



Victoria West Elementary e-Bulletin
February 4 to February 8, 2019

****See Attachments****

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

See important attachments regarding upcoming information

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION RE: EARLY LEARNING CENTRE AND CHILD CARE SPACES

For the Families of Vic West Elementary School -

Mark Walsh, GVSD Secretary-Treasurer and Marni Vistisen-Harwood, Manager of Capital Planning and Implementation, will be providing a community consultation regarding the Early Learning Centre and Child Care Spaces **on Thursday February 28th at 6:30pm at Vic West Elementary.**

This meeting will take place in the school library. All parents and guardians of Vic West Elementary are invited to attend.

Lunch Program - Changes

Our lunch program is changing to a NEEDS only program.

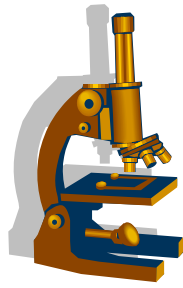
The lunch program will continue but with a different focus. We are moving to a NEEDS only program. Families who have used the program in the past because it is easier than making lunch at home are asked NOT to register under these new guidelines. To reduce the cost for those in need, we have eliminated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

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

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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

February 28 - 6:30pm Community Consultation re: Early Learning Centre and Child Care Spaces