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VIEW ROYAL ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE:

Friday, January 17 th	PAC - Fun Food
Friday, January 17 th	StrongStart Closed
Monday, January 20 th	Pro D Day
Monday, January 20 th	Kindergarten Registration Starts
Friday, January 24 th	Kindergarten Registration Ends
Friday, January 24 th	Ready, Set, Learn Event 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM - in school library (For Upcoming Sept. 2020 Kindergarten Students)
Friday, January 24 th	Monthly Assembly @ 2:00 pm

Principal's Message:

So this is winter! Hope you and yours had a relaxing break with family and friends. We certainly noticed how much our students have grown over the two weeks!

Friendly reminder to not send food items to school in **allergy alert** classes.

Please read ahead for our staff messaging around '**Westcoast Recesses**'.

In addition, please note the attached **letter from the Town of View Royal** to the parents of this school in regards to parking that they have asked me to include.

This is the month for **Kindergarten registration**. Be sure to encourage your neighbors and friends who plan to send their K student, that they must register here at View Royal School during the week of January 20th to 23rd.

Happy 2020 to one and all!

~Miss Pick

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/>

Middle Schools will no longer provide Open House Information sessions prior to the Registration and Transfer process. Individual schools will provide Welcome to Middle School events to families of incoming students once placement has been determined.

Dates for Welcome to Middle School will be posted later in Spring 2020 once student school placement is determined and notifications provided to families.



West-Coast Winter Season Is Upon Us!

We've already seen many rainy days and, looking ahead in the forecast, there's even the possibility of snow. Since we understand the research-based benefits of children getting fresh air and exercise through daily outdoor recess breaks, we will be limiting the number of "indoor days" at View Royal School due to rain and/or snow.

Please send your child appropriately prepared for the weather, come what may. Please send them in boots and water-resistant coats on the rainy days. Umbrellas are ok, as long as they are used safely. On the cool days, please consider sending your child with gloves, hats, warmer coats, and warmer boots.

Please ensure that your child's extra clothes supply at school stays stocked and that if your child has borrowed clothes from the office, that they are washed and returned promptly.



Thank you!



TOWN OF VIEW ROYAL

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To: View Royal Elementary School 2019-12-23
218 Helmcken Rd
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From: Town of View Royal Bylaw Enforcement Department

Re: Parking on Rudyard Road – Bylaw Enforcement Campaign regarding illegal Parking on road.

The Town of View Royal Bylaw Enforcement Department has been fielding complaints regarding people blocking driveways along Rudyard Road during peak drop off/pick up times during the week. This practice currently contravenes the Streets Bylaw No. 980, 2019

SECTION 8: PARKING REGULATIONS

General Prohibitions for Stopping or Parking

8.1. Except when necessary to avoid conflict with traffic or to comply with the directions of a police officer or Traffic Control Device, or when allowed by signage or Permit, a driver or Owner of a vehicle must not park a vehicle:

8.1.4. in front of a Driveway Crossing or, where no Driveway Crossing flare exists, within one (1.0) metre of each side of a Driveway Crossing;

Although this vehicle congestion poses a major inconvenience to the people residing in the immediate area, it can also create a significant "risk to public safety" to all residents of the road during these peak times.

Therefore, Bylaw will be conducting active enforcement in the area, however, respectfully request this letter be disseminated via any School 'Newsletters' to educate parents using the road. Hopefully this effort will mitigate the requirement to issue monetary penalties to those parents who continue to violate the Bylaw when dropping off/picking up their children who are attending the school.

We look forward to your cooperation and support in our request to ensure a safe pick up and drop off experience for students, parents and residents.

Sincerely,

M. Groulx
Bylaw Enforcement
Town of View Royal
bylawcompliance@viewroyal.ca



PINK SHIRT DAY

Pink Shirt Day is February 26th this year. View Royal is pleased to offer the opportunity to purchase a pink shirt. The logo on T-Shirts for this year is: **“Kindness is a gift everyone can give”**. Please note that purchasing a shirt is an optional choice for our families.

Shirts will be available to purchase through School Cash Online starting Monday, January 13th with the cut off for all orders being Friday, January 24th. If you do not currently have a School Cash Online account, please see the instructions below on how to register, order, and pay.

How to Register

1. Go to <https://sd61.schoolcashionline.com/> and click on Register
 - Enter in your first name, last name, email and create a password.
 - Select a security question.
 - Check YES to receive email notifications
2. A confirmation email will be sent to you
 - Check spam
3. Follow the instructions in the email.

