



**Victoria West Elementary e-Bulletin**  
**September 10 - 14, 2018**

**\*\*See Attachments\*\***

**Please check the School Website for Daily Updates and Tweets! 😊**

**Welcome Back!! And Welcome to our New Families!**

It's a new school year, and we are so very happy to see all of you! To our returning families, we are grateful to have you back with us and to our new families...a most warm and gracious welcome to you! On Thursday, we gathered as a community of learners, grades one to five. We introduced our theme: **At Vic West... Be Who You Are!** Come and see the bulletin board inside by the front doors.

This week, our Kindergarten students have enjoyed shorter times and smaller groups to get to know their new learning community.

In addition, we have confirmed our classes today.

Thank you for your support. We are looking forward to learning and growing with your children this year! 😊

Sincerely

Marla Margetts, Principal

Karian Brigidear, Vice Principal

**Ongoing Fundraisers and Stay in Touch Info**

Thrifty Foods Smile Card program - Cards can be obtained from the PAC drawer in the office.

SPUD - Register for an account at [spud.ca](http://spud.ca). SPUD will donate up to 25% and you can order as many boxes as many times as you want! Delivery can be made to your home or office.

School Cash Online - Donations made before the end of the year can be used on your 2017 tax return!

Details for each ongoing fundraiser and how they work can be found posted on the PAC bulletin board at the school, under 'Files' on the Facebook page (titled Passive FR) and on the website.

Vic West Elementary PAC could use your help for the remaining school year and beyond. We will be building a list of willing volunteers for upcoming events - such as the Spring Fling on May 17<sup>th</sup> and the Wacky Walk-A-Thon on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Volunteer forms will be available - please consider donating your time and talent!

For upcoming PAC events and news, please be sure to Like and Follow the Facebook page (search Vic West Elementary PAC) and bookmark the website at [www.vicwestpac.com](http://www.vicwestpac.com)

**Parking at Vic West**

With the increase in the number of students attending Vic West this school year, we have seen an increase in the number of parents/caregivers dropping off and picking up their children every day. If you have ever driven your child to our school, you will know it can be a tight squeeze sometimes.

There are certain areas that are unsafe and illegal to park in. In order for the morning and afternoon flow of traffic to remain safe to all persons on our school grounds, it is important for drivers to be aware of where it is ok to park and drop off/pick up. **Please do not park behind the school by the gym.** It is very difficult to be seen in that area, and there is a major safety concern for our students and staff. In addition, **please do NOT park in the handicapped parking areas as these are needed by some of our community members.**

Front Street and the roads leading into the school can become quite congested during the morning drop-off and afternoon pick up times. **Please park on the side roads if you need to come into the school.** The driveway is for drop-off and pick up only, and the parking lot is reserved for staff. Because we have staff that come at different hours, an empty spot in the morning does not mean that it won't be needed later in the day. As always, we appreciate your assistance with this, and we understand that on some days it can be very trying to navigate.

## **A Message from the Girl Guides of Canada**

Does your daughter like camping? crafts? making new friends? Would she benefit from learning leadership skills and teamwork?

Girl Guides of Canada just launched our new Girls First Program that gives girls choices based on their interests.

Raven District Girl Guides is starting soon. Why not come and join us. We have units for ages 5 to Adult. Register online at [www.girlguides.ca](http://www.girlguides.ca) (go to find a unit.)

Sparks (ages 5-6)

2nd Raven meet Tuesday's 6:30-7:30 at Esquimalt Rec Center

3rd Raven meet Wednesday's 6-7 pm at View Royal Community Hall

1st Raven meet Thursday's 6:30-7:30 at Esquimalt Rec Center

Brownies (ages 7-8)

47th Victoria meet Monday's 6:30-8:00 at Parish of St. Peter's & St.Paul's

Guides (ages 9-11)

14th Victoria meet Wednesday's 6:30-8:30 at Esquimalt Rec Center

7th Raven meet Thursday's 6:30-8:30 at Esquimalt United Church

Pathfinders (ages 12-14)

18th Victoria meet Thursday's 6:30-8:30 at Esquimalt Rec Center

Rangers (ages 15-17}

1st Emily Carr meet Wednesday's 6:30- 8:30 at Esquimalt Rec Center

Adult Volunteers always wanted.

If you have any questions email [ravendistrictcommis@gmail.com](mailto:ravendistrictcommis@gmail.com)

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## 1000 Books by Age Five

Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria

### **Please fill our empty bins!**

**157,000 books** in seven years donated to new homes where they are needed. THANK YOU!!! But our supply is very low and many agencies are clamoring for summer books to send home.

Please do a summer clean of your bookshelves and help another child succeed by having a home library. Take your gently used books **for babies to five year olds** to the pink bin in the school's Office.

## **Vic West Rain Garden**

Over the years many families have joined us in enjoying our Rain Garden. We are hoping that as a community, we can continue to maintain a collective effort to keep our rain garden beautiful and thriving. One thing we have noticed is that sometimes the littles who are accessing the area aren't always aware of not walking on the newly sprouting plant areas. Sometimes, there are attempts at climbing things as well. During school supervision hours it is a little easier for our staff to help remind them, but there are times of the day where we are not outside and that is where we are reaching out to our families to help with this. The beauty and learning opportunities that the Rain Garden provides is somewhat dependent on the plant growth that happens within it. We truly appreciate your assistance with this! In addition, please note that our Kindergarten students will be picked up by their families in the Rain Garden this year at the end of the day.

### **Late Arrivals/Early Departures - Need a Welcome Slip from the Office**

Please ensure that your child comes to the office if they are late. They will be asked to sign in and take a welcome slip to class. Leaving prior to the bell, also requires a visit to the office so that your child can sign off and be on their way. This practice ensures that we know where your child is while in our care.

#### **Child Alert:**

**Please let the school know if your child is going to be late or away from school. This saves our office staff valuable time. Please remember to phone the office and let us know. You are welcome to leave us a message 250-382-9131.**

Victoria West Elementary	
Daily Times	
School Starts	8:45 am (8:47 Mondays)
Recess	9:53-10:08 am
Lunch Eating	11:50 am - 12:10 pm
Lunch Playtime	12:10-12:35 pm
Dismissal	2:38 pm

#### **September 2018**

- Sept. 10 - Lunch Program Begins
- Sept. 12 - PAC Meeting 6:30 - 8:00 pm - in the library
- Sept. 13 - PAC Welcome Back BBQ 4:00 - 6:00 pm (at Vic West School)
- Sept. 17 - Pro-D Day - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- Sept. 21 - Terry Fox Run
- Sept. 28 - Orange Shirt Day