

**APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

## VIEW ROYAL ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

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### IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE...

Thursday, April 13 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline to order Fun Food (online, 6:00pm)
Saturday, April 15 <sup>th</sup>	Bottle Drive. 9:00am – 1:00pm in the school parking lot.
Friday, April 21 <sup>st</sup>	Please advise us if your K-4 child will not return to View Royal in September.
Friday, April 21 <sup>st</sup>	Fun Food Day!
Tuesday, April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Class photo day. Bring your smiles! ☺
Thursday, April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly. All welcome. 1:45pm in the gym.
Wednesday, April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair opens! 2:37pm – 3:30pm
Thursday, April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair continues. 12:00pm – 5:30pm
<b>Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>EARLY DISMISSAL AT 12:00PM</b>
Thursday, April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Student Led Conferences. Stop by anytime between 12:45pm – 5:30pm

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Happy Term 3 and to all who celebrate this time of year. We have been connecting with our community this spring. Jack Knox delivered the Times Colonist Raise a Reader cheque to our librarian, Mrs. O'Sullivan. The staff from Western Financial Group delivered a giant cheque for \$5000 for our technology project. Last Friday we were in awe by the hoop dancing skills of Teddy Anderson and we listened to his story and the messages of the Medicine Wheel as well as inclusion and diversity. This week we received our staffing information for the 2023-2024 school year. Our school will have 13 divisions which is a reduction of one. Thank you for contacting our school office if your family is moving. We have opened the school field for recess. Please keep reading on for so many upcoming events. See you Saturday at the PAC Bottle Drive and on April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Student Led Conferences. ~Miss Pick

### SCHOOL NEWS...

#### IS YOUR KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 4 CHILD NOT RETURNING TO VIEW ROYAL SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER? We need to know please!

It's the time of year when we start looking at our student enrollment numbers for next year; the School District allocates staffing based on projections for student enrollment. **We ask that you please advise the office by Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> if your child WILL NOT be returning to View Royal in September 2023.** You can contact us by calling 250-479-1671, or emailing [viewroyal@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:viewroyal@sd61.bc.ca). Thank you.

#### STUDENT LED CONFERENCES AND EARLY DISMISSAL WITH BONUS BOOK FAIR!

This is our annual opportunity for students to lead their learning by showing their families their school efforts and their classroom activities. Please join us anytime during this open house format.

##### Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023

12:00 pm Early Dismissal (students who ride the school bus will be picked up at 12:00pm)

12:45 pm Student Led Conferences – Open House format, no sign up or appointment required!

5:30 pm Student Led Conferences end

Book Fair information below...

#### THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS APPROACHING!

**(Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 2:37-3:30 and Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> 12:00 - 5:30)**

The Scholastic Book Fair is just around the corner and we're looking forward to seeing you there. Our Book Fairs connect students to the books they want to read. To help your child find the newest and best books, he or she will visit the Fair during class time for a preview. We also encourage you to look over the Highlights Flyer that will come home with your child. During the event, we invite you to help build our classroom libraries by purchasing books and donating them to your child's teacher through the Classroom Wish List Program. Teachers will have a chance to preview the sale and fill in their wish list. Please see the Classroom Wish List Display in the library during the sale. Thank you for encouraging your child to read. By purchasing books and supporting our Book Fair, you enable our school to obtain new resources. For every \$10 purchased at the fair, \$6 in book profit will be returned to our school library. We look forward to seeing you at our Scholastic Book Fair!

## MARKED PARKING STALLS

PLEASE observe the marked parking spaces. Over spring break new marked spots were added. **Parents, please do not park in the spots marked: Custodian, Out of School Care, Vice Principal and Principal as they are needed on and off throughout the day.**

## TRACK IS STARTING!

Coaches Audra Cullen and Amanda Bjork will have a Track meeting next week at recess. PLEASE encourage your Grade 3, 4, 5 child to join in the meeting. The track events are: 100 meter, 800 meter and 4 x 100 meters. This is a short season ending in a Zone meet at UVIC on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

## SPRING CLEANING? PLEASE SAVE YOUR GENTLY USED BOOKS FOR OUR 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BOOK BINGE

This is a great opportunity to encourage your children to keep reading over the summer break! Gear up with new reading material by simply bringing in your child's gently used books (i.e. fiction, non-fiction, chapter books, picture books, comic books, etc...*please note: board books and toddler books are too young for our students, but they can be donated to the 1000x5 book bin in our school office*). Students will be given one ticket for each book they bring in (up to 7 tickets per student, any books brought in over that amount will be donated to share with ALL View Royal students at the Book Binge). During the third week of June your child's class will come to the library to cash in their tickets and 'shop' for their new, gently used, books. The idea is that every student will receive at least 1-7 'new' books. Please help your child and start sorting their gently used books!! The students may bring them to the library at any time. If you have any questions please come by the library or email Sherri O'Sullivan at [sosullivan@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:sosullivan@sd61.bc.ca)

## THANK YOU WESTERN FINANCIAL GROUP!!!



February 28, 2023

The BOE of SD #61 (Greater Victoria)

To whom it may concern:

As part of The Western Financial Group Communities Foundation programming, our employees across more than 184 branches invest in hundreds of local charities or municipal projects. We leverage their commitment to giving back by offering them the chance to support a cause they care about.

This year, our Admirals Walk branch has selected your organization/project to receive their funds!

The Communities Foundation is pleased to provide your organization/project with the enclosed cheque for \$5000.00 to be used towards the View Royal Elementary Technology Project.

