



IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE...

Wednesday, November 30 th	Please note the assembly previously scheduled on this date has been moved to January 25 th .
Thursday, December 1 st	Purdy's Chocolate order pickups. <i>Details below...</i>
Thursday, December 1 st	Deadline for Fun Food orders.
Friday, December 9 th	Fun Food Friday! (Adrianna's the Whole Enchilada)
Monday, December 12 th	Dress rehearsal for Winter Concert. All welcome.
Tuesday, December 13 th	Seniors' Tea, 1:00pm. Check backpacks/agendas for invitations very soon!
Wednesday, December 14 th	Winter Concert at 6:30pm. <i>More information below...</i>
Thursday, December 15 th	Winter Concert at 1:00pm. <i>More information below..</i>
Friday, December 16 th	Pajama Day!
Friday, December 16 th	Last day of school before Winter Break. Report cards home.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Happy Mismatched Socks and Shoes day!

We feel very grateful to the supports around our school. We have twice monthly deliveries of fruit, vegetables and milk to all of our students, staff and Strong Start families thanks to the BC Schools Fruit and Vegetable program. Thanks to the Esquimalt Lions club, a few members of our student population will have an experience on the HMCS Ottawa. Thanks to the Salvation Army, some of our classes will have an experience as an audience member for Naden Band at the Royal Theatre. Thanks to the Student and Family Affordability Fund, a few of our families are receiving some very beneficial and tangible support. Behind all of this are busy coordinators, teachers, educational assistants our office staff, PAC fundraisers and so many of you assisting us. We are grateful for these outside resources which make a difference for our families. As we move into the final weeks of term one we would like to remind families that we have already moved to the new report template. There will not be a digital portfolio at this time. We will be sending home paper copies on December 16th. See the proficiency scale used below:

PROFICIENCY SCALE			
Emerging	Developing	Proficient	Extending
<i>The student demonstrates an initial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.</i>	<i>The student demonstrates a partial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.</i>	<i>The student demonstrates a complete understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.</i>	<i>The student demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.</i>
<i>Works with ongoing support</i>	<i>Works with some support</i>	<i>Works independently</i>	<i>Works independently and can support the learning of others</i>

SCHOOL NEWS...

WINTER CONCERT

The children have been singing, rehearsing, playing instruments and getting ready for our upcoming performances! Dates are as follows:

Wednesday, December 14th – 6:30pm

Thursday, December 15th – 1:00pm

****More information, including ticket order forms, will be coming home with students soon so keep an eye out!****

PARKING

Thank you to those who are following the “rules of the road” and parking only in designated parking spots. We still continue to see people parking in undesignated areas and in the drop off zone, sometimes even parking cars up the ramp and blocking the entrance to the parking lot. Parking/stopping in undesignated spots creates a danger for pedestrians and blocks emergency vehicles from moving around the lot when needed. Please consider parking at View Royal Park, behind the school on Rudyard Road (careful to not block driveways), or on a side street a little further away and enjoy a short walk to the school. Thank you for your cooperation and for helping keep everyone safe.

INFORMATION FROM OUR PAC...

FUN FOOD DAYS

The deadline to order is **Thursday, December 1st** for Adrianna’s the Whole Enchilada lunch on December 9th! Don’t miss out! Order here: <https://vrpac.hotlunches.net/admin/?sid=&un=0>
Information here: <https://viewroyal.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/54/2022/11/Fun-Food.png>

PURDY’S ORDER PICKUPS

Orders can be picked up on **December 1st, from 2:30-4:30**, under the school gym.
All orders not picked up will be sent home with your child the next day.

THE SENIORS’ TEA - We need your help!

The Seniors Tea is BACK this year and we are in need of many volunteers!






1. Volunteers to help the day before (Dec. 12th), and during and after the event (Dec. 13th). Please sign up via the link below. Even if you can only spare an hour, please still sign up and then post in the comments what time frame you are available! <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10c094caaae23aaffc16-seniors>
2. Volunteers to bring goodies to be shared with the seniors who attend! Please sign-up via the link above, and add a note as to what you are bringing and whether it is store-bought or home-made (peanut free, please!) so we can keep track! You can also email funfood@vrpac.com.

