

**MAY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

## VIEW ROYAL ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

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### IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE...

Friday May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Friday Fun Lunch from This Week's Lunch
Thursday, May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Wear colours of the rainbow today!
Thursday, May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 5 Transition Day. 1:00pm visits to Middle Schools in SD61.
Friday, May 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>PRO-D DAY.</b> No school for students.
Monday, May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>VICTORIA DAY STAT.</b> School closed.
Thursday, May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Welcome to Kindergarten Event for new kindergarten students starting in September 2023 (emails sent to families)
Friday, May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Track Meet at UVic, 9:45am to 1:30pm
Monday, May 29 <sup>th</sup> - Friday, June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bike to school week
Wednesday, May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Assembly at 1:45pm. All welcome.
Wednesday, May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Code of Conduct feedback due today. (to <a href="mailto:viewroyal@sd61.bc.ca">viewroyal@sd61.bc.ca</a> )

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Hello sunshine! We are out and about in the community as our field trips begin to ramp up! We thank our parents and PAC Executive every day as new items arrive and experiences take place for the students. Thank you for each and every chocolate and Christmas card you purchased, cans and bottles you brought in and Friday Fun food you ordered. It has all made a difference for our students and teachers all year long. Thank you to Coaches Audra Cullen and Amanda Bjork who have put together a team of 60 Grade 3, 4, and 5 Track athletes as they prepare for their upcoming Track meet. We were entertained yesterday by the Langley Ukulele Ensemble and thank Mr. Lee for arranging this talented group to inspire our own ukulele playing. Some of our classes have learned Cedar Rose making thanks to Mr. John Harris, from our SD 61 INED department. He supports Elders and Indigenous Knowledge. We jumped rope for our hearts last week in beautiful weather as a whole school. We have the new Kindergarten class for September on our minds as we prepare for their Welcome Phone calls and Welcome to Kindergarten visit to our school this month. Detailed emails regarding our Welcome to Kindergarten event were sent to all those new kindergarten students who have registered with us. Simultaneously, we are preparing the final activities for our outgoing Grade 5 students. Today they are attending Camp Thunderbird and next week they visit their middle schools as part of the Transition program. Congratulations to the new PAC Executive who were voted in last evening at the May PAC meeting. We are grateful to be beneficiaries of your voluntary service and skill sharing. We thanked Mrs. Shannon Petrovic, who led us for four days of instruction over the two week long gymnastics unit. Students shared their delight with this unit and teachers expressed appreciation for the in-class professional development. Rainbow Week is next week and we look forward to seeing all the rainbow colours in clothing choices all week and especially on Spirit Day on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. ~Miss Pick

### SCHOOL NEWS...

#### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Thank you to the View Royal Family for another successful Scholastic Book Fair. We had many staff members step in to help, thank you to them and to the families for their patience, as the library was very busy!! Congratulations to Elliott Wood for being the Family Event Door Prize winner. Elliott received \$25 worth of product for his family and \$25 worth of books for Mrs. Miller's classroom (and he is very patiently waiting for his final item to arrive)!!

#### WELCOME TO OUR NEW INDIGENOUS STUDENT AND FAMILY ADVOCATE (ISFA)

We welcomed Alannah Markert to our school for a visit. While she was once an Educational Assistant here at View Royal and Oaklands Schools, she is now the Indigenous Student and Family Advocate (ISFA) for our school district. She is part of a team at School District 61 Indigenous Education Department. Indigenous Student and Family Advocate supports schools where there is no site-based staff. The ISFA will get to know the staff and school milieu, and the Indigenous student population and families. The ISFA can bridge connections between schools, students, and families and can also provide advocacy for bringing Indigenous perspectives and worldviews into schools and classrooms. We can also invite her to events. Ms Markert was here the first week of May to join our cedar flower making session. Please welcome back Ms Markert in her new role!

## 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)

## 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](mailto:rpick@sd61.bc.ca) if you have any feedback. Thank you.

[View Royal Code of Conduct](#)

## INFORMATION FROM OUR PAC...

### FUN FAIR VOLUNTEERS — WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Thank you to those who have already signed up to help with the Fun Fair on Friday, June 9th, from 5-8 pm at the school. **We still need many more volunteers to run this event. Please sign up here** to volunteer for setup, during the event, or for clean up. <https://tinyurl.com/VRfunfair>.

**We will not be able to run this event if we don't have enough volunteers to help support this.**

### FUN FAIR FOOD ORDERS

Hot Dog Combo orders for the Fun Fair are now up on [Hot Lunches](#) \*\*\*CODE: VRES\*\*\*

To Order, look for "Fun Fair — June 9" under the orders section.

