



IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE...

Friday, December 9 th	Fun Food Friday! (Adrianna's the Whole Enchilada)
Monday, December 12 th	Dress rehearsal for Winter Concert at 10:30am. All welcome.
Tuesday, December 13 th	Seniors' Tea, 1:00pm. <i>RSVP required.</i>
Wednesday, December 14 th	Winter Concert at 6:30pm. <i>Tickets required.</i>
Thursday, December 15 th	Winter Concert at 1:00pm. <i>Tickets required.</i>
Friday, December 16 th	Pajama Day!
Friday, December 16 th	Last day of school before Winter Break. Report cards home.
Tuesday, January 3 rd	Welcome Back! First day of school after Winter Break

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Tis the season ending of Term One! We reflect on how many more activities and events have returned making this feel more like the ebb and flow of our school community traditions. Guest speakers, parent volunteers and field trips have augmented our learning and we are appreciative of the time and opportunities. Thank you to the Salvation Army and their sponsors for the Naden Band performance at the Royal Theatre attended by Divisions 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12. (And as always a thank you to the PAC for the bussing!). Behind the festive activities are our teachers completing the reports for term one. For most of our parents and teaching staff this is a new format. Please review all the pages for information about all subject areas. The move to Proficiency Scales is a shift away from using traditional letter grades: A, B, C+, C... and / or a performance scale: Not Yet Meeting (1), Approaching Expectations (2), Meeting Expectations (3) and Exceeding Expectations (4). Proficiency Scales are based on communicating and describing each student's growth and progression along a continuum of learning. All reports will continue to reflect strengths, areas for improvement and ways to deepen learning. View Royal School staff have already moved to the Proficiency Scales ahead of the expected Ministry date of implementation of September 2023 for K-9. Please ensure you connect with your child's teachers should you have any questions. Reports go home on December 16th. Kindly sign the front of the report card envelopes where indicated and return only the envelope to your child's teacher. We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming events: dress rehearsal, Senior's Tea, afternoon or evening concert. All are ticketed events except for the dress rehearsal. Thank you for being the best audience for our singers, speakers and musicians. See you next week! ~Miss Pick

SCHOOL NEWS...

WINTER CONCERT
 The children have been singing, rehearsing, playing instruments and getting ready for our upcoming performances! Dates are as follows:
Monday, December 12th – 10:30 am dress rehearsal (no tickets required)
Wednesday, December 14th – 6:30pm (tickets will be collected at the door)
Thursday, December 15th – 1:00pm (tickets will be collected at the door)
****Tickets will come home tomorrow so please check backpacks and agendas!****

STUDENT & FAMILY AFFORDABILITY FUND
 All schools in BC have received a one-time Student and Family Affordability fund to help families in need of financial support with the current costs of school supplies, education-related fees, and dealing with food insecurity that impacts children's learning. Please reach out to our Vice Principal Jen Fahr, if you are needing support. jfahr@sd61.bc.ca

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE STAFF OF VIEW ROYAL
 The staff of View Royal wishes you a wonderful holiday season. We hope everyone has a relaxing break filled with family, friends, and joy. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year!



INFORMATION FROM OUR PAC...

FUN FOOD DAY

The Last Fun Food Day of 2022 is tomorrow, December 9th!

THE SENIORS' TEA - We need your help!

Senior's Tea is back and we need your help putting on this popular event!! If you aren't familiar with Senior's Tea, it is an opportunity for our students "grandfriends" to attend the Christmas concert while being served tea and baked goods by the grade 5 leaders.

Volunteers are needed to set up, host and take down the tea on Dec 12th & 13th.

We also need donations of baked goods - homemade or store bought (Costco treat packs are an excellent option!), must be peanut free. If you are looking for something fun to do with the kids this weekend, why not bake or shop for our "grandfriends" to enjoy on the 13th!

Please sign up via this link to volunteer at the event or to provide baked goods on the 13th.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094caaae23aaffc16-seniors>

ONGOING FUNDRAISERS:

Bottle Drives	Our next bottle drive is on <i>Saturday, January 7th</i> ! 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...

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

GREATER VICTORIA SCHOOL DISTRICT'S MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS SNAPSHOT

December's Snapshot - [Building Prevention Skills in Children](#)

PISE CAMPS

PISE has program offerings for the winter along with programs for Spring Break Camp. Registration for Spring Break Camps opened December 5th. More information here: <https://viewroyal.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/54/2022/12/Winter-2023-Kids-Youth-Programs-Camps-1.png>

VIEW ROYAL FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION FOOD DRIVE - This Saturday, December 10th

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

RESOURCES FOR PARENTS:

December's 'In the Know' Parent Meeting is on ADHD. 'In the Know' provides expert speakers on topics important to young people, families and/or those working to support the mental health of children and youth. Join us in watching a video by Dr. Duncan, who will dispel the many myths surrounding ADHD by presenting up to date scientific facts about cause, prevalence, diagnosis and treatment. He will explain how and why the ADHD brain works the way it does. Following the video we will host a parent discussion.

December - ADHD - The Real Deal Speaker: Dr. Don Duncan.

Dates: December 13, 14, 15, 20

Watch Now: <https://youtu.be/A9Vpmh7iHbc>

Register & Dates: familysmart.ca/events

More courses here: <https://viewroyal.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/54/2022/12/Help-for-the-Hard-Times-Vancouver-Island-Nov-Dec-2022.jpg>

<https://viewroyal.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/54/2022/12/In-The-Know-Connect-and-Learn-Courses.jpg>

VICTORIA SINGLE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE

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