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VIEW ROYAL ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE:

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| Friday, April 26 th | Movie Night from 6:00 to 8:00pm: Mary Poppins Returns |
| Friday, May 3 rd | Fun Food Day orders due in office by 3:00pm |
| Tuesday, May 7 th | Mother's Day Basket pick-up |
| Wednesday, May 8 th | PAC Meeting at 6:30pm, with Elections for 2019-2020 PAC |
| Friday, May 10 th | Fun Food Day: Subway |
| Friday, May 10 th | Rugby Tournament at Gordon Head Middle School |
| Friday, May 17 th | Non-Instructional Day: no classes in session |

Principal's Address:

Hello Spring Routines! New activities have been added to busy home and school schedules. Please ensure you are helping your child's learning success by monitoring homework, reading logs as well as sleep times and healthy food choices. Help your child add up screen time hours and have a discussion on limits as a family.

A special congratulation to two new VICE PRINCIPALS for the Greater Victoria School District. Mrs. Amanda Johnson is the new Vice Principal for Hillcrest Elementary School and Mrs. Karen Higginbotham is the new Vice Principal for Craigflower Elementary. We thank them for all the leadership they have demonstrated at View Royal School and wish them the very best in September when they head to their new schools and a new chapter in their educational careers.

We said good bye this week to three student teachers who have wrapped up their final teaching practicums bringing completion to their B Ed teaching degree: Miss Natalie Hill, Miss Ritu Jassal and Miss Kayla Myles. We wish them the best of luck in their future teaching careers! We would like to thank Mrs. Higginbotham, Mrs. Moreau and Mrs. Winkler for opening up their classrooms and supporting their training with their professional feedback and guidance. Please welcome Anil Chumbar, our new SD61 School Technologist.

We are in the staffing process right now for next year. We have submitted to the school district a configuration plan that best matches our predictions for student enrolment for next year. This plan has us dropping down by one division. Our plan for sixteen divisions has the following configuration: three K classes; two Grade 1 classes; one Grade 1 / 2 class; one Grade 2 class; two Grade 2 / 3 classes; two Grade 3 / 4 classes and five Grade 4 / 5 classes.

~See you tonight at Movie Night!

Miss Pick



We are hiring!

The Greater Victoria School District is looking for passionate and qualified individuals to join our team in the following key roles:

- *Educational Assistant Spareboard*
- *Clerical Spareboard*
- *StrongStart Program - Early Childhood Educators*

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about what positions we offer, please visit our website here: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/our-district/employment/>

You can submit your resume, cover letter and qualifications to: hrs@sd61.bc.ca

2019-2020 School Year Calendar

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| Professional Development Days: (non-instructional days) | Monday, September 23, 2019 Friday, October 25, 2019 Friday, November 22, 2019 Monday, January 20, 2020 Friday, February 14, 2020 Friday, May 15, 2020 |
| School Opening Day | Tuesday, September 3, 2019 |
| Thanksgiving Day | Monday, October 14, 2019 |
| Remembrance Day | Monday, November 11, 2019 |
| Last day of school before Winter vacation | Friday, December 20, 2019 |
| Winter Vacation | December 23, 2019 to January 3, 2020 |
| Schools re-open after Winter Vacation | Monday, January 6, 2020 |
| Family Day | Monday, February 17, 2020 |
| Last day of school before Spring Vacation | Friday, March 13, 2020 |
| Spring Vacation | March 16, 2020 to March 27, 2020 |
| Schools re-open after Spring Vacation | Monday, March 30, 2020 |
| Good Friday | Friday, April 10, 2020 |
| Easter Monday | Monday, April 13, 2020 |
| Victoria Day | Monday, May 18, 2020 |
| Last day of school for students | Thursday, June 25, 2020 |
| Year-end Administrative Day (& School closing day/year end) | Friday, June 26, 2020 |

Paws and Tales Program continues!

Next up to read with Riley, the therapy dog, and his handler, Mrs. Angela Pilski is: Mrs. Grubb's class, Mrs. Bjork's class, and Mr. Steven's class. They will be reading with the students at school on Monday mornings from April 29th until May 27th. The Paws and Tales program is part of the Pacific Animal Therapy Society.