Each View Royal Elementary School student will receive a FREE Hot Dog Combo (vegan & Gluten Free Options are available). These orders must be done through each student's account so tickets can be delivered by division.

Additional Hot Dog Combos for friends and family members should be bought through the oldest student's account, and the tickets will be sent home with your student closer to the date.

**Fun Fair Order Deadline is May 18th, 2023**

We will have some extra hot dogs, snacks, and drinks available at the event for purchase while quantities last. It's best to preorder to reserve your dogs.

Any questions about the ordering process and requests for Fun Lunch financial support can be confidentiality sent to [funfood@vrpac.com](mailto:funfood@vrpac.com).

Please look for additional information on the Fun Fair on your "What's happening in May" coming home next week.

### FUN FOOD DAY INFO

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

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






**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](mailto:funfood@vrpac.com).

### PAC MEETING

Our last PAC Meeting is on **June 14th at 6:30 pm**. As always, **FREE childcare is available in the gym**. See you there!

## ONGOING FUNDRAISERS:

<p><b>BOTTLE DRIVES!</b> 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 <b>Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, from 9 am to 1 pm</b> 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.</p>	
<p><b>Peninsula Co-op Membership Number</b> 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. <b>Membership #: 135898</b></p>	
<p><b>Fairway Market Grocery Cards</b> 5% of all money loaded onto <b>Fairway Market Fundraiser Grocery Cards</b> goes right back to the View Royal Elementary PAC! To request a card, please email <b>president@vrpac.com</b>.</p>	
<p><b>Cobs Bread at Eagle Creek Shopping Center</b> Cobs Bread Eagle Creek- <b>ask for your order to be put under "View Royal Elementary" *before being rung through*</b> and 5% of your purchase will go back to our school!</p>	
<p><b>Glenwood Meats - 1245 Parkdale Drive in Langford</b> Glenwood Meats is offering 10% of all purchases back to our school! <b>Bring your receipts to the school drop box, or ask at Glenwood counter to have your receipt put into the View Royal box.</b></p>	

## IN OTHER NEWS...

<p><b>STRONGSTART - An invitation to all children, ages 0-5, and families</b> 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 <a href="#">booking app</a> to select the day(s) you can join us! If you are a first-time visitor, please register using the <a href="#">online registration form</a>. 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: <a href="https://www.sd61.bc.ca/programs/strong-start/">https://www.sd61.bc.ca/programs/strong-start/</a></p>							
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<p><b>GREATER VICTORIA SCHOOL DISTRICT'S MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS SNAPSHOT</b> May's Snapshot - <a href="#">Guiding Children Through Transitions</a></p>
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<p><b>BC INTER-SCHOOL JUNIOR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2023</b> <a href="https://viewroyal.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/54/2023/05/BC-RCB-Flyer.png">https://viewroyal.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/54/2023/05/BC-RCB-Flyer.png</a></p>
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<p><b>SPRING FUN, FITNESS AND SAFETY</b> While the weather might be a little unpredictable this time of year, springtime outdoor play for children with their peers is important. Before you know it, summer will be here providing more opportunity for family outdoor activities. So now is the time to encourage outdoor play with friends as much as possible, so they can soak up all the educational, social, developmental, and physical health benefits springtime outdoor play provides. <a href="#">Spring Fun, Fitness and Safety</a></p>
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<p><b>HORSEBACK RIDING LESSONS AND CAMPS</b> Local farm and equestrian centre, Harmony Equestrian, located in the Hunt Valley on Hunt Road in Saanich offers lessons to all ages and abilities from beginner to advanced, and provide lessons to any discipline. They have a great facility with indoor and outdoor arenas, and are proud to have experienced and certified coaching staff. They also have summer riding camps coming up this summer. Contact <b>Sean Currie</b> at 672-974-3276 or at <a href="mailto:info@gamaloacres.com">info@gamaloacres.com</a> for more information. Website: <a href="http://www.gamaloacres.com">www.gamaloacres.com</a></p>
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<p><b>HELLO FROM THE VIEW ROYAL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION!</b> We are currently looking for people to host daytime community classes during the week. We are interested in having classes oriented to seniors (yoga, art, computer classes, etc), <b>parent &amp; tot groups</b>, and homeschooling groups. If this would be of something of interest to you, please send us a message or text / phone call. Cheryl, VRCA Community Coordinator , 250-216-7340.</p>
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