

# VICTORIA WEST ELEMENTARY



## E-Bulletin

April 22, 2022



### Dear Families of Vic West Elementary School,

As we plan and look forward to the 2022-2023 school year, we want to let you know of the changes planned for the school administration team at Vic West.

Ms. Marla Margetts will be the principal of James Bay Elementary School. Mr. Nicholas Chiu will be joining School District 61 from the mainland and will be the new principal of Vic West Elementary. Ms. Karian Brigidear will be the vice principal of Marigold Elementary School. Mr. Sanjiv Galhon will be the vice principal at Vic West Elementary.

It is with sadness and excitement we announce this news to our families. We are so grateful to all of our families for their support and understanding and compassion in particular during these last two years.

*Sincerely*

*Marla Margetts and Karian Brigidear*

Please note that the **Reunification Drill** scheduled for Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> has been postponed until 2022-2023.

### Earth Day - April 22



**Celebrate the Earth**  
Celebrate the earth with me,  
The oceans, meadows, mountains, trees.  
I'll celebrate the earth with you,  
The flowers, people, creatures, too.  
Let's celebrate the earth together,  
New green grass, exciting weather.  
Celebrate the earth with me.  
Let's share delight in all we see.

<https://littlelearningcorner.com/2022/04/10-best-earth-day-poems-for-kids.html>

#### IMPORTANT DATES

April 17 - 30 - Scholastic Virtual Book Fairs

April 22 - Earth Day

April 29 - Hearing Screening grades K - 1

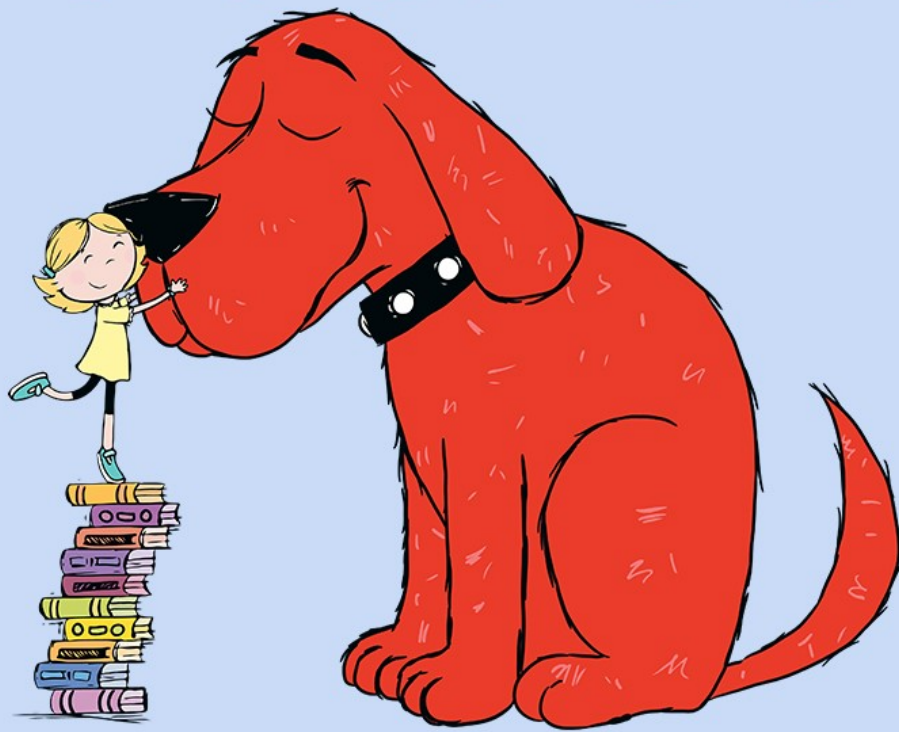
May 6 - Ready, Set, Learn

May 19 - Rainbow Day

May 20 - Pro-D Day (no school for students)

May 23 - Victoria Day Holiday (no school)

# OUR SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS GOING ON NOW!



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Virtual Book Fairs

 SCHOLASTIC

Please use this link to access our Scholastic Book Fair!

[https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/  
pages/5183272](https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5183272)

# 1000X5

1000 Books by Age Five

## We are in critical need of books for 1000X5

Join the hundreds of families who have taken the three book challenge!!

By taking your extra baby and preschooler books to the pink bin by Door C, you can help change a child's future.



