



Victoria West Elementary e-Bulletin
January 28 to February 1, 2019

****See Attachments****

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

See important attachments regarding upcoming information

Monday Marks First Day of Kindergarten Registration and Kindergarten Transfer Process

VICTORIA BC – The annual Kindergarten registration and Kindergarten transfer process will take place next week between January 28 – February 1, 2019. To register a student for Kindergarten, parents and guardians must register children at their catchment school.

Every home address in the Greater Victoria School District is connected to a catchment school. To determine your catchment school, please visit our school locator tool: www.sd61.bc.ca/schools/school-locator/

The following documentation is required at the time of registration in order to register a student. Requirements differ if you are a home owner or renter.

Documentation requirements

Home owners must provide two of the following:

- Purchase agreement of home
- Recent property tax statement
- Home owner's insurance
- Notice of Assessment
- A purchase agreement (with subject removal and a deposit receipt if a recent purchase)

If a homeowner is able to only produce one of the above, they will be required to also produce two of the following:

- Canadian bank or credit card statement
- BC Vehicle registration
- Income tax statement
- Insurance documents

Renters must provide:

- A rental agreement signed by landlord with landlords contact phone number

In addition to the above, two of the following are required:

- Canadian bank or credit card statement
- BC Vehicle registration
- Income tax statement
- Renter Insurance documents

**Personal information other than address and full name can be redacted for privacy purposes.*

Parents and guardians who wish to have their Kindergarten child attend a school other than their designated catchment can apply for a transfer request. To apply for a non-catchment school, parents can submit a transfer request at the time of registration at their catchment school. To save parents a trip, Kindergarten transfer requests are now filed at the catchment school and not returned to the Board office.

English Kindergarten Registration will be processed on a first come first served basis in accordance with our Student Enrolment Priorities.

Student enrolment priorities

1. re-enrolling students
2. a catchment area sibling
3. a catchment area child
4. a non-catchment sibling
5. a non-catchment child
6. a non-school district child

The annual K-12 Transfer process will follow the Kindergarten Registration process from February 19 – 25, 2019. All new grade 1 – 12 students are also encouraged to apply during this time frame for the September 2019-20 school year.

For more information about student registration and transfer process, visit: www.sd61.bc.ca/parent-student-resources/registration/

Lunch Program - Changes

Our lunch program is changing to a NEEDS only program.

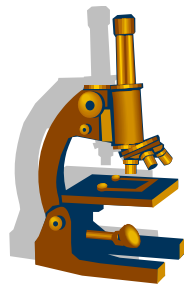
The lunch program will continue but with a different focus. We are moving to a NEEDS only program. Families who have used the program in the past because it is easier than making lunch at home are asked NOT to register under these new guidelines. To reduce the cost for those in need, we have eliminated the beverage as we have plenty of drinking water available from our new fountains.

CommunityLINK Programs will still help fund the School Meal Program, and continue to need your contributions. Your child's lunch costs the School District \$3.86 per day. Families in need of this program are asked to contribute their Fair Share that they can manage at the time.

Some suggested payment options might be:

- 1) Pay full cost for the first child and half for each additional child.
- 2) Pay \$25 dollars for the first child and \$10.00 for each additional child.
- 3) Whatever contribution your family can afford, no matter how small.
- 4) If you are unable to contribute this month, your child or children are still welcome to register for the program.

No child should go hungry at lunch and each family should support the program with whatever amount is possible



Do you love science??

Are you interested in finding out the answer to a question?

Then join in the Victoria West School Science Fair!

Victoria West Science Fair evening information sharing

On Wednesday January 23 from 6:30 – 7:30 pm the computer lab and the library will be open for families who want to learn more about the science fair. Parents can use the computer lab to explore the websites or look for books on science topics in the library. Mrs. Swain will be available to support parents and students who want to look for information.

For those who are interested, here are a few websites with information on Science projects:

www.sciencebuddies.org

www.education.com/science-fair/

www.cwsf.youthscience.ca

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hQ03NIOeEu4>

<http://sciencefair.math.iit.edu>

<http://www.all-science-fair-projects.com>

<https://www.sciencefaircentral.com/students/scientific-projects>

<https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/articles/teaching-content/40-cool-science-experiments-web/>

The Victoria West Science Fair is open to students from all grades

Students from all grades are invited to join in the fair. All you need to do is fill in your ideas and how you are going to complete your project using the scientific method given on the attached form. Return the form to Mrs. Swain by Friday February 1, 2019 and you are ready to go!! Complete your project and do a poster describing your methods. Ideas for a science fair project could come from many sources including: your hobbies or interests, a science topic from your class, ideas you get from the internet or from books and ideas from relatives, friends or your teacher.

Projects will be set up in the gym on the morning of Thursday February 28 and will go home at the end of the school day on Thursday. Classes will have a chance to look at all the projects throughout the day.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Swain at dswain@sd61.bc.ca or through the Victoria West Elementary office.

Library Report

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!

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	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

January 2019

January 28 - February 1st - Kindergarten Registration and Transfer Applications

January 31 - 10:30am ARTSTARTS Monster Theatre performance - Whole School Assembly

February 2019

February 15 - Pro D Day - no school for students

February 18 - Family Day - no school

February 27 - Pink Shirt Day - 9am Whole School Assembly

February 28 - Science Fair in the gym