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VIEW ROYAL ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER



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IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE...

Wednesday, October 19 th	EARLY DISMISSAL at 11:50 am
Wednesday, October 19 th	Parent/Teacher Conferences from 12:45pm – 5:45pm
Wednesday, October 19 th	Scholastic Book Fair in the library from 11:50am – 6:00pm
Thursday, October 20 th	Parent/Teacher Conferences from 3:00pm – 3:45pm
Thursday, October 20 th	Scholastic Book Fair in the library from 2:37pm – 4:00pm
Friday, October 21 st	PRO-D DAY: Provincial. No classes for students.
Wednesday, October 26 th	Science World Presentation at 1:45pm
Friday, October 28 th	Halloween Dance 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Monday, October 31 st	Orange and Black Day! Show your Halloween spirit and wear orange and/or black. Kindly keep masks and weapons at home.

LINK FOR BOOKING PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEW

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/ViewRoyalElementarySchool@gvsd61.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>

PRINCIPALS' MESSAGE...

We are benefitting from the spirit of our school community! Our Grade 5 students are in full volunteer mode supporting kindergarten students at recess as lunch buddies (sporting new red jackets – thank you PAC!), supporting the eating period in the kindergarten and grade 1 classes as lunch monitors, as well as handing out the BC Fruit and Vegetable program items twice per month. Their problem solving, teamwork and positive attitude supports our school environment and assists in their own growth and development. Soon you will hear about Spirit Days led by our Division 1 – 4 classes. Our staff have been sharing knowledge of students, strategies and resources as we build classroom cultures and individualize student supports. We have all benefitted from the increase in our face to face parent connections this year. Having parents in the school has added additional positive energy. We look forward to our shared PAC and school goals in supporting our students and staff this year. We are especially excited about the parent volunteers with talents and time to bring back some of our activities: Fun Food Fridays, the Halloween Dance and the Senior's Tea to name a few. When you see the sign up opportunities please consider supporting our PAC Coordinators for these events.

Parking lot: You will be noticing in the coming weeks increased signage in the use of the parking lot. We are asking for parent support to ensure our staff have access to a parking. Check page 12 in the school handbook for 2 nearby locations to park and walk to school. We are asking that the drop off lane is a 'kiss and go' area. We offer outside supervision 15 minutes before school (8:30 am start) and after the school bell (until 2:52 pm).

Student Planner – 2nd Copy for HOME reference: As we move toward next week's BC ShakeOut drill, we will be sending home a second copy of the student planner. It will look just like the one the PAC has purchased for all students in Grade 1-5. The difference in the one coming home to you on Thursday, October 20th is only 16 pages and does not have the homework pages. This document was re-printed by the publishing company to compensate for making an error on page 10. The second copy coming home today has the correct page 10 which is the map for the School Reunification Plan. Information about what School Reunification is about can be found on page 9. Please keep this planner at home for your reference.

We would like to welcome to our school new staff members: Night Custodians: Alex Paterson and Jeremy Tiermer, Mrs. Rachel Watters (Thursdays Grade 5), Ms. Lynn Tann, EAG; and in temporary EAG positions: Mr. Nicholas Mueller and Ms. Charlotte Leask.

Enjoy the Autumn days!

~Ms. Fahr and Miss Pick

SCHOOL NEWS...

MISSING BOOSTER SEATS

Our school is missing 5 booster seats. If you have one labelled 'View Royal' please return to our school office. Thank you!

PARKING LOT INFORMATION

<https://viewroyal.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/54/2022/10/PARKING-LOT-POSTER.pdf>

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 19th and 20th. 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 . Thank you in advance for your support.**

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.

-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.)

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)

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...

FUN FOOD DAYS

Our first fun food day is tomorrow! Please click the link for more information on this and future fun food days:

<https://viewroyal.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/54/2022/10/FUN-FOOD-POSTER.png>

HALLOWEEN DANCE – October 28th, 6:00pm to 8:00pm

More information here: <https://viewroyal.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/54/2022/10/Halloween-Dance.png>

KEEP AN EYE OUT...

Purdy’s and Art Cards fundraisers coming in November!

ONGOING FUNDRAISERS:

Bottle Drives




Our next bottle drive is on Saturday, November 5th!



Peninsula Co-op Membership Number

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. **Membership #: 135898**



<p>Fairway Market Grocery Cards 5% of all money loaded onto Fairway Market Fundraiser Grocery Cards goes right back to the View Royal Elementary PAC! To request a card, please email president@vrpac.com.</p>	
<p>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!</p>	
<p>Glenwood Meats - 1245 Parkdale Drive in Langford Glenwood Meats is 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.</p>	

IN OTHER NEWS...

VIEW ROYAL OUT OF SCHOOL CARE FUNDRAISER

See the poster here: <https://viewroyal.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/54/2022/10/VROSC-RAFFLE-FUNDRAISER-POSTER.pdf>

1000x5 BOOKS PART OF OCTOBER FUN! WEE ONES NEED YOUR BOOKS

As you prepare for the end of the month celebrations with fun costumes and food, can you find a minute to locate 3 gently used books for babies and toddlers and drop them off in the pink bin **in the office**? These books will entertain and enrich wee ones long after the October fun has ended. 277,000 books in 12 years!! Thank you. **Please only donate books appropriate for ages newborn – 5 years old.**

GREATER VICTORIA SCHOOL DISTRICT'S MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS SNAPSHOT

October's Snapshot - [Helping Your Child Set Healthy Boundaries](#)

IN OUR COMMUNITY...

PARENTING WORKSHOPS:

#1) Building Connection with Our Kids When It Feels Impossible: Join us as we listen to FamilySmart's Parent Peer Support Workers Tammy and Diane have an honest conversation about what it is like as a parent or caregiver who is struggling to connect with their kids. They will share strategies to build, and rebuild, connections even when it is complex. Come together with other families to watch this one hour video presentation followed by a 30 minute facilitated discussion by a FamilySmart Parent Peer Support Worker.

Registration required: www.familysmart.ca/events

Cost: Free of Charge

Watch Now—Building Connection With Our Kids When It Feels Impossible: https://youtu.be/wLK8_kdWYzo

#2) Help For The Hard Times Workshops: These run every month for parents and caregivers whose children have been at the ER or have had a hospital stay for mental health or substance use issues.

Registration required: <https://familysmart.ca/help-for-the-hard-times-workshop/>

Cost: Free of charge