Your email is used as your username in your profile



How to Add a Student

1. Sign In to School Cash Online
2. Go to MY ACCOUNT.
3. From the drop down menu, select My Students.
4. Click to add a student.
 - a. Type in your School Board Name
 - b. Select School Name from the list.
 - c. Enter Student Criteria (as set by your School Board)
 - d. CONFIRM

You can add up to 8 students on your profile

How to Make a Payment

1. You will be able to view any available items attached to your students that are set up on your account.
2. Select the item that you would like to purchase and click "add to Cart".
3. Once you have finished adding items to your cart, select "Check Out" to make payment.

You can pay for multiple student's items in one Check Out.

Payment types accepted: Credit Cards and E-Cheques

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 12th
6:30 pm in the Library**

Everyone welcome, we would love to see some new faces!!

Free babysitting is provided in the gym by the PAC.

**For the safety of our children, the PAC is now providing 2 babysitters at each meeting.*

The PAC consists of ALL the parents and guardians in our school.

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 nights, fun fairs, 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.

VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE

The Valentine's Dance has been moved to Friday February 7th from 6:00pm - 8:00pm.

Join us for a night of family fun and dancing. The concession will be open and admission will be a donation.

We are looking for volunteers for this event. Can you help?

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050f4ba9ad2aa6fa7-valentines>



SENIOR'S TEA DONATIONS

The PAC is looking for donations of fancy cups and saucers for our annual Senior's Tea. If you have a donation, please email secretary@vrpac.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFORMATION

Winter 2020 Schedule

Courses are open to all adults and are free of charge

Dads with Dads

When: Wednesday 6:30-8:30pm
An ongoing drop in group

Facilitator: Benjamin Jones

Understanding Anger and Stress

When: Wednesday 6:30-8:30pm
Dates: Jan 22 to March 11, 2020

Facilitator: Barbara Green

Healthy Boundaries

When: Monday 6:30-8:30pm
Dates: Jan 20 to March 6th 2020
No class Family Day, Feb 17th

Facilitator: Barbara Green

Lighthouse Parent

When: Tuesday 9:30 to 11:30 am
Dates: Feb 11 to March 10 2020

Facilitator: Edie Copland



Register now!
For more information
call (250) 385-1114

Email: lesley@1-up.ca
or visit www.1-up.ca

WRAP.FOR KIDS

8-12 years



Wellness Recovery Action Plan®

This program is for kids with emotional or mental health issue and for kids who may or may not have a family member with mental health issues. WRAP® for Kids aims to enhance resiliency, support and knowledge about how to live a happy, healthy life.

Sundays, Feb 2-March 8, 2020 11-12:30am

LOCATION: 941 Kings Rd.

Course includes art, food and fun! This evidence based program is used for self-regulation, reducing uncomfortable emotions and promoting sustained wellness. WRAP programs at MHRP SI presented by trained WRAP Facilitators.

Register: 250-384-4225 or admin@mhrp.ca

No cost thanks to our sponsor CFX Santa's anonymous



“ADHD: How Parents Can Influence Their Child’s Development And Resilience”

Join us for a Special In-Person Presentation

This Presentation will deepen our understanding of children’s attention and behaviour challenges and how parents can help.

Topic Presenters:

Debbie Cybulski, RSW.

**Thursday January 23rd, 2020
7:00 pm – 9:00pm**

Saanich Neighbourhood Place
3100 Tillicum Road
Victoria, BC

FREE OF CHARGE

Please RSVP by email to: lisa.tate@familysmart.ca



‘intheknow’ provides expert speakers on topics important to families and/or to those working to support the mental health of children and youth.

Viewing is available:

Online at:
www.familysmart.ca/in-the-know

In person at community sites:
www.familysmart.ca/events/

The in person viewing also provides an opportunity for supported conversations.

ONGOING FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES!!!

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.





3 Books = 1 Gift Help top last year's drive of 4000 books

This is the third year of the three book challenge.

As we head into the holiday season, many families appreciate a bit of help with gifts. Every month 1000X5 pops 3000 books in 1000 gift bag: three books for each receiving child.

If each child in View Royal Elementary School brought in 3 gently used books for babies and preschoolers, we would collect 1002 books, enough for gift bags of books to 334 children.

Let's make it happen.

Drop books for babies and preschoolers off in the pink bin in the front foyer of the school.