victoria, BC V9A 6T2

### FREE OF CHARGE

To secure your spot please RSVP by phone or email to:  
[lisa.tate@familysmart.ca](mailto:lisa.tate@familysmart.ca)  
604.878.3400 / 1.855.887.8004



'intheknow' provides expert speakers on topics important to families and/or to those working to support the mental health of children and youth. The in person viewing also provides an opportunity for supported conversations between families and/or service providers.

Participating can happen either in person at various community sites or online at:  
[www.familysmart.ca/in-the-know](http://www.familysmart.ca/in-the-know)

# Vancouver Island Parent Conference

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](http://www.vipc.ca)

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