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IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE...

Friday, January 27 th	PRO-D DAY. No school for students.
Monday, February 6 th to Friday, February 10 th	(Current) K-1 student transfer process plus all new registrations grades 1 - 12. Information below.
Friday, February 10 th	PAC Valentine's Dance - 6:30pm
Friday, February 17 th	PRO-D DAY. No school for students.
Monday, February 20 th	FAMILY DAY STAT. School closed.
Wednesday, February 22 nd	Pink shirt day. Assembly at 1:45pm
Friday, February 24 th	Fun Food Day with White Spot.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

We are celebrating reading today! (well every day we celebrate reading!). There were various activities happening in classes and we all met in the gym at 1:50 pm for a read aloud and shared reading with our classmates and friends. A special book was shared as well. As Family Literacy Day is on Friday (and we have a Pro Day) we do hope families will spend some time together reading. Our monthly assembly on Wednesday provided us an opportunity to show the members of the 4 basketball teams, the chess clubs and we even honoured the students who were in a chess tournament on the weekend. We also reviewed the ways we recycle at school. This has been kindergarten registration week. Please ensure your child is registered if they turn 5 by December 31st, 2023. Please chat with your neighbours if they have school aged children as well. All of this early effort helps us with staff planning. Some of the themes in the classrooms have been around Chinese New Year and Black History month with artwork and writing projects. Thank you PAC executive and all those that support our latest activities: bottle drive and fun food Friday. We look forward to a very busy month in February. Please watch the calendars and student agendas. ~Miss Pick

SCHOOL NEWS...

HAPPY LITERACY DAY!



K-12 TRANSFER PROCESS

The annual K-12 Student Transfer Process facilitates requests from students in Kindergarten to Grade 12 to transfer to schools outside of a designated catchment. To apply for a transfer request you must complete a transfer form during the K-12 Student Transfer Process week of February 6 – 10, 2023.

Transfer forms will be made available on our district website during the transfer period for families to print at home. Forms will also be available for students to pick up at their school office. Students will **return transfer request forms to the office during the period of Feb 6 – 10th** (we are not asking parents to enter schools for this)

Students who are not in the catchment and looking to follow the school pathway at the time of transition from elementary to middle and middle to secondary (Grades 5 and 8), will now have to apply for a transfer request. Non-catchment students no longer automatically follow their current school pathway.

For more information on in-catchment school pathways and transitions, please visit [School Pathways & Transitions](#).

In the event, a school receives more transfer requests by grade than the number of seats it can accommodate, the waitlist order of transfer requests will be determined by lottery in accordance with our student enrolment priorities. Therefore, there is **no advantage of submitting your transfer request first**. Please submit your request at your convenience during the communicated dates.

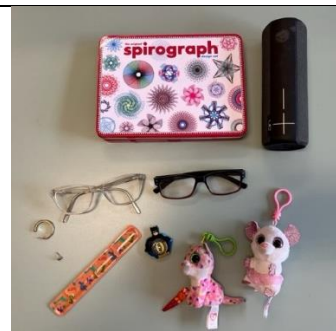
3 major points!

1. Forms can be printed at home OR picked up at school office during that week only.
2. Returned to the office that week only.
3. Transfer requests are by lottery - submit anytime that week

LOST & FOUND – *Did you know...*

...we have a lost & found in the office for smaller items? If you've misplaced jewelry, eyeglasses, electronics, keys, hair accessories, etc please come to the office to inquire.

The photo is showing what we currently have.



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 next fund food day is February 24th from White Spot!

Please place your orders at <https://vrpac.hotlunches.net/admin/?sid=&un=0>

CODE: VRES

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:

<p>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>	
<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...

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	George Jay Elementary 1118 Princess Avenue
James Bay Community 140 Oswego Street	Macaulay Elementary 1010 Wychbury Avenue
McKenzie Elementary 4005 Raymond Street North	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/>

STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY

The [2022/23 Student Learning Survey](#) for students in Grades 4, 7, 10, and 12, as well as parents, staff, and principals/vice-principals is now open and available until April 28, 2023. The student and staff surveys are available in English and French, and the parent survey is available in 18 languages.

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 off 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](#)