Thank you in advance to everyone who can help; we can't make these events happen without you!

ART CARDS

The students’ art has been submitted and we are now awaiting word from the company as to when ordering can begin. We hope to hear back soon!!

ONGOING FUNDRAISERS:

Bottle Drives Our next bottle drive is on Saturday, January 7th ! Please save up those holiday empties!	
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	
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 .	
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 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.	

IN OTHER NEWS...

1000 X 5 BOOK PROGRAM – 3 BOOKS CHALLENGE PARTNERSHIP WITH SANTAS ANONYMOUS

Thank you for all the books that have been pouring in to be packaged in time for the holidays. And a huge thank you to Santas Anonymous their most generous donation. That means that for quite a few months a new book can be added to each bag of 3 books 3 books = 1 gift!

Drop books for babies and preschoolers off in the pink bin in the office lobby.

STRONGSTART - An invitation to all children and families

We welcome you to play and learn at StrongStart! StrongStart BC is a free early learning program for children aged 0 to 5. Children attend StrongStart with their parent/caregiver. 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](#). When you visit StrongStart, early childhood educators will offer a variety of activities designed to inspire and develop curiosity, imagination, social skills and more! Each day at StrongStart, you will enjoy play activities, circle time and a snack! Register and book your appointment here: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/programs/strong-start/>

6 Locations:

Craigflower Elementary 2766 Admirals Road
James Bay Community 140 Oswego Street
McKenzie Elementary 4005 Raymond Street North

George Jay Elementary 1118 Princess Avenue
Macaulay Elementary 1010 Wychbury Avenue
View Royal Elementary 218 Helmcken Road

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ACROSS CANADA

<https://viewroyal.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/54/2022/11/Parliament-scaled.jpg>

ESQUIMALT CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS PARADE

<https://viewroyal.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/54/2022/11/Celebration-of-Lights-scaled.jpg>

VIEW ROYAL FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION FOOD DRIVE

<https://viewroyal.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/54/2022/11/View-Royal-Fierfighters-Association.png>

ESQUIMALT HIGH'S GINGERBREAD HOUSE FUNDRAISER

Kits are \$15.00 each. Order Deadline Dec 2, 2022.

Kits can be picked up Dec 7-9, 12-14, 2022 at Esquimalt High from 9am-3pm. If you are unable to make it during these pickup times please email esquimalt@sd61.bc.ca to make other arrangements.

If you would simply like to buy a ginger bread kit to be distributed to family in need – please indicate DONATE TO SOMEONE IN NEED in the “Who are you purchasing this for” field and we will handle the rest.

Those who post a picture of their completed creation by Dec 25th, 2022 to Instagram @esquimalthighschool #gingerbread will be entered to win a prize.

Kits can be ordered at <https://bit.ly/esqgingerbread22>

More information here: <https://viewroyal.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/54/2022/11/Esq-High-Gingerbread-House-Fundraiser.jpg>

THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

The Boys and Girls Club is offering a series of online programs helping parents of teens, pre-teens, and children gain confidence, discover practical tips and resources, and find support from other parents.

Parents Together Tuesdays-Ongoing- For Parents with Kids age 13-25 - 12-1:30 PM or 6:30-8PM

Parents in the Know Wednesdays For Parents with Kids age 13-18 - 6:30-8PM - 10-12 weeks

Parenting Without Power Struggles Thursdays For Parents with Kids age 9-12 - 6:30-8PM -10-12 weeks

Alumni Thursdays Ongoing Drop in All Ages - 12-1 PM

For more information visit [BGCVIC](https://www.bgcvic.org) and/or contact parentingprograms@bgcvcic.org, or 250-686-9122.

VICTORIA SINGLE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE

<https://singleparentvictoria.ca/courses-1/?month=11&yr=2022>