



Victoria West Elementary e-Bulletin

January 13 to January 17, 2020

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

Please note: Supervision before school starts at 8:30 am and after school supervision is until 2:53 pm.

Students are expected to be with their families/child care by 2:53pm.



January 2020

PAC Meeting January 14, 2020 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Kindergarten Registration January 20 - 24, 2020

Family Literacy Day January 27, 2020 9:00 am

Literacy Week January 27 - 3, 2020



Do you love science??

Are you interested in finding out the answer to a question?

Then join in the 2020 Victoria West School Science Fair!

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 January 31, 2020 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 Tuesday March 3, 2020 and will go home at the end of the school day on Tuesday. 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. **Applications are attached to this email, or you can get one in the office.**

Kindergarten

English Kindergarten registration is January 20 – 24, 2020.

Registration commences at your catchment school between 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. English Kindergarten Registration will be processed on a first come first served basis in accordance with our *Student Enrolment Priorities*. All families must register at their catchment school.

To register a student in any school, a parent or legal guardian must provide school-age eligibility, proof of citizenship and proof of residential address. To transfer schools, you must just provide proof of residential address.

School Age Eligibility and Citizenship

A student must reach five years of age by December 31st of the school year to be eligible for enrolment.

Documentation can include:

- Child's original Birth Certificate
- Canadian Passport
- Landed Immigrant authorization
- Indigenous and Northern Affairs Status Card

Parents of children who **are not** Canadian Citizens or Landed Immigrants or do not have a birth certificate for their child are required to contact the International Student Program at 250.592.6871 prior to registration.

Proof of Residential Address

Every home address in the Greater Victoria School District is connected to a catchment school. Students must register at their catchment school.

To determine which schools are associated with a home address, visit the [School Locator Tool](#). Type in the address and it will indicate which school the student should attend based on their living address.



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

Thank you for all your generous contributions to the library maker space. We know have plenty of supplies to work with and so are no longer accepting donations.

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.

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.

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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