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VIEW ROYAL ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE:

Tuesday, March 12 th	PAC Family Photo Event 5:00pm - 9:00pm
Wednesday, March 13 th	PAC Meeting 6:30pm
Friday, March 15 th	Spirit Day!
Friday, March 15 th	Monthly Assembly @ 2:00pm
Friday, March 15 th	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL BEFORE SPRING BREAK
March 18 th - 29 th	SPRING BREAK
Monday, April 1 st	BACK TO SCHOOL ☺ - Welcome Back!
Wednesday, April 10 th	PAC Meeting 6:30pm
Wednesday, April 10 th	Class and School Photos
Thursday, April 11 th	Report Cards Home
Friday, April 12 th	Pro-D Day, no classes in session

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS:

We are marching into Spring break! We are doing this in many ways: practicing being upstanders and using our voices during challenges on the playground, showing our freewheeling technique during wheelchair basketball, hugging trees, editing our research, presentations and story writing. See our great hallway artwork as we study illustrators and artists!

Thank you for attending our Student Led Conferences. It was wonderful to see you and to see the learning leadership our students displayed as they walked through their efforts with their patient parents. Your undivided attention and encouraging words goes a long way in our shared partnership. Missed it? Please email your child's teacher if you need to schedule a visit.

Thank you to our busy parents with the hot lunches, free valentine's day lunch, and the fundraising efforts of late.

Staff Update: Please welcome Mrs. Hilary Churton, our new Kindergarten teacher for Division 16.

Will be a regular full week of school next week finishing off with an assembly on Friday at 2pm. See you at the PAC meeting! ~Miss Pick

Grade 4 Parents

Ministry of Education Satisfaction Surveys take place Tuesday next week. Grade 4 parents also have access. On Tuesday please check your child's agenda for a letter containing the website and your code.

Proposed 2019-2020 Calendar for Public Input

The Board approved the proposed 2019-20 school year calendar to be published and shared with the community for feedback. The proposed calendar includes professional development days, vacation breaks, school openings and last day of classes. The District has collaborated with the Saanich (#63) and Sooke (#62) School Districts to align calendar dates as much as possible, including spring and winter breaks. To view the proposed 2019-20 calendar and submit input visit:

www.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/news/title/proposed-2019-2020-school-calendar-for-public-input/

The deadline to submit responses for calendar feedback is **4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26, 2019.**

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 \$3873.95 which means that we raised approximately \$1900 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: Mae McSorley, Nola Doll, Jody Boreen, Maureen Millman and Ariana Pedersen. Congratulations to Kendall from Div. 13 who won the Family Event Draw!



School District Boundary Changes

LAST DAY to provide the School District feedback on Boundary Changes:

Here is the website to review the changes:

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

and the email for your feedback:

boundaryreviewteam@sd61.bc.ca

Basketball Jamboree

The grade five Basketball players were invited to two jamborees this week: one at Spectrum High School and one at Esquimalt High School. The skills and talent of our players was exceptional. They had a lot of fun while representing View Royal with great sportsmanship and attitudes. Well done boys and girls! Our season will wrap up next week with a final playoff game and our annual Staff versus Grade 4 player's game!

MISSING



CHASE and DASH COYOTES

Greyish-brown in colour.

Approximately 2' tall, weighing approx. 10lbs.

Last seen on duty protecting

View Royal Elementary School's field from geese.

**If you have seen Chase and Dash, please return them
to the school or contact the office with any tips.**

***LAST CHANCE* For 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



FAMILY ACTIVITY IDEAS

Looking for things to do with your family? Here are a few ideas to consider over Spring Break, Easter Long Weekend, or anytime!

GO GEOCACHING

Check out www.geocaching.com to find cache locations. Most smartphones have GPS tracking, which help you to track caches.

CLEAN UP YOUR PARK

Or your favourite hiking trail or beach. Be careful handling litter and wear heavy gloves while you spend some time tidying up your community.

DRAW YOUR FAMILY TREE

Old photos will bring back many memories. You can look a little closer at your family history by filling out the branches of your family tree. Look in the library or on the internet for suggestions about how it's done.

GO TO THE BEACH

One of the great things about living on the West Coast is the access to beautiful beaches and shorelines. Dress for the weather and explore the waterfront.

GET COOKING

The smell of fresh bread or taste of homemade cookies is great no matter what the weather is outside. The more cooks in the kitchen, the better.

DUST OFF OLD FAMILY PHOTOS

If it's stormy outside, maybe it's best to stay indoors and go through old boxes of photos and organize them into albums.

VISIT YOUR LOCAL REC CENTRE

There are swimming pools, skating rinks, water slides, hot tubs and much more throughout Island Health communities.



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: hrr@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, March 13th
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

Purdy's Fundraiser

Purdy's chocolates fundraiser for Easter will be sent home before Spring Break.

All the ordering will be online and will be due April 1, 2019.

This is a big fundraiser for our school - the PAC receives 25% of the sales!

Thank you!



THANK YOU!!!

The PAC would like to send a BIG thank you to RBC for their generous donation of \$1000 and 6 volunteers for our Valentines Dance.

Family Photo Night – Tuesday, March 12th 5-9pm

Family Photo Night – Mother's Day Special!

Tuesday, March 12th 5-9pm in the library

BOOK ONLINE: <https://viewroyalpac.eventbrite.ca/>

LIMITED SPACE – Book now!

- Prints will be available for Mother's Day! Makes a great gift for mom or grandma
- The sitting fee is \$20 for 20 minutes with a photographer from Edge Imaging
- 100% of the sitting fees go directly back to View Royal Elementary
- Families will have 20 minutes with the photographer to do a wide variety of poses, family together, parents together, children together
- When ordering, families who choose packages A – E will receive a complimentary 8x10 photo (photo package details available online)
- Want to pay by cash or cheque? Or have a question? Please email webmaster@vrpac.com



PAC Elections

PAC elections are coming up in May! We would love to have parents and guardians join us at an upcoming meeting to see what the PAC is all about and how you can help improve our school



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

Also a BIG thank you to all the parents that came out to the Parent Education Night!

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!

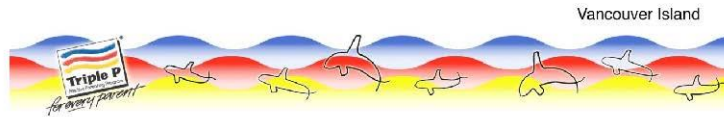


Glenwood Meats - 1245 Parkdale Drive in Langford

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...



ARE YOU THE PARENT OF A 2 - 12 year old?

- Would you like to learn about even more effective ways of parenting in today's world?
- Are you frustrated with your child's behaviour and don't know what to do or where to go?
- Have you heard of Triple P?
www.triplepvip.ca

Triple P is a system of proven parenting solutions that help resolve current parenting problems and prevents future problems before they arise. As one of the few evidence-based parenting programs available, with over 25 years of proven clinical research to back it up, you can be sure Triple P works for the majority of families.

Wednesdays
May 1—June 19, 2019
6:30pm—8:30pm

FREE

Limit of 10 participants