



Victoria West Elementary e-Bulletin **May 6 - May 10, 2019**

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

<https://vicwest.sd61.bc.ca/>

Important Dates:

May 2019

May 13 - Welcome to Kindergarten - invites sent with specific times for adults to attend with their child

May 15 - Rainbow Day - wear the colours of the rainbow as we celebrate the beauty of diversity. ☺

May 16 - District Transition Afternoon for Grade 5 students to middle school - notice will be sent home

May 16 - ChoirKids today!

May 17 - Pro D Day - No school for students

May 20 - Victoria Day - Holiday - No School

May 23 - 9am Assembly - ChoirKids to perform

May 27 - Grade 3 to 5 Zone B Track Meet at UVIC - notices will be sent home with students participating

May 28 - Reunification Meeting for Vic West Parents and Guardians at Rockheights Middle School 6pm

May 30 - Reunification Drill - 1pm whole school - details will be sent home

May 30 - District Track Finals at UVIC in the evening

May 30 - LAST ChoirKids - to be confirmed

Scholastic BookFair

Thank you once again for your amazing support to our bookfair. Thanks to all of you we raised \$3474 dollars. These funds will remain in the school to support learning. A big thank you to all of our dedicated volunteers who helped make the bookfair a success and also to Mrs. Rachel Speller for her time and efforts.

Victoria West Community Association Out of School Care

Victoria West Community Association will be operating an Out of School Care program at Vic West Elementary school beginning in September, 2019.

Out of School Care will run from September-June, and will not run on school holidays, Stat holidays, or Pro-D days.

Registration packages will be available for pick up at the Vic West Elementary School office, and at the Victoria West Community Centre main office on May 1st.

Program Times are as follows:

Before School Care: 7:00am-8:45am

After School Care: 2:45pm-5:30pm

Registration will be in person only:
at Victoria West Community Centre
521 Craigflower Road
At 9:00am on Wednesday, May 15th.

Notification will be given no later than July 1, 2019.

For more information, please contact: info@victoriawest.ca

We'd like to acknowledge and thank President's Choice Children's Charity for their continued support and donations to our Breakfast Program.

****REUNIFICATION DRILL - MAY 30, 2019 - PLEASE NOTE****

Our school community is participating in a Reunification Drill on **Thursday, May 30th at 1:00 pm**. This drill is about being prepared and planning ahead when there is an emergency. In particular, this drill helps us practice reuniting parents/guardians with their children. **Detailed information will be sent out shortly.** Please mark your calendars to attend the **Parent/Guardian Info Meeting on Tuesday, May 28th 6pm at Rockheights Middle School** with regards to this important drill.

Thank you.

Marla and Karian



Watch for immunization consent packages for students in kindergarten to grade 4 who are behind on their immunizations. Students will be offered immunizations at a public health office with the consent of a parent, guardian or representative. Parent(s), guardians or representatives will be required to accompany students to the public health immunization appointment.

Students who are up to date on their immunizations will receive a record of immunization. Please keep this record to provide to your child's school this fall.

First Nations children who receive health services in their communities may be able to access immunization records and services at their Community Health Centers.

Please contact the Esquimalt Health Unit at 250-519-5311 and ask to speak with a Public Health Nurse if you have any questions.

For Parents/Guardians of Students Attending Vic West Elementary School in the 2019 2020 School Year:

Parents/Guardians, this is an invite to share educational information about your child that would help with the decision-making process for class building. If you are interested in sharing information, please submit a letter by May 15, 2019.

This could be in the form of an email (mmargetts@sd61.bc.ca) or in hard copy format given to the office. Such information will be used as one of the factors staff will consider when forming classes. Please do not request a specific teacher in your letter, rather provide specifics about classroom and learning environments that best support your child's needs. **If your child is currently at our school and will not be attending Victoria West Elementary School next year, please advise the office staff if you have not already done so.**

Vic West Elementary PAC Presents
A Parent Education Evening

The Approachable and Knowledgeable Adult

Presented by Jennifer Gibson of Island Sexual Health Society

6:00 - 7:30pm

May 9th, 2019

In the Vic West Elementary Library

Workshop will cover:

Helpful hints for talking to your child about
sexual health issues

What children need to know and when they need to
know it

Conversation starters and strategies for answering tough
questions

How our values and beliefs educate our children

Current, factual information on sexual health
issues and resources

Please register at:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/the-approachable-adult-on-sex-ed-vic-west-parents-tickets-60953848602>

(link is on our facebook page and in the PAC newsletter)

Limited childcare is available if you register!

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We are hiring!

The Greater Victoria School District is looking for passionate and qualified individuals to join our team in the following key roles:

- *Educational Assistant Spareboard*
- *Clerical Spareboard*
- *StrongStart Program - Early Childhood Educators*

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about what positions we offer, please visit our website here: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/our-district/employment/>

You can submit your resume, cover letter and qualifications to: hqs@sd61.bc.ca

When Emailing in a Student Absence:

In order to better keep track of student absences, if you choose to email instead of call into the school please send to the Vic West email address at: vicwest@sd61.bc.ca .

This email is monitored by more people and will have less likelihood of being missed should someone in the office be away for the day! 😊



1000X5

1000 Books by Age Five
Children’s Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria

Did you know?

- Books in the home for preschoolers is 70% more effective than parents’ education level at predicting school success.
- Preschoolers in middle class homes have an average of 15 books/age level.
- Preschoolers in homes with fewer resources have an average of 2 books/age level.
- 1000X5 has sent 186,000 books from your donations into homes.

Take your extra baby and preschooler books to the pink bin in the Office? Help change a child’s future.

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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