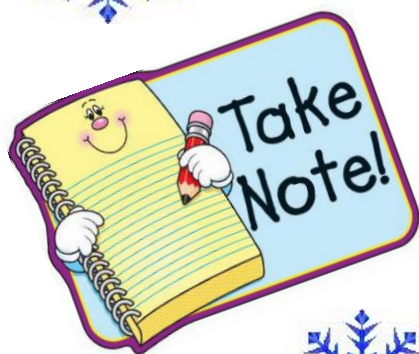




Victoria West Elementary e-Bulletin
December 2 to December 6, 2019

Please check the School Website for Daily Updates and <https://vicwest.sd61.bc.ca/Tweets!>

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:

December 6 Friday – PAC Holiday Sale – details below

December 10 Tuesday – PAC Meeting 6:00 – 7:30 pm

December 16-20 – Caroling in the Main Hall - 8:25 am

December 17 Tuesday – Winter Concert Rehearsal

December 18 Wednesday – Winter Concert 1:30 pm & 6pm

(tickets required – Notices coming home today)

December 19 Thursday – Report Cards go home

December 20 Friday – Pyjama Day (whole school)

-Sing-A-Long 11:00 am in the gym

December 23 – January 3 – Winter Break NO SCHOOL



LOST & FOUND

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



Strategies for helping the holidays go better - Thursday, December 5th

The Holiday Season is approaching and this can be one of the most stressful times for families. FamilySmart believes that we are all experts in our own lives with our children, and when parents get together to share their wisdom it can be helpful for everyone. Hearing another parent's approach to handling a situation with their child might be something they want to try with our own family. That's why our December meeting will be more casual giving us an opportunity to share stories and strategies with one another.

Date & Time: Thursday, December 5th - 7:00 pm- 9:00 pm

Location: Saanich Neighbourhood Place

RSVP: Lisa.Tate@familysmart.ca

Thank you
Lisa Tate
Parent In Residence



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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: hrs@sd61.bc.ca

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

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

PaperWrapping paper

Rubber stamps

Lego (!?!?!)

Misc craft supplies



Thank you for your support!

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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.

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.

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 Daily Times/Bell Schedule	
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

The Greater Victoria School District's **International Student Program** is seeking caring families to provide homestay accommodation to international students studying in the District's middle and secondary schools. It is a great opportunity for an intercultural exchange of ideas, food, and life.

We offer the following to our host families:

- Orientation
- On-going support
- Homestay manual
- Remuneration of \$975 per month
- Short and long term students



To find out more about our homestay program or apply please visit our **website:** www.studyinvictoria.com/homestay or contact Lukas Hahn (Homestay Manager) **email:** lhahn@sd61.bc.ca **Tel:** 250-592-6871

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The Vic West Elementary PAC



Holiday Sale

December 6th in the gymnasium

Time	Events	Cost
9:00 - 2:38	Holiday Sale for students (Bring your own bag!)	Cash donation (having no donation will NOT exclude a student)
2:38 – 4pm	Holiday Sale for family & friends (Bring your own bag!)	\$1/item

Our annual holiday sale is coming up! For those who are new to this event, it's a chance to let Vic West Elementary kids "shop" for their family and enjoy the feeling of giving.

The PAC collects your gently used items in the weeks prior to the sale (donation boxes located at the 3 main entrances of the school) and displays it all in the gym on sale day.

Cash donations are collected by the teacher the morning of the event (Dec 6th). The divisions are called down to the gym, one by one, to "shop". Students are to pick out one item for each member of their family at this time. In keeping with Victoria's environmental initiative, please make sure your child has brought a bag to use to transport their gifts home.

After school, the holiday sale opens to Vic West Elementary families & friends!

Please note: This year the Bake Sale will happen on the same day as the Winter Concert.

Questions? Contact the PAC:
Facebook group 'Vic West Elementary PAC'

vicwestpac@gmail.com



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Holiday Sale

FAQs

Q?	A!
What becomes of the proceeds of the Holiday Sale?	This fundraiser is one of our biggest and the PAC uses the money collected during this sale to fund the various other PAC-led activities throughout the year.
What items am I likely to see at the sale?	Every year the donations are a little different so it's hard to say what you'll see. Expect toys and games, primarily, and small pieces of home décor. But you just never know what you'll find. However, you will not be able to build your wardrobe nor furnish your home through this sale as we do not accept clothing or furniture donations for the sale.
Why is no clothing or furniture donations accepted for the sale?	Clothing donations are usually hard to sort through, hard to display, and volunteers are already quite busy handling other wares. Furniture is generally too large to store and handle.
How much money does my child need to bring to school to shop at the Holiday Sale?	The students can bring a cash donation the morning of to be collected by their teacher. Having no donation will NOT exclude a student from this sale. After school, items become \$1 each.
How many items is my child allowed to take from the sale?	We would like students to find 1 (one) item per family member, please. During school hours, students will have the opportunity to shop twice, once in the morning (limit of 2 items) and once in the afternoon (no limit). The sale will be open to their families after school, at which point students are able to purchase items at \$1 each.
When is the deadline for item donations?	December 4th

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Am I allowed to shop at the sale?	Yes, after school, the gym opens up to family and friends and the products are sold at \$1/item. All kids should be accompanied by an adult after school.
Will there be shopping bags at the Holiday Sale?	No, we're asking that all shoppers bring your own bag.
How late can I shop?	Sale closes at 4pm.

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