

# VICTORIA WEST ELEMENTARY



## E-Bulletin

September 09, 2022



### Dear Families of Vic West Elementary,

Hello Families of Vic West!

**Welcome back to school everyone!** It is so great to see the school building full and vibrant again after summer break. It has been great getting to know our students, staff and family communities, and Mr. Galhon and I look forward to building further connections. Thank you all for being so kind and welcoming to us as we join the Vic West community!

The start of the new school year is always a busy and exciting time. Our learners are adjusting to new routines and expectations while forming and re-establishing bonds and relationships with staff and peers. While school start up is an energetic time, it may also bring about lots of change and transition. Now is a great learning opportunity and teachable moment for our young learners around flexibility, adaptability and resilience and grit. We look forward to working together as a school community to provide that wrap-around support for our students to help them through a time of transition, and for them to develop a confidence sense of self.

We wish everyone a productive and fun year ahead!

Mr. Nicholas Chiu, Principal

Mr. Sanjiv Galhon, Vice-Principal

### Daily School Schedule:

School Starts at 8:45 am

Recess: 10:15 am – 10:30 am

Lunch: Eating: 11:50 am – 12:10 pm

Outside Play: 12:10 pm – 12:35 pm

Dismissal at 2:37 pm

### **Supervision:**

8:30 am – 8:45 am

2:37 pm – 2:52 pm

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

### IMPORTANT DATES

**September 12** - Breakfast Program Begins

**September 23** - Pro-D Day

**September 29** - Orange Shirt Day

**September 30** - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (No School)





# Children's Garden News!!!



Have you seen the 20 foot sunflower in the Children's Garden? Come by the garden and have a look!

Over July and August, we had some dedicated families who came out every Tuesday to help Patti and Ms. Kosh care, tend and harvest the vegetables, herbs and flowers that we planted with our students in the spring.

**We harvested approximately 63 pounds of produce** that we shared with our families! Some of the produce we harvested were zucchini, cucumbers, potatoes, kale, snap peas, arugula, broccoli and potatoes!

During our first week back to school, Patti (who dressed-up like a corn) gave tours of the garden for classes to observe the changes since the end of the June! The kids were amazed!



**If you are interested in helping out with the garden** or have some expertise you would like to share, please contact Jackie Kosh at [jkosh@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:jkosh@sd61.bc.ca).

Check out the pictures below!





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 .



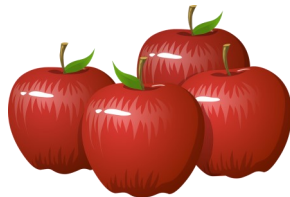
## Lost and Found

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

## Breakfast and Veggie Programs

We will be starting breakfast program on Monday, September 12. Food will be served at the front of the school this year.

The fruit and veggie program will start again on September 26.



## 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!*

## 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.

# Sunday September 18

Raynor Street & Craigflower Road ★ 12 noon to 4pm

Spiral Café  
21<sup>st</sup>  
Anniversary

Apple Pie Contest



Bring your homemade Apple Pie - Judging 2pm

Zucchini Car Races  
All Day!



Bring a homemade zuke car or build one at the races

It's BACK! It's FINE!

Nope it's FANTASTIC! It's the Vic West Community

# Corn Roast

To celebrate we're adding DOGGOS this year!

Bring your Pupper to the Dog Show from 1-2 pm!



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