



IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE...

Thursday, April 27 th	Book Fair continues. 12:00pm – 5:30pm
Thursday, April 27 th	Student Led Conferences. Stop by anytime between 12:45pm – 5:30pm
Thursday, May 4 th	Deadline to order Fun Food. (6:00pm, online)
Wednesday, May 10 th	PAC Meeting. 6:30pm
Thursday, May 11 th	Grade 5s to Camp Thunderbird
Friday May 12 th	Friday Fun Lunch from This Week’s Lunch
Friday, May 19 th	PRO-D DAY. No school for students.

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE...

There is excitement this week with the chirping of freshly hatched chicks, active salmon fry ready to be released and praying mantis moving through their stages. The life cycle is an active learning opportunity here. We were all smiles with Class photo day yesterday outdoors thanks to the sunny weather. With great thanks to Camp Thunderbird, our Grade 5 teaching team and parents, we were able to reschedule the Grade 5 yearend camp to May after Camp Pringle were unable to host us this year. Thank you families and neighbours for supporting another successful and supportive bottle drive as well as thank you PAC for the online Social Media workshop held last week. Welcome Ms Desiree Harvey and Ms Miranda Skelly for your spring teaching practicum in Mrs. Bjork's classroom. We had an opportunity for a meeting with Ms Alannah Markert this week (former EA at View Royal!) who is now our school district's Elementary Indigenous Student and Family Advocate. We will be sending more information on this new role in the coming newsletter. Thank you to Mrs Cullen and Mrs. Bjork for volunteering to coach our Track team for interested Grade 3, 4, and 5 students. Track events include the 100 m, 800 m and 4x100 m . While we are busy with term three activities, we are in the planning stages for September. Please help by sending in your orange friendship forms by Monday. See you at the Student Led Conferences and Book Fair! ~ Miss Pick

SCHOOL NEWS...

CODE OF CONDUCT

It's the time of year when we ask for parent input on our Code of Conduct. Please read the document below and contact Renee Pick at rpick@sd61.bc.ca if you have any feedback. Thank you.
[View Royal Code of Conduct](#)

LOST AND FOUND

Our lost and found will be on display in the hallway near the front doors during our Student Led Conferences. Please make sure to take a look. Additionally, a pair of **brand new** crocs (still in the box) were left on our playground the other day. If they are yours please come by the office to identify and claim.

SPRING CLEANING? PLEASE SAVE YOUR GENTLY USED BOOKS FOR OUR 12TH 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

INFORMATION FROM OUR PAC...

FUN FOOD DAY INFO

Orders for May to June are now available on the Hot Lunch Website.

May 12— This Week's Lunch — Order **Deadline May 4th**

June 16 — White Spot — Order **Deadline June 8th**

NOTE: Chicken strips have been added to the White Spot menu. Parents are able to edit their orders if desired.

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

SOCIAL MEDIA WORKSHOP/SCIENCE VENTURE

Our Social Media workshop presented by [Science Venture](#) was a huge hit! If you're looking for [summer camps](#), be sure to check out their full and half-day camps.

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, reviewing our budget, and voting on next year's PAC executives. This is your chance to get involved and participate in the conversation. The PAC executive position of Parent at Large is a great way to start getting involved. As always, **FREE childcare is available in the gym**. See you there!

ONGOING FUNDRAISERS:

BOTTLE DRIVES!

Thank you to everyone who supported our April Bottle drive. We filled 14 large bins with the help of our school and the community!

Our next Bottle Drive is **Saturday, June 17th, 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.



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...

VIEW ROYAL OUT OF SCHOOL CARE TOY DRIVE

A big THANK YOU, to all those who have donated to our VROSC Toy Drive! We are all so very grateful for the many amazing items that the children in all our programs will be able to use. We are looking forward to our expansion being complete and our program growing. Thank you for your kindness,
View Royal OSC and Little Wonders Preschool



LITTLE WONDERS PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration for Little Wonders Preschool September 2023 is open! For registration link and more information, please head over to our website. <https://www.viewroyalosc.com/little-wonders-preschool>
More information here: [Registration Information](#)

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](#)

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FAIR AND DISPLAY

In an effort to kick off Emergency Preparedness Week (May 7 -13), Sunday, May 7th there will be an event in the parking lot of Juan de Fuca Recreation Centre. There will be various emergency response agencies participating with equipment, apparatus and demos as well as activities for kids. There will also be door prizes, giveaways, and emergency preparedness and safety information. Something for everyone. Should be a great day!

Information here: [Emergency Preparedness Event Poster](#)

UVIC SCIENCE RENDEVOUZ VICTORIA

This year UVic's Science Venture is working with the good people at UVic, Camosun, and Ocean Networks Canada and Lets Talk Science to organise year two of Science Rendezvous Victoria. Open to all, please see details below and spread the word. Information here: [UVic Science Rendezvous Victoria Poster](#)

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>