



Victoria West Elementary e-Bulletin **October 7-11, 2019**

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

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

Please note: Supervision before school starts at 8:30am and after school supervision is until 2:53pm. Students are expected to be with their families/child care by 2:53pm.

DATES TO NOTE:

October 8 Tuesday – 6 to 7:30pm PAC meeting in the library

October 10 Thursday - 9am Whole School Assembly in the gym

October 11 Friday – PHOTO DAY

October 14 Monday – Thanksgiving Monday – NO SCHOOL

October 25 Friday – Pro D Day – NO SCHOOL

October 29 Tuesday - 9am Artstarts Whole School Assembly – Rhythm Resource will perform

October 31 Thursday – Orange and Black Day or age appropriate costumes (no masks)

– please check with your child's teacher

Picture Day – October 11, 2019

Picture Day is coming on Friday, October 11. After Picture Day, order your pictures on mylifetouch.ca using your Portrait ID and Access Code which can be found on your Picture Day order form.

Lost & Found

Please take a moment to browse our lost and found by the gym.



We are hiring!

The Greater Victoria School District is looking for passionate and qualified individuals to join our team as Educational Assistants.

For more information about the position, description, and qualifications click here -> [Education Assistant: General](#)

If you are interested, please submit a cover letter, resume, qualifications, and references to: hqs@sd61.bc.ca

If you know someone who may be interested, please share this email and/or message.

We look forward to hearing from people who wish to be part of our learning community.

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

Visiting the School – What to Know

All visitors to the school *MUST*** check in at the office. If you arrive to pick up your child during school hours, it is very important that you check in at the office to let staff know you are here. We also ask that if you are signing your child out, or signing your child in you do so starting at the office. We monitor very carefully all visitors to the building for many different reasons, but most of all for everyone's safety. We also have a system in place to keep track of our students and we track that through the classroom and through the office. Thank you for your assistance with keeping Vic West a safe place for children!

Library Makerspace

What is a library makerspace?

A place where kids learn design process and inquiry skills through building and creating with technology or materials. Makerspace projects are led collaboratively by the teacher and teacher-librarian.

How can you help? We need supplies! Please donate things you might have laying around the house such as:

Cardboard

Pipe cleaners

Fabric

Felt

Shoe boxes

Toilet Paper rolls

Paper

Wrapping paper

Rubber stamps

Lego (?!?!)

Misc craft supplies

Thank you for your support!

Parent Volunteers Needed in the Library

We are looking for committed volunteers to help with putting books away in the library. If you are interested in helping out for one hour on a weekly basis, please stop in to talk with Mrs. Speller in the library to set up a time.

Volunteers are an important part of our school community. By generously donating their time and expertise to our school, volunteers support the learning environment for our students. Under the Greater Victoria School District's Regulation 1240 section 8 it states that: "The principal will require a person interested in being a volunteer to obtain a criminal record check when working alone with a student, on overnight field trips or volunteering on an ongoing basis." If you will be volunteering at Vic West under any of these guidelines, a Criminal Record Check will be required.

Apply online for a Criminal Record Check at <https://justice.gov.bc.ca/eCRC/home.htm> Use our school's access code: **NPFWKLKFY8**

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Your Criminal Record Check will be sent directly to the school. The Criminal Record Checks will be valid for 5 years and will be forwarded to Middle Schools and/or new Elementary Schools as necessary.

Criminal Record Check applicants who do not have a credit history of at least six months or have not been living in Canada for at least two years will need to get a Volunteer Driver Letter from the school office to take it to your municipal police department.

We greatly appreciate all of our volunteer drivers taking the time to complete this process. This process is similar to ones in place in other Districts throughout the province. If you have any further questions please feel free to contact the school's Office.

** The Criminal Record Review Program verifies identities through an Electronic Identity Verification (EIV) process. It is important to know that the Criminal Records Review Program is not running a credit report; it is only using the EIV to verify the applicant's identity and to make sure the personal information contained in the criminal record check form is accurate. No information from this process is retained or stored by the Criminal Record Check Program.*

Library Time for Families

Vic West Library opens at 8:30 for families. Students are welcome to come and read a book with a parent or caregiver before the first bell. Siblings are also welcome. Please note that on Cross country practice mornings the library will not be open early as Mrs. Speller will be out running with the team.

Did you know?

Vic West Elementary has a website. Please visit us there often for the most up-to-date information including our weekly ebulletin. 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/> .

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! 😊

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.**

Just a reminder that the drop off zone at the front of the school is not a parking lot. Please drop off your child and continue to depart with your vehicle from the drop off zone to enable other families to do the same. Please note: supervision before school is from 8:30am to 8:45am. After school supervision is from 2:38 to 2:53pm. Students are expected to be with their families/child care by 2:53pm.

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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	10:05-10:20 am
Lunch Eating	11:50 am - 12:10 pm
Lunch Playtime	12:10-12:35 pm
Dismissal	2:38 pm