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VIEW ROYAL ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER



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IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE...

Thursday, January 12 th	Deadline for fun food orders. 6:00pm, online. https://vrpac.hotlunches.net/admin/?sid=&un=0
Saturday, January 14 th	PAC bottle drive. 9:00am – 1:00pm in the school parking lot.
Friday, January 20 th	Fun food day!
Monday, January 23 rd to Friday, January 27 th	Kindergarten registration and transfer week.
Monday, January 23 rd to Friday, January 27 th	Grade 6 late French Immersion registration week.
Wednesday, January 25 th	Assembly at 1:45pm. All welcome.
Friday, January 27 th	PRO-D DAY. No school for students.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Happy New Year! We are truly into new routines as we dive deeply into term two learning! Walking around the classrooms the new year has brought us the Grade 5 DARE program thanks to Westshore RCMP officer, Cst. Brewer. In addition basketball practices for Grade 4's and 5's have begun with Mrs. O'Sullivan and Mrs. Mostyn. Grade 4 students complete the Middle Years Developmental Instrument (MDI) over the coming weeks. <http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/mdi/>. Our teacher learning during shared meeting times also continues with a variety of topics including a mini-workshop on curriculum matched gym activities thanks to Mrs. Ballard's mini-workshop. There is remarkable effort here at View Royal!

We are asking our families to support the effort, by considering the feedback given at the end of December with our assessments and Term 1 report cards. Please continue the conversation with your child and put into action the steps toward achieving the goals they have set for themselves. There are academic goals, but there are also important social and emotional goals which impact growing independence. It is a team effort!

We are excited to announce that we have been awarded a \$5000 grant by Western Coast Insurance towards our Chromebook project. Thank you Ms Fahr for the work behind this successful grant proposal.

See you Saturday at the Bottle Drive and thanks to the Poucher family for organizing. ~Miss Pick

SCHOOL NEWS...

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR THE 2023/24 SCHOOL YEAR

Information on how to register can be found on our school's website here: [Kindergarten Registration Information](#)

GRADE 6 EARLY FRENCH IMMERSION REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER WEEK, February 6th – 10th, 2023

Important registration dates and information can be found here: [Registration Dates and Information](#)

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

INFORMATION FROM OUR PAC...

FUN FOOD DAY

The deadline for the next Fun Food Day from This Week's Lunch is TODAY at 6pm! Fun Food Day is January 20th. Please place your orders at

<https://vrpac.hotlunches.net/admin/?sid=&un=0>

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THANK YOU!!!

The PAC would like to send out huge thank yous to Thrifty Foods for their donation of all the icing for the children to decorate their cookies on the last day of school before the holiday break, as well as Carolynne Clark for baking all those delicious cookies!

An additional thank you goes out to Canadian Linen and Uniform Service, for their generous donation of all the lovely linens for the Senior's Tea!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!






We have many wonderful events coming up and we will be needing everyone's support to make them happen!

Next important date:

*****February 10 - Valentine's Day dance!*****

There will be a SignUp coming soon but if you already know that you will be able to help out at any time between the hours of 4:30pm and 8:30pm that day, please email exec@vrpac.com, with the subject line Dance Volunteer!

ONGOING FUNDRAISERS:

Bottle Drives Our next bottle drive is THIS Saturday, January 14th ! Please bring your empties down to the school parking lot from 9:00am - 1:00pm.!	
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

2023/24 REGULAR BUSING ON-LINE APPLICATION INFO

For new requests for SD 61 bus transportation. (Current families using bus transportation have received information in a separate email.)

The **2023-24 Regular SD 61 Transportation Program and BC Transit On-line Application Process** will take place during the following upcoming dates:

Monday, February 13 (9:00 am) to Thursday, March 16 (5:00 pm)

Parents can apply on-line during the above dates only, via a link on our Transportation webpage:

<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/our-district/departments-services/facilities-department/busing/>

1000 X 5 – 1000 BOOKS BY AGE FIVE – CHILDREN’S BOOK RECYCLING PROJECT GREATER VICTORIA

January 27 - Family Literacy Day...Donate books to increase early literacy

Do you know that reading books to babies and preschoolers is the most significant indicator of early school success? Cuddling and reading to your little ones shows that you value reading, builds comfort, enjoyment and early skills that last a lifetime.

Help make that true for those still to gain those habits. **January 27 is National Literacy Day.** As well as enjoying a new story with your child, please make an extra effort to drop of gently used picture books for babies and preschoolers in the drop box in the lobby of the office. All very young children benefit from being read to – help make that a reality for more. Thank you for being part of the 285,000 books donated over the last 12 years.

GREATER VICTORIA SCHOOL DISTRICT’S MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS SNAPSHOT

January’s Snapshot - [Anxiety in Children: Turning it Around](#)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO REMOVE INVASIVE PLANTS IN VIEW ROYAL

Details here: <https://viewroyal.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/54/2023/01/GVGT-Social-Media.png>

2SLGBTQ+ FREE SWIMS AT GORDON HEAD RECREATION CENTRE:

Information here: <https://viewroyal.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/54/2023/01/2SLGTQ-Swims.jpg>