### Sharing your excitement?

We encourage you to share the gift on your own social sites and would love you to use the following hashtags to help get the word out about the Communities Foundation:

- #Westerngives
- #thecomunitiesfoundation

Thank you for partnering with the Foundation to create strong and vibrant communities!



## LACROSSE

A big thank you to Eagles Lacrosse! Students had a lot of fun last week learning about, and playing lacrosse with some of their players. Lacrosse is a great sport for team building and development. It is a fast paced game, has a short season, fun tournaments and has an excellent community. If you are interested in learning more or would like to register please contact Alysha at 778-350-0524 or email [velacrosseregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:velacrosseregistrar@gmail.com) REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW! Victoria-Esquamalt Lacrosse Association website: <https://velacrosse.com/>

## A THANK YOU TO VIEW ROYAL SCHOOL

Back in February our school raised \$497.90 for the Terry Fox Foundation. [Read their letter here.](#)

## INFORMATION FROM OUR PAC...

### FUN FOOD DAY

Orders for April to June are now available on the Hot Lunch Website. **April Fun Lunch order deadline is TODAY at 6pm.**

April 21 – Sushi & Booster Juice – Order Deadline April 13th

May 12– This Week's Lunch – Order Deadline May 4th

June 16 – White Spot – Order Deadline June 8<sup>th</sup>

Place your orders online at [Hot Lunches](#) \*\*\*CODE: VRES\*\*\* Any questions about the ordering process and requests for Fun Lunch financial support can be confidentially sent to [funfood@vrpac.com](mailto:funfood@vrpac.com).

### BOTTLE DRIVE THIS SATURDAY!

Our Spring Bottle Drive is **Saturday, April 15th, from 9 am to 1 pm** in the View Royal Elementary School Parking Lot. Come by and drop your empty cans, bottles, and milk jugs! All funds raised go right back to supporting the school.



### PURDY'S FUNDRAISER

Our Purdy's Fundraiser was a huge success raising just over \$1,200. Thank you for your support!

### FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP – April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

**Social Media: Risks and Educational Uses...presented by [Science Venture](#)**

The Social Media Workshop, presented by Science Venture, a non-profit organization based out of UVic, explores popular social media platforms such as BeReal, Instagram, TikTok, and Snapchat. Each portion includes a tutorial on the platform, including key terminology, an explanation of how the platform suggests targeted content, how (if possible) to set up parental controls, and an exploration of the safe use and potential risks each platform poses.

Science Venture also recognizes that social media can be a great networking and educational tool; parents might use it to connect with each other, and ultimately children use it to try and make virtual connections. Within the platform's limitations, we can include accounts that post educational content for either parents or children.

### WE NEED YOUR HELP

We've started planning for the Fun Fair on June 9th (Yahoo!) We won't be able to run this event without parent support. We'll be sending out more information and a volunteer sign-up very soon. Here's a sneak peek at how you can help:

- Do you have a popup shade tent we can borrow on June 9<sup>th</sup>? (Please email us at [exec@vrpac.com](mailto:exec@vrpac.com))
- Cake walk coordinator
- Cake walk bakers
- Door prizes from community or local businesses
- Volunteers before, during, and after the event

### PAC MEETING

Our next PAC Meeting is on May 10th at 6:30 pm. We will be sharing details for the upcoming Fun Fair, planning events for 2023/2024 school year, and reviewing our budget. This is your chance to get involved and participate in the conversation. As always, FREE childcare is available in the gym. See you there!

## ONGOING FUNDRAISERS:

#### 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](mailto: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...

### 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. For questions about the survey, contact [EDUC.ReportingUnit@gov.bc.ca](mailto:EDUC.ReportingUnit@gov.bc.ca).

### 1000 x 5, 1000 BOOKS BY AGE FIVE – Book Spring Cleaning Time

We have reached 12 years and 300,000 books! Thank you thank you. And we are not stopping. Take your extra baby and preschooler books to the pink bin in the office lobby. Help change a child's future.

### **STRONGSTART - An invitation to all children, ages 0-5, 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**

April's Snapshot - [Parenting with the Brain in Mind](#)

### **ROYAL SOCCER CLUB**

The Royal Soccer Club, a registered non-profit community organization, is proud to host their 31<sup>st</sup> annual popular grassroots summer soccer day camps. The program is designed to promote personal development, team building and of course, FUN! Uniquely designed to offer a soccer focus in the morning and a leisure swim with other organized activities in the afternoons to all children aged 5 to 13, the program operates during all weeks in July and August. For more information or to register, visit [royalsoccerclub.com](http://royalsoccerclub.com) or call 1-800-427-0536.

[Royal Soccer Club Poster](#)

[Royal Soccer Club Pricing and Policies](#)

[Royal Soccer Camps and Registration Information](#)

### **FAMILY SMART ONLINE EVENT WITH DR. GREENE**

Dr. Ross Greene will speak about how **Collaborative and Proactive Solutions** can help us show our kids we care about them. Solving problems together creates connection and allows our children to be a part of finding solutions to what is causing their concerning behaviour. Dr. Greene's work reminds us that things go better for everyone, when we solve problems together and that kids do well if they can.

More information here: <https://viewroyal.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/54/2023/04/FamilySmart-Dr.-Ross-Greene-Event-May-4-2023.jpg>

### **FREE PISE FESTIVAL FOR FAMILIES – May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Information poster: <https://viewroyal.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/54/2023/04/FSRF-2023-poster-sponsor-legal-size-web.jpg>

### **PARENT RESOURCES/WORKSHOPS**

FamilySmart Program: [A Conversation for Families About Digital Wellbeing & Mental Health](#)