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



Pictured above: Not Riley 😊

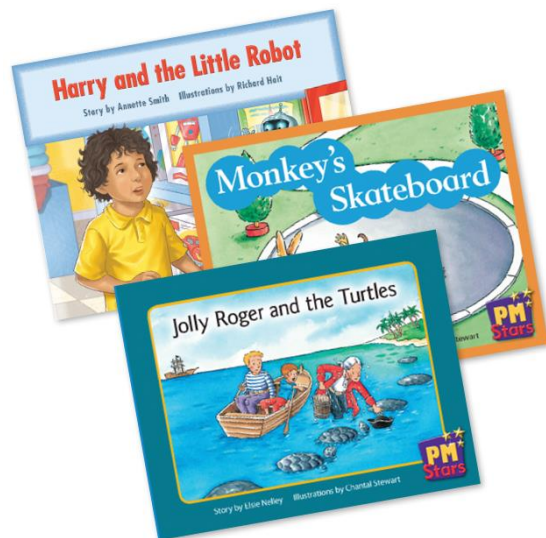
Missing PM Reading Books

Dear parents: We need your help! Could you please search your homes & your children's rooms (bookshelves, under beds, etc.) for our school's missing PM Reading Books! These books are stamped 'VIEW ROYAL ELEM' on the inside cover. We need complete book sets for our reading groups. These books are a valuable resource and cost the school 10-15 dollars each to replace.

Thank you for your help!

MISSING BOOK TITLES:

- The House in the Tree - missing 4
- The House on the Hill - missing 1
- Cows in the Garden - missing 1
- Little Chimp and the Buffalo - missing 1
- The Busy Beavers - missing 5
- The Brave Little Tailor - missing 5
- The Fox and the Crow - missing 1
- The Boy Who Cried Wolf - missing 1
- The Hare and the Tortoise - missing 1
- The Storm - missing 1
- Jordan and the Northside Reps - missing 1
- Guinea Pigs - missing 5
- Budgies - missing 5
- Skates for Luke - missing 5
- The Tale of the Turnip - missing 1
- Chicken Little - missing 1



SPRING CLEANING?

PLEASE SAVE YOUR GENTLY USED BOOKS FOR VIEW ROYAL'S 9th ANNUAL BOOK BINGE

This is a great opportunity to encourage your children to keep reading over the summer break! Gear up with new reading material by simply bringing in your child's gently used books (i.e. fiction, non-fiction, chapter books, picture books, comic books, etc...please note: board books and toddler books are too young for our students, but they can be donated to the 1000x5 book bin at the front of the school).

Students will be given one ticket for each book they bring in (up to 7 tickets per student, any books brought in over that amount will be donated to the Book Binge). During the second week of June your child's class will come to the library to cash in their tickets and shop for gently used books. The idea is that every student will receive at least 1-7 'new' books. Please help us and save your gently used books!! You may bring them to the library at any time.

If you have any questions please come by the library or call Sherri O'Sullivan at 250-479-1671.



View Royal Elementary is excited to be part of the Ready Step Roll: Active School Travel Planning 2019-20. This program brings together students and parents, schools, municipalities and community partners to collectively encourage and enable walking, biking and rolling to and from school more often. The program facilitator, Kate Berniaz, will work with the school over the next 15 months.

The first phase is to find out how View Royal students and families travel by using a classroom hands-up survey and parent on-line survey. View Royal parents will then be invited to attend a neighbourhood walkabout in the fall. The program will identify active transportation challenges near the school to inform future street improvements, along with celebrating walking and biking.

There are many benefits when your child walks or rolls to school:



More physical activity, which improves physical and mental health



Less traffic congestion and more community connections



Students arrive at school alert and ready to learn



Fewer GHG emissions and better air quality around the school

More information will be shared through school newsletters and PAC meetings. Ready Step Roll is delivered by the Capital Regional District and led by Kate Berniaz (kberniaz@crd.bc.ca or 250-360-3240).

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, May 8th

6:30 pm in the 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.

Movie Night

Friday, April 26th at 6:00pm - TONIGHT!

The View Royal classrooms voted and the movie will be "Mary Poppins Returns"!

Admission by donation (CASH ONLY).

The concession will be open (CASH ONLY) serving hot dogs, pizza, drinks & snacks!

Parent Appreciation Draw for a FREE 4 mile Growler and Fill upon admission donation!

**** All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult for this event. ****



Bottle Drive

Saturday, May 25th from 9:00am to 1:00pm

The bottle drive date has changed! Bring your bottles and cans to View Royal Elementary on Saturday, May 25th between 9:00 and 1:00. All proceeds benefit the school. The primary & intermediate classes that donate the most bottles & cans win a pizza lunch!

