



## **Victoria West Elementary e-Bulletin** **December 3-December 7, 2018**

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

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

### **Music Update**

Vic West Elementary School is located in Victoria, BC, on the unceded traditional Lekwungen territory of the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations.

Our school is surrounded by a supportive community who enable and celebrate successes for all our students. Our school-wide theme this year is: “Be Who You Are,” honouring our strengths, diversities, and taking pride in ourselves and where we come from.

Our music program is inspired by student interest. Students voted on the songs to cover for this contest and helped to grow the arrangements. Our grade 5 classes each meet once a week for music class, but some also come to the music room at lunch-recess to explore instruments, practice their parts, and develop their own musical creations. Division 1 and 2 entered the CBC Music Challenge.

**Please vote! 😊**

### **Here are the links: Youtube, ‘CBC Music Class’ channel**

Div 1: Oh What I Wouldn’t Do by Serena Ryder: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nrC2zxOR\\_4k](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nrC2zxOR_4k)

Div 2: The Unforgotten by Iskwé: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k9arHXVvVgg>

### **HAVE YOUR SAY: Catchment Boundary Review**

*Catchment boundaries are the geographical areas that determine which students are eligible to attend a specific school. The Greater Victoria School District is seeking public input on important considerations when re-evaluating catchment boundaries.*

*Due to increasing enrolment and limited space in some of its schools, the District must align registration with schools’ capacities. Some schools are full and enrolment projections indicate an additional 1,800 students may enroll in the District over the next 10 years. To accommodate the growing student population, the District must balance registration across the District with the space available at each school.*

*As part of the Catchment Boundary Review, The Greater Victoria School District is asking parents to participate in an online survey to provide valuable feedback to the Board of Education. The online survey is available at [www.sd61.bc.ca](http://www.sd61.bc.ca) until Friday, November 30, 2018.*

*It’s important the School District hears from you. Thank you in advance for providing your valuable feedback.*

# Holiday & Bake Sale

December 7<sup>th</sup> in the gymnasium

Time	Events	Cost
9:00 - 2:38	Holiday Sale for <b>students</b> (Bring your own bag!)	Cash donation (having no donation will NOT exclude a student)
2:38 – 4:30	Holiday Sale for <b>family &amp; friends</b> (Bring your own bag!)	\$1/item
2:38– 4:30	Bake Sale	Price varies by item

Our annual holiday sale is coming up! For those who are new to this event, it's a chance to let our little darlings shop for their family and enjoy the feeling of giving.

The PAC collects your gently used items in the weeks prior to the sale (donation boxes located at the 3 main entrances of the school) and displays it all in the gym on sale day.

Cash donations are collected by the teacher the morning of. The divisions are called down to the gym, one by one, to "shop". Students are to pick out one item for each member of their family at this time. In keeping with Victoria's environmental initiative, please make sure your child has brought a bag to use to transport their gifts home.

After school, the holiday sale opens up to Vic West Elementary family and friends and the bake sale portion begins!

Questions? Contact the PAC:

Facebook group 'Vic West Elementary PAC'

[vicwestpac@gmail.com](mailto:vicwestpac@gmail.com)

<i>Holiday &amp; Bake Sale</i>	
FAQs	
Q?	A!
What becomes of the proceeds of the Holiday and Bake Sale?	This fundraiser is one of our biggest and the PAC uses the money collected during this sale to fund the various other PAC-led activities throughout the year.

What items am I likely to see at the sale?	Every year the donations are a little different so it's hard to say what you'll see. Expect toys and games, primarily, and small pieces of home décor. But you just never know what you'll find. Sadly, you will not be able to build your wardrobe nor furnish your home through this sale as we do not accept clothing or furniture donations for the sale.
Why is there no clothing or furniture donations accepted for the sale?	Clothing donations are usually very hefty sort-throughs, hard to display, and volunteers are already quite busy handling other wares. Furniture is generally too large to store and handle.
How much money does my child need to bring to school to shop at the Holiday Sale?	The students can bring a cash donation the morning of to be collected by their teacher. <b>Having no donation will NOT exclude a student from this sale.</b> After school, items become \$1 each.
How many items is my child allowed to take from the sale?	We would like students to find 1 (one) item per family member, please. During school hours, students will have the opportunity to shop twice, once in the morning (limit of 2 items) and once in the afternoon (no limit). The sale will be open to their families after school, at which point students are able to purchase items at \$1 each.
When is the deadline for <b>item</b> donations?	December 5 <sup>th</sup>
Am I allowed to shop at the sale?	Yes, after school, the gym opens up to family and friends and the products are sold at \$1/item. All kids should be accompanied by an adult after school. This is also when the Bake Sale portion is added! Baked goods will be priced a little differently, however.
Will there be shopping bags at the Holiday Sale?	No, we're asking that all shoppers bring your own bag.
How late can I shop?	Sale closes at 4:30pm.

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## **ChoirKids**

We are well into the swing of things with our grades 1-5 students who have joined Choir for this term. **A reminder to parents and guardians that it is very important to report to the office if your child will be absent from Choir.** We take attendance each Thursday to ensure that your child is safe and accounted for and it is very helpful to us here to know if you have picked them up and excused them for the day. Thank you for your continued help and support with this! ☺

## **Library Report**

Wow only a few weeks of school left until winter break! Students have been busy in the library participating in literacy learning and makerspace activities. To go along with our “Be Who You Are” theme, students in Division 1 and 2 spent the past few weeks working on a video about their favourite things to do at Victoria West. Students worked hard filming their videos and their clips were compiled into a final project which was presented to our School Board. Well done Grade 5’s you did an excellent job of representing our wonderful community! The video will also be shown at next week’s assembly.

**Don’t forget as the weather gets colder our library is open daily starting at 8:30am. Students are welcome to come in and read with their families as long as they are accompanied by an adult!**

3 Books = 1 Gift  
Make it Happen



**This is the second year of the three book challenge.** As we head into the holiday season, many families appreciate a bit of help with gifts. And what can be a better gift than a bag of 3 books for babies and toddlers? Every month 1000X5 pops 2400 books in 800 gift bags. Last year, the challenge yielded thousands of books. Thank you.

If each child in Vic West Elementary School brought in 3 gently used books for babies and preschoolers, we would collect 825 books, enough for gift bags of books to 825 children. **Let’s make it happen.** Drop books for babies and preschoolers off in the pink bin in the office.

## **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.**

## 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	<b>8:45 am (8:47 Mondays)</b>
Recess	<b>9:53-10:08 am</b>
Lunch Eating	<b>11:50 am - 12:10 pm</b>
Lunch Playtime	<b>12:10-12:35 pm</b>
Dismissal	<b>2:38 pm</b>

### December 2018

December 6 - Assembly 9:00 am

December 7 - PAC Holiday Sale

December 12 - PAC Meeting 6:30 - 8:00 pm

December 13 - Last Day of Choir Kids

December 18 - Winter Concert Rehearsal during the day

December 19 - Winter Concert (tickets required) 1:30pm and 6pm - notice coming home on **MONDAY** \*

December 20 - Report Cards go home -NO Choir Kids

December 21 - Pyjama Day - whole school

Sing-A-Long in the gym 11:00 am - whole school

**Winter Break: December 24, 2018 - January 4, 2019 - First Day Back to School Monday, January 7, 2019**