



**IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE...**

Friday, September 30 <sup>th</sup>	SCHOOL CLOSED for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
October 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup>	Bike to School Week
Thursday, October 6 <sup>th</sup>	Individual student photo day. Bring your smiles ☺
Monday, October 10 <sup>th</sup>	SCHOOL CLOSED for Thanksgiving

**PRINCIPALS’ MESSAGE...**

Great to see all the families at school and in the school. We had a wonderful turn out at the Meet the Teacher night. If you would like more time with your teacher, please drop them an email or write a note in your child’s planner. We will aim for two main newsletters per month – one mid month and the other at the end of the month. This is a chance to share school, PAC and school district information with our parent community as well as our staff. Feel free to share pertinent items with your children as well! We are settled into classroom routines now and as of today we have submitted all of our numbers to the school district and ultimately the province which then sets up our school budget for the year. We have enrolled 281 students K-5. We welcome all to our inclusive learning community.

We will endeavour to use some time during each PAC meeting to share information about school procedures, curriculum and assessment. The October PAC meeting will have a quick review on our school’s emergency procedures for fire, earthquake and lock down. Please join us! See you each morning next week for Walk and Wheel Week! We would like to count every student who walks to school or comes by wheels!

~Ms. Fahr and Miss. Pick

**SCHOOL NEWS...**

**STUDENT ABSENCES, LATES, AND EARLY PICKS – What should I do when...?**  
*-If your child will be absent* – Please call the attendance line at 250-479-1671 and press 1, OR email [viewroyal@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:viewroyal@sd61.bc.ca).  
*-If your child is late* – Please have them come to the office for a late slip **BEFORE** heading to class.  
*-If you will be picking your child up early* –Authorized pick up contacts must come to the office to sign student’s out. If you are pressed for time please call the office **when you are on your way** and we will try our best to have the student here and ready (but it’s always a good idea to allow yourself extra time just in case.)

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR – MRS. O’SULLIVAN**  
 Our Fall Scholastic Book Fair fundraiser is just around the corner and is scheduled to take place during the parent teacher conferences on October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. 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 library and classroom libraries. Please refer to the book fair letter that will be coming home in the next few weeks for more details about our literacy fundraiser. **If anyone is interested in volunteering to work for an hour or so at the book fair, please contact Mrs. O’Sullivan at [sosullivan@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:sosullivan@sd61.bc.ca) . Thank you in advance for your support.**

**FRIENDLY REMINDER – Consent Forms**  
 Thank you to those who have returned the consent forms sent home with students and visited Parent Connect and completed the consents online. If you have yet to do so, kindly visit Parent Connect [HERE](#) to complete the online portion. The paper forms can be returned to the classroom teacher. Thank you in advance for completing these important documents.

**LOST AND FOUND**  
 Is your child missing anything? Our lost and found is located a few steps down the hall. From the front doors head down the hallway and take the **second** left and ‘voila’, there it is!  
 ~Look for the sign.~



## STRONG START - Our Strong Start Centre is open!

StrongStart BC is a free early learning program for all children aged 0 to 5. Children attend StrongStart with their parent/caregiver. StrongStart Facilitators are ECE-trained school district employees.





We are excited to welcome families to our View Royal centre. StrongStart is open **Monday to Friday from 8:45-11:45**. Please use the [booking app](#) to select the day(s) you can join us! If you are a first time visitor, please register using the [online registration form](#). To register, you will need to upload a photo of proof of your child's age (e.g. birth certificate, passport, landed immigrant authorization, or INAC status card). Please complete a separate registration form for each child under 5 years of age.

Our StrongStart educator, Amy Grbavec, will lead a variety of learning activities designed to support children on their learning path before they enter school. Parents and caregivers attending a StrongStart BC Centre will enjoy play activities, circle time and a snack!

## CAN YOU HELP?...(if yes, please contact the office at 250-479-1671 or email [viewroyal@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:viewroyal@sd61.bc.ca))

We are looking for one or two leather glove wearing parents to help us with some thistle in our Indigenous garden.

## INFORMATION FROM OUR PAC...

<b>Peninsula Co-op Membership Number</b> You can now support View Royal PAC at any Peninsula Co-op location by entering our membership number when buying gas, car washes or any other items. <b>Membership #: 135898</b>	
<b>Fairway Market Grocery Cards</b> 5% of all money loaded onto <b>Fairway Market Fundraiser Grocery Cards</b> goes right back to the View Royal Elementary PAC! To request a card, please email <a href="mailto:president@vrpac.com">president@vrpac.com</a> .	
<b>Cobs Bread at Eagle Creek Shopping Center</b> Cobs Bread Eagle Creek- <b>ask for your order to be put under View Royal Elementary *before being rung through*</b> and 5% of your purchase will go back to our school!	
<b>Glenwood Meats - 1245 Parkdale Drive in Langford</b> Glenwood Meats is offering 10% of all purchases back to our school! <b>Bring your receipts to the school drop box, or ask at Glenwood counter to have your receipt put into the View Royal box.</b>	

## IN OTHER NEWS...

### 1000x5 CHILDREN'S BOOK RECYCLING PROJECT GREATER VICTORIA, A 1000 Books by Age 5

1000x5 sends your gently used books for babies and preschoolers into homes where books may be few. This is year 12 of creating book gift bags each with 3 books and delivering the 276,000,000 books which have been so kindly donated by you. Over the year, children may receive 30 books - transforming learning. Check out our website more information: <https://www.1000x5.ca/>

Every month we send 2500-3000 books into homes with few resources. Please drop books for babies and preschoolers into the **pink bin** in the front foyer of the school and we will send them on to other families.

### SD61 ISLAND UKULELES "B GROUP" IS OPEN FOR NEW REGISTRATIONS!

Aloha! This dynamic group of students meets every Monday evening at Oak Bay High School (6:30 - 8:00pm) and has spaces open for new registrations from grade 4 through 8. No previous ukulele experience is required to join the "B Group", though, it is an asset. Our registration fees cover the entire year of music lessons including performance opportunities! We look forward to having your student join us this year! Please visit [www.islandukulele.org](http://www.islandukulele.org) for more information and to register your student. All registrations must be received by September 19 and can be done online or the day of at Oak Bay High School. Mahalo!

## IN OUR COMMUNITY...

### WORKSHOPS FOR FAMILIES OF NEURODIVERSE AND/OR LGBTQ2S+ YOUTH

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