We need lots of volunteers to make this a successful event!

Can you help with any of the following items? Please email bottledrive@vrpac.com

- Set up tables (9:00-9:30am)
- Sort bottles 9:00-2:00 (any time)
- Clean up and put away tables (1:30-2:00pm)
- Pick up coffee and donuts from Tim Hortons (9:00am)
- Arrange for lunch (usually hot dogs)
- Buy supplies (before the bottle drive)
- Cook hot dogs (11:30-1:00pm)
- Tally classroom contest sheets and communicate winners (sometime after the bottle drive)
- Organize pizza party for the winning classes (usually a week or two after the bottle drive)



Fun Fair

Friday, June 21st, 5-8pm

This is a free event for View Royal Elementary families organized by the PAC. We are looking for silent auction donations! This is a great way to support your PAC and showcase your business. If you have an item to donate or have a question, please email fundraising@vrpac.com.



New Fundraiser

Coming MID MAY - Sweetlegs Leggings Fundraiser!
More details coming soon on our Facebook page.



Hanging Baskets

Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser. We raised \$250.00!
Pick up will be on Tuesday, May 7th (parents will be contacted for pick up details).



PAC Elections

Please join us at the next PAC meeting for elections!
May 8th at 6:30pm in the school library.



Below is a list of positions on the PAC (yes, two people can share a position!). This is such a great way to support your child's school. Are you interested in any of the positions? Please email president@vrpac.com.

PAC Positions

President

Are you organized and a people person?

- Attends & chairs each PAC meeting (once a month)
- Is the the official spokesperson for the PAC

Vice President

Are you ready to help out the President when needed?

- Assumes the responsibilities of the President in the President's absence
- Assists the President with their responsibilities

Secretary

Are you detail oriented, a great multi-tasker and note taker extraordinaire?

- Records minutes of the PAC meetings
- Arranges a financial review of the PAC finances at the end of the year

Treasurer

Are you an adventure seeker and good with money? Well this is not your typical treasure hunt but if you're experienced with bookkeeping this job is for you!

- Creates and maintains an annual budget
- Withdraws and deposits money
- Tracks expenditures and receivables
- Writes cheques and keeps everyone within budget

Fundraising Coordinator

Are you organized and have big ideas? Do you want to help raise a lot of money for the school?

- Researches new fundraising ideas
- Coordinates most fundraising events and delegates tasks to the fundraising committee

Fundraising Committee

Do you want to help out with fundraising events, but don't want to coordinate the events?

- Consists of 3-4 people to help out with fundraising events

Health & Safety Coordinator

Do you have an eye for safety?

- Ensures earthquake kits are fully stocked
- Coordinates with the school administration and the View Royal fire department on any other health & safety needs of the school

VRPAC Representative

Are you interested in other PACs and like to know about upcoming district initiatives, policies or ideas?

- Attends the VCPAC (Victoria Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils) meetings and reports issues discussed. Meetings are held once per month and there is a lot of opportunity to network and bring back inspiring new ideas for fundraising, activities and school operations.
- Have a say in what happens in our district by being a voice for our PAC at the VCPAC meetings.

Communications Coordinator

Are you tech minded and like writing? Must have experience with websites!

- Maintains the PAC Facebook & website
- Contributes PAC news to the school newsletter (every 2 weeks)

Bottle Drive Coordinator

Are you ready to take on a big money raiser for the PAC?

- Coordinates bottle drives 2-3 times a year
- Arranges advertising & volunteers for each bottle drive

Fun Food Coordinator

Do you love seeing the children excited for fun food day?

- Organizes vendors, volunteers & supplies for each fun food day (once a month)
- Sets up and maintains hotlunches.net orders

Fun Food Committee

Help out the fun food coordinator and spend lunch with your child!

- Helps the fun food coordinator where needed
- Helps out at each fun food day: organizing and filling fun food orders

Parent at Large

- Attends PAC meetings (voting member) and helps out where needed

Volunteer

Love to help out the PAC, but can't attend PAC Meetings?

- Volunteers at PAC events (any or all!) including:
 - Bottle Drives
 - Fun Food Days
 - Dances
 - Movie Nights
 - Fun Fair

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...

Information Evening: Mental Health Services

Seeking help for mental health challenges, either for your child or your family members, can be daunting. Many people are intimidated by the stigma and isolation that can come with mental health issues. When you or another member of your family is struggling, do you know where to start?