Did you see the CHEK TV Vital People showcasing 1000X5? Check it out: <https://www.cheknews.ca/vital-people-1000x5-childrens-book-project-set-to-mark-major-milestone-1009267/>

## School Meal Program

Forms for the program were handed out to students on Wednesday, Apr 20th.

Please return **signed** forms to the box in the office by **Monday, April 25th.**

Thank you!



## Lost and NOT found?

Friendly reminder to put your **child's name** in jackets, sweaters and any other items that can get lost easily.

Please come and check if your lost items are here. *Thanks!*



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.



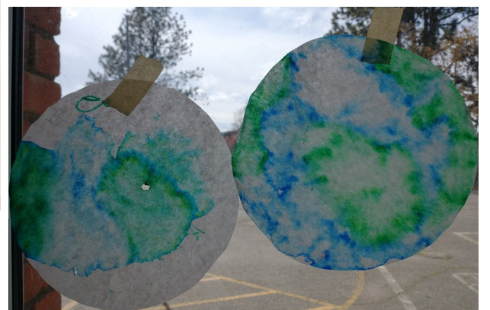
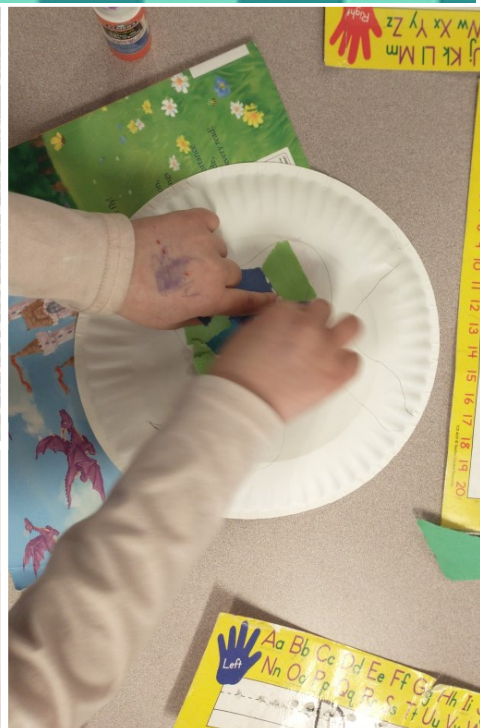


Vic West Elementary  
**Children's Garden**





## Student's Art!





# TAPESTRY MUSIC



## Help your school music program...

by shopping at **Tapestry Music!**

**HOW?** Sign up for Tapestry Rewards Program! You get a 2% store credit on every purchase of store merchandise. You can use this credit yourself for future purchase **OR you can donate them to your school music program or community music organization!**

When buying any merchandise in one of the **Tapestry Music** stores or online, **just tell them that you wish to donate your credit to Vic West Elementary.**

**Why?** This Tapestry Music's way of helping school stretch their budgets and encourage supporters to fundraise simply by shopping at Tapestry.

Questions? Call a Tapestry Music Store...

(250) 590-0752 Victoria

## DAILY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

8:53 am to 2:35 pm

Morning Recess: 10:05 am – 10:20 am

Lunch & Learn: 11:36 am – 11:56 am

Lunch Recess: 11:56 am – 12:31 pm

SUPERVISION:

8:38 am - 8:53 am

2:35 pm - 2:50 pm

**If arriving late for school, please send your child through the Main Entrance (Door C) to check in at the office.**

## IMPORTANT—REPORTING ABSENCES

**Please call the office (250-382-9131) OR email the office ([vicwest@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:vicwest@sd61.bc.ca)) when your child will be absent from school.**

Thank you.

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

Please check out the 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.



## Call for Donations for our Clothing Cabinet

Sometimes we have students who are caught needing some extra clothes. We try to provide something, but our clothing cupboard is running low on some items.

We are looking for donations of **good condition sweatpants and socks in various sizes**. If you can donate please just drop off to the office.



## Parking Reminders

Just a reminder that **we have two spots for people with mobility challenges**; please do not park in them if you do not need to out of respect for those who do.



**Please adhere to the no parking signs**, particularly in the curve at the beginning of the drop-off zone. While we understand that parking is a challenge at Vic West, **we also need our Third Wave bus to be able to safely deliver students to school.**

Sometimes the bus is not able to enter the drop-off zone due to the congestion of cars in no parking areas.

*We thank you for your cooperation and patience!*

## Vic West Elementary School Library Fundraiser!

Shop in store or online and earn free books for Vic West Elementary School!

