



# VICTORIA WEST ELEMENTARY E-BULLETIN



May 14<sup>th</sup> 2021

Dear Families of Vic West  
Elementary,



Because of the support of our student families, Vic West Elementary School has had a successful year full of teachable moments, powerful community building and overall a stronger sense of belonging.

Thank you for helping us look after the Vic West Wolf Pack. You have supported our students' learning, well-being and health. We are very grateful.

We look forward to the near future where we can gather safely and express our gratitude in person.

For now, please know that the entire Vic West Elementary Team wishes to thank each family for their consistent support.

Sincerely,

Principal: Marla Margetts

Vice Principal: Karian Brigidear

The school schedule for this next year is as follows:

8:53am to 2:35pm .. this includes -

Morning recess 10:05 – 10:20

Learning through lunch: 11:36 – 11:56

Lunch recess: 11:56 – 12:31

Please check out the daily updates of amazing learning and community on our school website!

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

Important Dates coming up:

Pro D Day – May 21- no school for students  
Class Photos – May 28<sup>th</sup> in the Rain Garden

Victoria Day Holiday – May 24  
schools closed

Wacky Walk a Thon – in cohorts outside  
– June 4<sup>th</sup>

Pro D Day – June 7 - no school for students

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20<sup>th</sup>, Vic West School will  
celebrate **Rainbow  
Day**. On Rainbow day we  
invite the students to wear  
colourful clothing to school to show support for all types  
of families and ways of being.



## PAC Wacky Walkathon - June 4th

The Vic West PAC is very excited to announce that our annual Wacky Walkathon fundraiser will be back in June. This is an opportunity for students to dress up in their wackiest clothes and run/walk some laps around the back field, while raising funds for the school. Fundraising packages were sent home with students this week, so check those backpacks if you haven't received yours. The school is working with PAC to make a fun event that can be safely done in cohorts. This is our largest fundraiser of the year and will help us continue to support students through reading resources and supplies for the school.

## PAC Family Pizza Night Zoom-along - June 11th

Join our school community for a fun Family Pizza Night, complete with tips and tricks in a **live bake-along** on Zoom, so we can all have a pizza party together. Reserve the date, and watch for details and recipes as we get closer to the date.



**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**

SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS BY SUPPORTING THOSE WHO CARE FOR THEM

May Snapshots are on School Transitions and Change

[Early Learning & Elementary](#) - Guiding Your Children Through School Transitions

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.** We encourage you **to wear a mask when on campus.**

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**\*\*We will have access to the Lost and Found collected this year before and after school in the Front Breezeway near the PAC Welcome Board.**

**\*Please bring hand sanitizer with you.\***



### 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 on the same side of the street as the school building 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:**

Please complete the daily health check each morning with your child.

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.



## Victoria West Elementary Daily Times/Bell Schedule

*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.

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)

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Please make sure to send your child with a change of clothing (in case of puddles), a hat AND a jacket.

We have recess outside every 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 **OUTDOORS EVERY DAY...**



*At Vic West Elementary, we will continue to create an inclusive and culturally responsive learning environment for all students with an emphasis on the core foundations of learning (Social Emotional, Physical Literacy, Fine Arts, Literacy and Numeracy) as part of our students' journey of self and their role in their community.*



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# Victoria Youth Triathlon

We are very pleased to announce that the Victoria Youth Triathlon will be going ahead this summer. We have received approval from **Triathlon BC** and **Uvic** to host the event on July 11 at the McKinnon Pool. We have put in place a very thorough set of protocols to ensure the health and safety of our participants and volunteers so the event will be a little different than in previous years, but it will still be the same fun event that has always been for kids aged 6-17. Although the event will be outside the school year in 2021 we will still have the School Challenge Award for the school with the most participants at the event.

With everything that we have had to endure in the past year we know that there is a lot of excitement around the possibility of events like the Victoria Youth Triathlon happening again. You can find registration and other information about the event at [www.vicyouthtri.ca](http://www.vicyouthtri.ca).

visit us at [www.humanpoweredracing.ca](http://www.humanpoweredracing.ca)



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