Quadra Elementary's school counsellor, Sarah Bourdon, will provide information around how to access the public mental health system, how to find a counselling service, counsellor, or psychologist, and how to create a "mental health first aid kit" for your family. Quadra Elementary's Vice Principal, Cheryl Rolston, will offer a personal account of her journey as a parent to find mental health support for her children.

Several local mental health services will be in attendance to provide resources and answer questions. Representatives will be present from Family Smart, VIHA Healthy Schools nurse, Foundry, and Boys and Girls Club.

Presenters: Sarah Bourdon, RCC, Elementary Counsellor, Quadra Elementary School
Cheryl Rolston, Vice Principal, Quadra Elementary School

To get your free ticket, please go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mental-health-demystified-finding-help-for-kids-and-families-tickets-58762048870>



Bastion Books and HarbourCats Team Up to Promote Reading

Bastion Books is all about reading. HarbourCats players are all about the combination of top-level academics and athletics.

The independent local bookstore, located in downtown Victoria's Bastion Square, is teaming up with the Victoria HarbourCats for a new feature this season that will see Victoria and area students receive free game tickets for doing something beneficial and enjoyable -- reading.

During the months of May and June, any student reading 20 hours or more in those months will receive two free game tickets, as part of HARVEY'S READING CLUB with Bastion Books.

"This will be a fun way to encourage reading, and for kids to be rewarded for it," says Alex Cruikshank, owner of Bastion Books. "Sometimes kids just need a nudge, and the right book, to realize how fun reading can be. My own son, Matthew, loves going to HarbourCats games, and I know this will give him incentive to read more. This can only help increase awareness of the need for kids to read, and read some more."

To register, contact Bastion Books (Drop in at 14 Bastion Square in Victoria or call (250) 385-8786) for reading logs. Once students have logged 20 hours they can bring it into the store, or take a picture of their log and send it to Bastion Books (E-Mail: alex@bastionbooks.ca) and then pick up their free tickets through the HarbourCats.





12th Annual Emergency Preparedness Fair and Display

Sunday, May 5th, 2019
11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
Juan de Fuca Recreation Centre (Senior's Centre)
1767 Island Highway



A SHOWCASE OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE AGENCIES AND SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS!

Fun Activities for Kids
Community Volunteer
Information

Food Vendors
Giveaways, Draws
& More

Amateur Radio
Demonstrations
& Static Displays

Emergency
Preparedness
Information



Know the risks. Get a kit. Make a plan.

PARENTING WITHOUT POWER STRUGGLES

PARENTING A PRETEEN?

Would you like to feel better prepared for adolescence?

JOIN US TO:

Learn about what to expect in the teen years

Receive support from other parents

Boost your confidence as a parent

***Parenting Without Power Struggles
offers parents information on:***

BRAIN DEVELOPMENT | TEMPERAMENT | SELF-CARE | BOUNDARIES
COMMUNICATION | DEVELOPMENTAL TASKS | RESPECT | EMPATHY

LOCATION: Westshore Child, Youth, and Family Centre - 345 Wale Rd.

DATE: Mondays 6:30-8:30pm starting April 29th (9 weeks)

COSTS: \$60/person, \$90/family - subsidies available

REGISTRATION: Please contact for more information on registration

CONTACT: Beth at (250) 384-9133 ext 222 or parentingprograms@bgcvc.org



Boys & Girls Club
of Greater Victoria

Parenting Without Power Struggles was developed by staff and parents throughout BC and is administered under the auspices of Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada - Pacific Region. Funding for this program is generously provided by the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

Fast and Female Champ Chat

On Friday, May 17th Pro-D Day, Fast and Female is coming to Victoria! A Champ Chat will host Fast and Female Ambassadors, who are Olympians, World Champs, Elite and Varsity athletes and will spend a morning at Glenlyon Norfolk School empowering and inspiring girls ages 8 to 18 to stay active and healthy in sports throughout their teens.

[What is Fast and Female?](#)

[Keeping Girls Healthy, Happy and Active in Sports | News Post](#)

[Event registration page and ambassador list here](#)

Glenlyon Norfolk School Present:

FAST AND FEMALE CHAMP CHAT

Join us for a morning of empowerment and inspiration for girls to stay active and healthy in sports.

**FRIDAY, MAY 17TH
9-12:30PM**

For more information visit:
fastandfemale.com



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