



IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE...

Thursday, June 8 th	Deadline to order for Fun Lunch Friday (6:00pm, online)
Friday, June 9 th	Fun Fair, 5:00pm – 8:00pm
Wednesday, June 14 th	PAC meeting, 6:30pm
June 15 th – June 16 th	Strong Start closed
Thursday, June 15 th	Spirit Day! Heads Held High - How to Participate
Friday, June 16 th	Fun Food Friday
Saturday, June 17 th	PAC Bottle drive, 9:00-1:00 in the school parking lot
Wednesday, June 28 th	Grade 5 Leaving ceremony, 1:30pm in the gym
Thursday, June 29 th	Strong Start closed
Thursday, June 29 th	Family, student, and staff picnic
Thursday, June 29 th	Last day of school for the summer. Report cards home.

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE...

Feels like summer! Weather, sports, camping and the exciting return of our school Fun Fair! We do hope you take the time to sign up to volunteer and bring your family. Thank you to the PAC executive, coordinators and supporting parents who have been preparing for months for this event! Thank you parents for supporting our student cyclists for Bike to School Week! It was a great success! To add to our learning, we have had guest speakers on Solar Energy and Science Venture. We’ve also been out in community on field trips. Thank you teachers, parents, bus drivers and office staff for helping make these happen. Another lovely assembly with performances from the choir, ukulele group and our strings orchestra took place last week. We very much would like to acknowledge the student athletes who competed at City Final Track on June 1st. Congratulations on whatever colour of ribbon you received! Cheering families overfilled the stands on a beautiful evening. We are so proud of our View Royal School track team who competed against 27 other elementary schools. ‘The Music Room’ on Saturday at Memorial Park in Esquimalt featured our school’s ukulele group as part of a line up of school performances that afternoon. This fundraiser was for the Foundry which is operated by Victoria Youth Clinic and its goal to fight the stigma of mental illness. Thank you Mr. Lee for arranging our school to join in with other performers from Shoreline Middle and Esquimalt High School. ~See you at the Fun Fair! ~ Miss Pick

SCHOOL NEWS...

WALKING SAFETY TIPS

We are including some student safety tips for walking to and from school. With the good weather here students are walking, biking, and scootering to school and we would like to provide you with steps you can take to increase your child’s safety on their way to school. <http://www.activesaferoutes.ca/resources/safety-tips/>

OUR LOST AND FOUND IS, QUITE LITERALLY, OVERFLOWING!

The lost and found will be on display by the upper playground tomorrow during the Fun Fair. Please come by and have a look. Anything unclaimed by the end of the year will be donated.



LIBRARY BOOKS BACK PLEASE

Please help out our Teacher Librarian, Mrs. O’Sullivan, by ensuring all library books are returned to the school no later than Monday, June 19th. Thank you very much.

FINAL REMINDER TO BRING BOOKS IN FOR THE BOOK BINGE!

Please bring books in for the Book Binge by Thursday, June 15th.

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE ☺

We are looking for volunteers to help pull weeds from our Indigenous garden. If you are able to help please reach out to Jen Fahr for more details. 250-479-1671 OR jfahr@sd61.bc.ca

INFORMATION FROM OUR PAC...

THE FUN FAIR IS ALMOST HERE!

The Fun Fair is back!! Join us Friday, June 9th from 5-8pm at View Royal Elementary.

By school dismissal, we will be in full swing for setting up the Fun Fair. We ask that you please keep your children off the field during this time and away from the items that are setup. We know this will be an exciting time and very hard for the students! The PAC is so excited for everyone to come back at 5:00pm and have fun!!.

Fun Fair 2023 events:

- Inflatable Lazer Maze
- Bouncy castle with slide
- Inflatable Obstacle Course
- Bubble Balls
- Inflatable Bungee Run
- Basketball shoot-out (inflatable)
- Hockey shoot-out (with prizes!)
- Fish pond (with prizes!)
- Spin to win (with prizes!)
- Pitch burst ("dunk tank" with water balloons)
- Cake Walk (with cakes and other baking!)

With vendors on site:

- Sparkle Storm Face Painting (free!)
- Sub Zero Ice Cream Truck (credit/debit/cash)
- Soundworks Entertainment (DJ/music)
- Extreme Outreach Society (hot dogs/chips/drinks) *Every student has received a ticket for a free hot dog combo! Thank you to those who pre ordered- tickets were sent home with students earlier this week. **Please bring those to the Fun Fair.** We will have limited extra for sale: Hot Dog Combo (Hot dog, chips & drink) \$5, Extra drinks \$1*
- And the View Royal Fire Department! AND door prizes!

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS!

We would like to give a huge thank you to our community supporters who generously donated prizes for this year's fun fair!

- Thrifty Foods
- Robbins Parking
- Shaw Center for the Salish Sea
- ScanDesigns Furniture
- Peninsula Co-op
- Refire Kitchen
- Royal BC Museum

50/50 RAFFLE

From now until June 9th at 11:59pm we'll be running a 50/50 Raffle to help kick off our fundraising for a **NEW PLAYGROUND!**

Pricing – 1 ticket \$5 ♦ 5 tickets \$20 30 tickets \$100

The winner will be drawn at the PAC meeting on June 14th at 7 pm.

Please see full details and purchase your tickets online at <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/vresp>

Please feel free to share the link with friends and family within BC.

Gaming License #141764. Must be 19+ and a BC resident.

FUN FOOD DAY INFO

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

June 16 – White Spot – Order **Deadline June 8th, 6pm**

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](https://www.hotlunch.com) ***CODE: VRES*** Any questions about the ordering process funfood@vrpac.com. No child will be denied a fun lunch due to financial difficulties; please send requests confidentiality to jfahr@sd61.bc.ca or 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:

BOTTLE DRIVES!

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...

GVSD INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM – HOST FAMILIES NEEDED!

The Greater Victoria School District's International Student Program is looking for new host families. Hosting an International Student is a great opportunity for cultural exchange and the program offers orientation and ongoing 24/7 support. \$1100 per month is provided for student support (\$1200 per month beginning in February of 2024.) If you would like more information, please join us at our upcoming information session or reach out and we would be happy to share details.

More information here: [Homestay Hosts Needed Info Poster](#)

RUSSELL BOOKS AND HARBOURCATS TICKETS

Russell Books has partnered with Victoria HarbourCats Baseball Club! To celebrate the opening day of the season and to encourage more young readers, Russell Books is inviting local students to turn their daily reading into baseball tickets. By recording 15 hours of reading on a Harvey's Reading Club Reading Log, students can exchange their hard work for two free adult ticket vouchers - valid for any 2023 HarbourCats regular season home game. Feel free to print off the attached Reading Log or pick one up in-store at Russell Books!

[Print off the Reading Log here](#)

GREATER VICTORIA SCHOOL DISTRICT'S MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS SNAPSHOT

June's Snapshot - [Diversity is a Fact, Inclusion is a Choice](#)

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

1000x5 BOOK RECYCLING PROGRAM – Summer is coming, 300,000 books and counting!

Have you found the **pink bin** in the reception area of the office?

Thanks to you, 1000X5 has sent over 300,000 books into homes of babies and preschoolers who have few books. 27 agencies in over 70 programs distribute 3 books in a bag to 800-1000 children every month! Including the summer. Please help us fill the shelves so more children can climb onto a lap and hear a good story.