



**Victoria West Elementary e-Bulletin**  
**June 3, 2019 - June 7, 2019**

**Pro-D Day Monday, June 10, 2019**  
**No School**

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

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

**Reunification Drill**

A HUGE thank you to our Vic West community for participating in our drill on Thursday afternoon! Our students listened well to their teachers and waited patiently to be picked up. Our staff worked very hard to practice our protocols and, as it was our first time, take notes on what we learned and could improve upon. Last and certainly not least, our parents were patient and understanding of the importance of the protocols despite some rather long lines.

The Reunification Drill started at approximately 1:08 pm. By 2:08 pm, we had released 85% of our students. Our district coordinator, Marketa Lund, said that it was the smoothest and fastest drill she had worked on (and she has worked with 60+ schools!). So... congratulations to Vic West on a very successful drill!

**ChoirKids Reminder**

**On Sunday June 2 ChoirKids will be performing our year-end concert, alongside Victoria's own Arbutus Singers.** For those of you who are new to ChoirKids, it is an annual tradition for the ChoirKids to sing a couple of songs with the Arbutus Singers at their year-end concert. The Arbutus Singers are ChoirKids largest funder, donating all of the proceeds from this concert—and all of their concerts—to the ChoirKids program. This is a very exciting opportunity for the ChoirKids to share the stage with one of Victoria's most established choirs. I hope that we have a great turnout from our ChoirKids.

The ChoirKids will be singing two songs on their own, and one song with the Arbutus Singers. Families are encouraged to stay for the remainder of the Arbutus concert. If you wish to leave early, please wait until the intermission.

The concert will be taking place at the Alix Gooldin Hall, in the Victoria Conservatory of Music (900 Johnson St)—the same venue as our April Family and Friends event.

**Here are the important details:**

Where: Victoria Conservatory of Music (900 Johnson St)

When: Sunday June 2. Arrive promptly at 1:20 for warm-up, concert at 2 pm.

Dress: Dark bottoms and white shirts.

**If your child's permission form did not come back to the school, they can still participate in the concert.**

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

## **Did you know?**

Vic West Elementary has a website? Please visit us there often for the most up-to-date information including our weekly ebuletin. We try to keep up with what is currently going on here at Vic West and in the near future so that you have that information available to you at your fingertips! ☺  
You can find the website at: <https://vicwest.sd61.bc.ca/> .

## **Important Dates June 2019**

**June 3 - Walk-A-Thon forms due to the office**

**June 4- Lockdown Drill at 10:45am with Constable Jenkins**

**June 5 - Whole School Photo 1:15pm**

**June 7 - Wild & Wacky Walk-A-Thon**

**June 10 - Pro-D Day (School Based) - No School for Students**

**June 12 -PAC Meeting 6:30 - 8:00 pm**

**June 13 - Celebration of Learning in the Gym - invites re:specific times for each division were sent home**

**June 14 - Pizza Day - provided by the PAC - one slice per student - cheese pizza**

**June 18 - Grade 5 Musical 1:00 pm**

**June 19 - Grade 5 Musical 1:00 pm**

**June 20 - Grade 5 Field Trip**

**June 21 - Parent/Guardian Appreciation 8:15 am - 9:00 am - in the Breezeway and Rain Garden**

**June 24 - Jersey/Numbers Day - wear a shirt with a number ☺**

**Fun Day - PM - in the back field**

**June 26 - Grade 5 Recognition Ceremony 1:00 pm**

**June 27 - Last Day of School - Report Cards Go Home**

**Assembly 10:45 am - Everyone welcome!**

# LET'S GET "PAC" TO SCHOOL!

To VIC WEST ELEMENTARY families,

It may seem early to talk school supplies, but we help schools plan for a great year ahead with an opportunity to make your shopping count! By shopping early, you can:



**Fundraise for your  
child's school**



**Save money on next  
year's school supplies**



**Skip the  
back-to-school rush**

We are thrilled VIC WEST has chosen **Monk Office**, a proudly island-grown and family-operated business for over 65 years, as your school supply partner. At Monk, we strongly believe in investing in our Island communities with a particular passion for education. Going beyond fundraisers – we contribute to scholarships, donate product to schools, volunteer with Junior Achievement, and sponsor physical literacy programs by PISE.

Through "Let Us PAC For You", Monk provides school supplies at better than retail price and donates **10% of online sales of school supply kits** back to participating schools! The program offers PACs a stress-free fundraising opportunity while providing families with **convenience, competitive pricing, and feel-good shopping**.

## SHOP EARLY TO FUNDRAISE

To make your life easier, your PAC has pre-built kits containing **all required items** on your child's supply lists. No need to stress about finding a "½ interlined ½ plain notebook" – if it's on the list, it's in the kit! It's important to remember that the items listed at *optional* are still required. The reason behind the *optional items* is simply to allow you not to purchase something you may already have at home and would like to reuse.

## 3 STEP ORDERING

1. Visit [bts.monk.ca](https://bts.monk.ca) and enter your PAC Code: **3E22CF** on the SHOP page
2. Add your child's kit (and optional items, if desired) to your cart
3. During checkout, pay with Visa or MasterCard and choose free school delivery (scheduled by your school for June or September) or free in-store pickup

**We're excited for the year ahead at VIC WEST ELEMENTARY!**

**Thank you for shopping online with Monk Office for your back to school and office needs!**

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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:**

**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.**

### **Games Club - Last One June 5, 2019**

Games Club will be finishing off with our last meet on **Wednesday, June 5, 2019**. Thank you so much to the students who participated, and a very special thank you to Ms. Prunkl & Mr. Glawson who have given their time and efforts to make this a continued success. Special thanks to Mrs. Coles who has also given of her time to help make sure Games Club ran smoothly!

### **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](mailto: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! 😊

# Summer is coming We need your books!



## Have you found the pink bin in the office?

Thanks to you, 1000X5 has sent over 190,000 books into homes of babies and preschoolers who have few books. 27 agencies in over 60 programs distribute 3 books in a bag to 800-1000 children every month! Including the summer. Please help us fill the shelves so more children can climb onto a lap and hear a good story.

## 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.

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**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<br>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>                |

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