



Victoria West Elementary e-Bulletin
September 24 - 28, 2018

****See Attachments****

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

Library

September is off to a fantastic start! I really appreciate seeing so many families stopping by the library to read with their children before school. If you have not been in yet, you are welcome to stop by any time after 8:30am!

Indigo Adopt a School

For the next two weeks we will continue raising funds for our library through the Indigo Adopt a School program. So far we have raised a number of books but we still have time to raise many more! We encourage you to tell your friends and family about this wonderful contest as every dollar raised goes straight to our school. A big thank you to those who have donated so far! As stated by the Indigo website, "The Indigo Adopt a School program is an annual fundraising campaign that takes place over the course of three weeks each fall. This program is a terrific resource for Canadian elementary schools hoping to raise funds in support of their library! When you donate to a school in the Adopt a School program, you are helping to improve childhood literacy in Canada. Every dollar you donate goes directly to the school of your choice. All the schools we support get a 30% discount on books at Indigo. During the program, each participating school can use the Adopt a School online fundraising platform to raise funds for their library." Last year the library raised a lot of money to buy new books and resources and I am hoping this year will also be a great success. The contest runs from September 15, 2018 - October 7, 2018. Please follow this link to donate to our school and let your friends and family know as well!

<https://adoptaschool.indigo.ca/eng/schools>

Terry Fox

Much of our library program this week has centred around Terry Fox. Students have discussed the importance and significance of this Canadian hero and are running in the Terry Fox run Friday afternoon. Thank you for all the donations and support for this worthy cause.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic book fair will run from October 1, 2018 - October 5, 2018. The fair will be open both before and after school. I will post the exact dates and times the fair is open next week. A big thank you to the PAC and volunteers who are helping out with this year's fair.

Red Cedar Book Club

The Red Cedar Book Club is open to grade 4/5 students. The club will begin again in October. Stay tuned for more details!

PAC

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

Parking at Vic West

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.**

1000X5

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.

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. 28 - Orange Shirt Day

October 2018

Oct. 1 to 5 - Scholastic Book Fair - in the computer lab

Oct. 3 & 4 - Dismissal at 11:50am re: Parent Teacher Interviews
Oct. 8 - Thanksgiving Day - No School
Oct. 9 - Photo Day
Oct. 10 - 6:30 to 8pm PAC meeting - in the library
Oct. 11 - 9am Assembly
Oct. 19 - Pro-D Day - No School