VICTORIA WEST ELEMENTARY E-BULLETIN

February 18th 2021

Our expectations for school remain the same, in accordance with the health and safety protocols from the Provincial Health Office. We are very grateful to be living and working in a community that is doing their part to keep everyone safe. Thank you for your support, patience and understanding; it is very much appreciated as these times continue to be unique and challenging in so many ways.

In the mornings and after school - **please stay with your children until they are let in by the teacher** and **please continue to practice physical distancing** with everyone including your child's learning group. It is difficult for children, adults, supervisors, etc. to identify who is in a particular student's learning group/bubble.

Thank you to everyone. We appreciate the challenges of **keeping your family bubble intact and exclusive while on school property.** Thank you! It is not the normal message you would get from schools when we want students to play, be social, and have fun; however, during our new protocols your help is appreciated! Students and families should exit the campus as soon as possible at the end of the day to discourage gatherings.

Sincerely,

Principal: Marla Margetts

Vice Principal: Karian Brigidear

Important Dates coming up:

- **February 24th – Pink Shirt Day**
- **Spring Break – March 15 to 26**

PLEASE NOTE: Following the protocols from the Provincial Health Officer – there is no sharing of food/snacks/treats in the classroom – this includes homemade and store bought. Thank you for your understanding.

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS SNAPSHOT

Greater VICTORIA School District

SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS BY SUPPORTING THOSE WHO CARE FOR THEM

February Snapshot

The topics for February Snapshots are SCREEN TIME and SUBSTANCE USE.

Read about the 3c's of children's media use, child, content and context. Early Learning and Elementary Snapshot

Late Arrivals/Early Departures –

Please come to the main Office Door and call the office at 250-382-9131 to be admitted.

Families will need to call the office and a staff member will meet the student at the front door and walk them to their classroom. If you are picking up your child before the end of the day, please contact the office and we will arrange to meet you with your child at the front doors.

Parking at Vic West

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 do not park behind the school by the gym. This is a Pedestrian only Zone and is used for Non-Vehicle Traffic ONLY.

Parking with this symbol displayed is for those with accessibility needs ONLY. Your vehicle must display a similar symbol in order to use this space.

A REMINDER TO ALL OF OUR FAMILIES:

If the student feels ill or has any symptoms of illness, **the student will not come to school. If anyone in the household is ill, it is expected that family member is seeking assessment by health care provider or has called 811.**

3 Books = 1 Gift
Needed More Than Ever
This Year

This year, many families appreciate a bit of help with gifts for the upcoming holiday season. . Every month 1000X5 pops 3000 books in 1000 gift bag: three books for each receiving child.

If each child in Vic West Elementary School brought in 3 gently used books for babies and preschoolers, we would collect 810 books, enough for gift bags of books to 810 children. **Let's make it happen.**

Drop books for babies and preschoolers off in the pink bin that can be found **by the front door**.

Victoria West Elementary
Daily Times/Bell Schedule

School Starts	**8:45 am (Cohorts 1-3) Division 1-6** **9am (Cohorts 4-6) Division 7-14**
Recesses	**10:00-10:15 am (Cohorts 1-3)** **10:20-10:35am (Cohorts 4-6)**
Lunch Eating	**11:45am– 12:15pm (Cohorts 4-6)** **12:15—12:45pm (Cohorts 1-3)**
Lunch Playtime	**11:30am—12noon (Cohorts 1-3)** **12:15—12:45pm (Cohorts 4-6)**
Dismissals	**2:23pm (Cohorts 1-3)** **2:38 pm (Cohorts 4-6)**

Please note: Supervision starts at 8:30am and afterschool supervision is until 2:53pm Please pick up and deliver your children according to their cohort starting and ending times (see above) and **do not linger on the school grounds.**

Please make sure to send your child with a change of clothing (in case of puddles and such) <u>AND</u> a jacket.

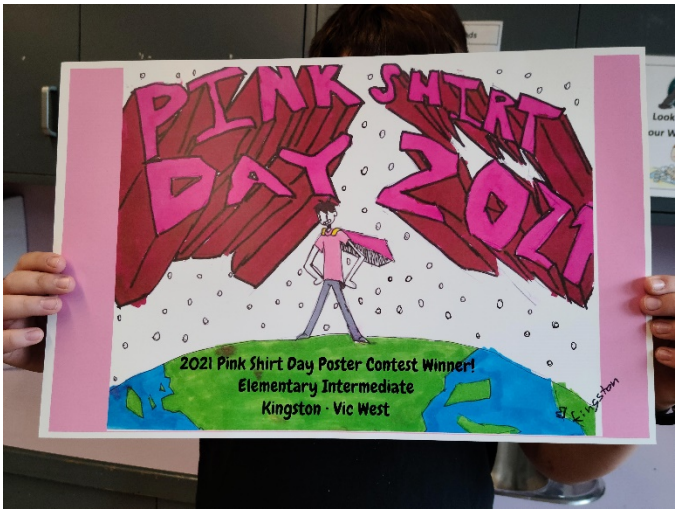
We have recess outside <u>every</u> day – rain or shine. Being in nature every day is important.

Please also send a water bottle every day.

The Wolf Pack plays and explores

<u>OUTDOORS EVERY DAY</u>…

Congratulations to Kingston in Division 3!



Kingston was the <u>Intermediate Winner</u> of the Greater Victoria School District Pink Shirt Day Poster Contest! This year's theme was "Kindness is My Super Power".

Kingston won a prize of a $50.00 gift card to a place of his choice. He chose Michaels to help support his future artistic endeavours. Kingston also won a prize for Vic West Elementary: $200.00 of art supplies for our school!

Well done Kingston – we are so proud of you and your fantastic work!

We are also very proud of all of our students that entered their wonderful posters in the contest. Their thoughtful, creative work to promote kindness is true Wolf Pack!

To see more poster entries click this link:

http://cm.pn/6n41

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