



VICTORIA WEST ELEMENTARY E-BULLETIN



September 17 2021

Dear Families of Vic West Elementary,

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.

We have completed a full week of school together as the Wolf Pack! Wow ! Time flies when we are having fun. Divisions are confirmed and classroom teachers have begun to reach out and connect with our families.

Please note the following important dates:

September 24 – Terry Fox Run – grade groups will participate throughout the day. We are collecting Toonies for Terry starting Monday September 20th.

September 27 – Pro D Day

September 28 to October 1 – Orange Shirt Week at Vic West

September 30 – National Day of Truth and Reconciliation – schools are closed

October 6 and 7 – **dismissal at 1:35pm** for Parent Teacher Conferences – to take place online – details will be provided shortly

October 4 to 15 – Online Scholastic Book Fair

October 15 – Photo Day

October 22 – Pro D Day

We are enjoying being together as a community of learners and we look forward to this year together.

Please contact us at vicwest@sd61.bc.ca with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Principal: Marla Margetts

Vice Principal: Karian Brigidear

Diverse

Inclusive

Accepting

Welcoming

Safe Place

For Everyone

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

When late for school – please bring your child to Door C – Main Entrance and knock or call the office... 250-382-9131.. one of our staff will greet your child and check them in and walk them to class.

Thank you.

All doors on our campus are locked

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.



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**

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/>



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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.



Please send your child with clothes for all types of weather. We will enjoy the West Coast climate throughout the year. Boots and rain jackets are important.

Our Vic West Wolf Pack will be outdoors a lot this year – recesses and lots of outdoor learning.



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Important COVID 19 updates:

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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.