



# VICTORIA WEST ELEMENTARY E-BULLETIN



September 10 2021

## Dear Families of Vic West Elementary,

### What a wonderful first week with our Vic West Wolf Pack!

Grade 4 and 5 students are to wear a mask at school. Students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 are strongly encouraged to wear a mask at school. Masks are to be provided by the family of the student.

#### **Important COVID 19 updates:**

We have received updated COVID 19 protocols for the beginning of the school year. These protocols are available at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/covid-19-safe-schools> .

In summary you should know:

- All staff and students should complete the health assessment prior to coming to school daily. There is information for this which can be found in the letter from the GVSD61. If you are sick – stay home.
- Masks must be worn indoors by all K-12 school staff unless there is a medical exemption
- Students in Grades 4-12 are required to wear a mask indoors or on school busses

- Students in Kindergarten through Grade 3 are encouraged to wear a mask indoors and while on school busses
- Students will meet their teacher each morning outside in their division line up and enter the building via a designated door. Students will meet their families outside at the end of the day at their division sign. We encourage parents/guardians to wear a mask on campus.
- Recesses will take place in playground zones as to ensure unintentional contact with others and provide a less crowded supervised play space during these times.
- Hand washing is required frequently including:
  - When students arrive at school
  - Before and after any breaks
  - Before and after eating and drinking (excluding drinks kept at a student's desk – water for example)
  - Before and after using an indoor learning space used by multiple classes (e.g. the gym, music room library etc.)
  - After using the toilet
  - After sneezing or coughing into their hands
  - Whenever hands are visibly dirty

- Visitors (parents) must make an appointment and sign in with name, phone number at the office. You will be required to complete the health check prior to entrance to the building. Records must be kept for 45 days. Parent meetings are by appointment only at this stage. Visitors will be required to wear a mask indoors.
- School doors are locked.
- All regular educational and extra-curricular activities can proceed as usual as long as they adhere to COVID 19 provincial guidelines as outlined in the BCCDC documents. At Vic West, we will begin this process slowly by gradually adding events and activities.

It is our commitment at Vic West Elementary to follow the guidance provided by the Ministry of Health, BCCDC and Ministry of Education.

Please contact us at [vicwest@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:vicwest@sd61.bc.ca) with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Principal: Marla Margetts

Vice Principal: Karian Brigidear

The school schedule for **this year** is as follows:

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

**Morning Recess 10:05 – 10:20**

**Learning through lunch: 11:36 – 11:56**

**Afternoon Recess: 11:56 – 12:31**

**SUPERVISION will be 8:38am to 8:53am**

**AND**

**2:35 to 2:50pm**

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**A REMINDER TO ALL OF OUR FAMILIES:**

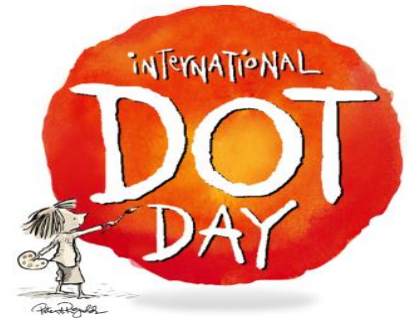
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Please complete the daily health check each morning with your child.

If the student feels ill or has any symptoms of illness, the student will not come to school.

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## From the Library...



September 15<sup>th</sup> is

International Dot Day! Inspired by the book *The Dot* by Peter H. Reynolds, Dot Day celebrates creativity, courage, and collaboration. During library, your child will be participating in a collaborative art project where they will make their mark using dots! On September 15<sup>th</sup> we are encouraging staff and students to wear dots to celebrate Dot Day and show support for each other's individuality and self-expression. We can't wait to see your dots!

Here is a link if you want to learn more about international Dot Day!

<https://nationaltoday.com/international-dot-day/>

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

You can find the school calendar on the website. Please check on a regular basis.

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



**Every Child Matters**



## MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS SNAPSHOT

SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS BY SUPPORTING THOSE WHO CARE FOR THEM

**Preparing for School: Resilience,  
Connection and Skills for a Successful  
September**

*Diverse  
Inclusive  
Accepting  
Welcoming  
Safe Place  
For Everyone*



*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.*





## **Welcome to the Wolf PAC**

We are very happy to have you as a new member of the Vic West Elementary community and PAC. Every parent/guardian of a child attending our school is a part of the PAC, or parent advisory committee. The PAC is primarily a fundraising group, and we also connect with and give input to the school admin team about where those fundraised dollars are spent.

### **Save the date**

September 16 at 7 pm. we will be hosting a zoom 'Welcome to Vic West Elementary Event' for parents and guardians. This is a chance to connect with others, ask questions and get a feel for what your school community is all about.

### **Your PAC needs you!**

Have you ever thought about joining the PAC executive? This would be a great year to dip your toes in with a well supported group of new and seasoned members. We need a new SECRETARY in order to run this year, and members at large are also very

welcome! Want details? Join our Facebook group- **Vic West Elementary PAC Vic West**

[Elementary PAC | Facebook](#) (please don't confuse us with Vic West Elementary Parents & Caregivers). This is the best place to stay up to date on events and fundraisers, get reminders, ask questions (what IS the wacky walkathon?!) and stay in the loop about all things Vic West Elementary. If you are ready to join our exec please email us at [vicwestpac@gmail.com](mailto:vicwestpac@gmail.com) for next steps, or attend our first zoom meeting of the school year, September 21 7p.m.-8. All parents and guardians of Vic West wolves are encouraged to attend the monthly meeting held on zoom.





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