**MUNRO'S REWARDS**

BUY BOOKS  
COLLECT POINTS  
SAVE MONEY  
BUY MORE BOOKS

Collect points on most regularly priced items in store and online with just your name and phone number. (No card required!)

Once you earn 1000 points, you can redeem \$10 against a future purchase.

Ask for more details the next time you shop with us!

- Purchase your books, toys, games, puzzles or socks at Munro's online or in store. At checkout, give us your name and phone number and let us know you'd like to donate your reward points to Vic West Elementary.
- Vic West will receive your points on *all future purchases* unless Munro's is instructed otherwise.\*
- Points will function like a credit on account and let Vic West buy more books for the school library!

\*Our regular restrictions on point collection/redemption apply.

Can't make it to town? Shop at [munrobooks.com](http://munrobooks.com)  
Local delivery is \$8 or FREE for orders over \$75!



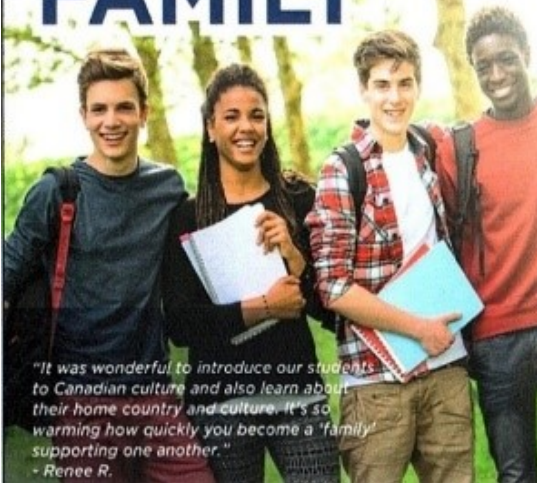
**MUNRO'S BOOKS**  
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Connect your family to the world!



# BECOME A HOST FAMILY



*"It was wonderful to introduce our students to Canadian culture and also learn about their home country and culture. It's so warming how quickly you become a 'family' supporting one another."*  
- Renee R.

## Homestay parents required for our Greater Victoria International Education Program

Student stays can range from short term (a couple of weeks to 4 months) to a half term (5 months) to a full term (1 year or longer). Students are enrolled in a middle or secondary program throughout the district.

It is a great opportunity for your family to share in an intercultural exchange of ideas, food and life. Our host families are offered an orientation, on-going support (24/7 emergency line), a homestay manual, and a **\$975 monthly** student support fee.

To find out more about homestay program or to apply please visit our website: [www.studyinvictoria.com/homestay](http://www.studyinvictoria.com/homestay) or contact Gary Garraway at the Homestay Office.

Email: [ggarraway@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:ggarraway@sd61.bc.ca) 250-592-6871

**Thank you for checking us out!**



# PAC Info

## Ongoing Fundraisers

### **Sailor Jack's: "Vic West Kids" T-Shirts**

Visit Sailor Jack's Consignment (424 Craigflower Rd.), purchase a T-shirt for \$19.95 and \$5 from each sale will be donated to the Vic West Elementary PAC. Various styles and sizes.

### **Mabel's Labels:**

Visit [www.mabelslabels.ca](http://www.mabelslabels.ca) and choose **Support a Fundraiser**, scroll down to **Vic West Elementary (Victoria)** near the bottom and choose our school. Get shopping for labels to keep all your kids' stuff organized and Mabel's Labels will donate 20% to Vic West PAC.

### **Finn & Izzy:**

For every pair of regular priced shoes purchased at \$50 or more, Finn & Izzy donates \$5.00 to one of 25 local schools. Let them know you'd like the donation to go to Vic West Elementary and they'll do the rest! Finn & Izzy are located at 2259 Oak Bay Ave. [finnandizzy.com](http://finnandizzy.com)

### **Donate Online: Get a Tax Receipt**

Register for an account at <https://sd61.schoolcashionline.com/Registration/ProfileTabs>

Once you have an account you can go to <https://sd61.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Index>

or click the '**Make a Donation**' button on the Vic West Elementary website <https://vicwest.sd61.bc.ca>

On the donation page choose or enter the amount you would like to donate and the fund destination from the dropdown list. Simply scroll down and choose '**Vic West Elementary - PAC**', fill in the Tribute info or message to the School Board (optional), then click 'add to cart' and proceed to the checkout. These funds will then go to the school but must be spent in consultation with the PAC. You can choose to have the funds go directly to the school however the PAC would have no say in how those funds are distributed or spent.