

Victoria West Elementary

E-Bulletin

September 23, 2022



Dear Families of Vic West,

September has flown by! We can't believe that next week is already the end of our first month of school together as a school community. I hope that as we move into next week, we take some time to do some reflecting.

This coming Wednesday, our school community will be engaging in a school-wide **Terry Fox Run** to honour his legacy. Despite sharing his own personal story about his struggles with cancer, Terry put the needs of others before his; through his efforts to raise awareness for cancer research in order to improve the lives and outcomes for other cancer patients.

In addition, on Thursday next week, we will be coming together as a school community to recognize **Orange Shirt Day** and our **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**. This day highlights our important work and on-going commitment to our calls to action and to our collective journey to reconciliation.

It is a day to reflect upon, learn, and acknowledge the negative impacts of residential schools while highlighting the need to move forward with compassionate listening, reconciliation, and kindness.

As we reflect upon our week ahead, it becomes apparent that ***listening with the heart*** is a key component of moving ourselves and our community forward in a positive way. Whether it's Terry's story, the story of a residential school survivor, or the lived experiences of someone in your community, *we must take the time to listen with an open heart*. When we listen with compassion to acknowledge and recognize the diversity of lived experiences – we are then able to move from *tolerance to acceptance to understanding*.

Thank you for reading ♥

Mr. Chiu – Principal

Mr. Galhon – Vice-Principal

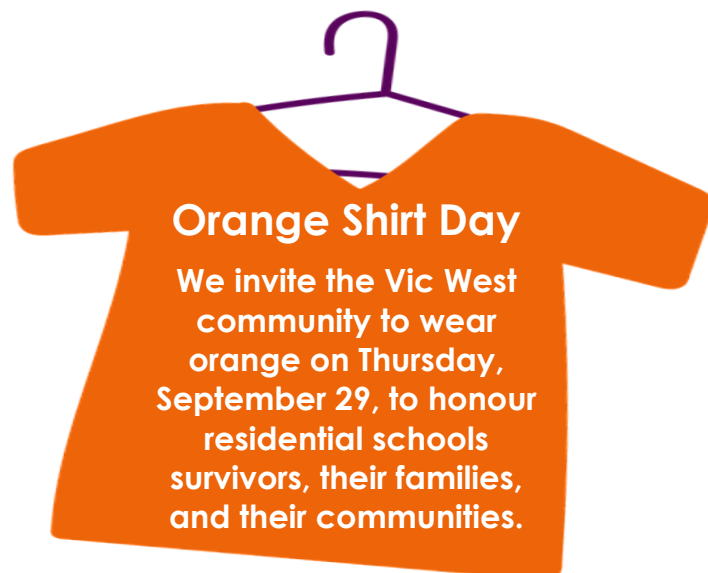
IMPORTANT DATES

September 28 - Terry Fox Run

September 29 - Orange Shirt Day

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

October 3-7 - Scholastic Book Fair



**“I wanted to set an example that
would never be forgotten.”**

Terry Fox

The annual Terry Fox Run has become a fall tradition in Canada, with more than 650 communities, big and small, urban and rural, English and French, fundraising for cancer research.

Vic West's Terry Fox Run is Wednesday, September 28!

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday leading up to the run, students in Division 2 will be collecting donations of **'Toonies for Terry'** in support of cancer research.

More information about Terry Fox and his 'Marathon of hope', visit: <https://terryfoxschoolrun.org/>



Calling All Runners!

The cross country running season is about to begin.

Practices will be on Wednesday and Friday mornings, starting on October 5th, at 8:15 am.

Race dates are still to be announced.

This opportunity is for students in **grades 3-5**.

We will be meeting in the library on run mornings before moving to the back field.

Stay tuned for more information!



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

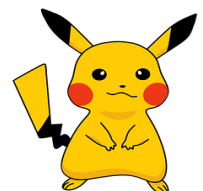
Supervision:

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.

Friendly reminder to please **keep toys and Pokémon cards home.**



Scholastic Book Fairs

Save The Date! October 3-7

Dear families,

Mark your calendars! The fun and excitement of a **Scholastic Book Fair** is coming to our school!

So save the date! Our **Scholastic Book Fair** will take place on **Oct 3-7**

And for parents, friends and family that can't join us in the school, be sure to join us online with our **Virtual Book Fair Extension!**

Our online shop will be open on the first day of our Fair.

Watch for news leading up to our **Scholastic Book Fair!**

Happy Reading!



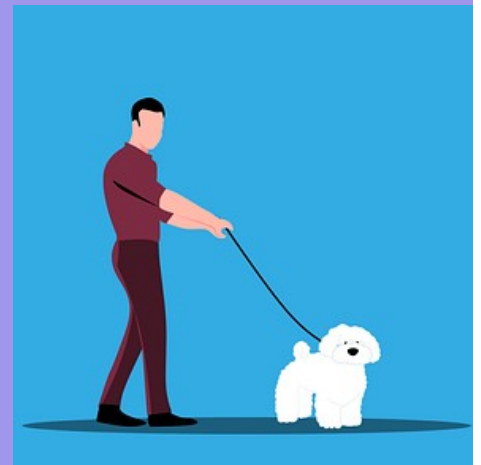
We are happy that our students are using their bikes, scooters, skateboards, etc., but we do ask them to **walk all wheels on school property** for the safety of all.

Thank you for helping our school to be safe and run smoothly.

"There are many parks and beaches throughout Greater Victoria where you can run your dog off leash."

"Public school grounds are NOT Leash Optional Areas at anytime."

Please keep dogs on a leash and be mindful of your pet's behaviors while on school grounds.

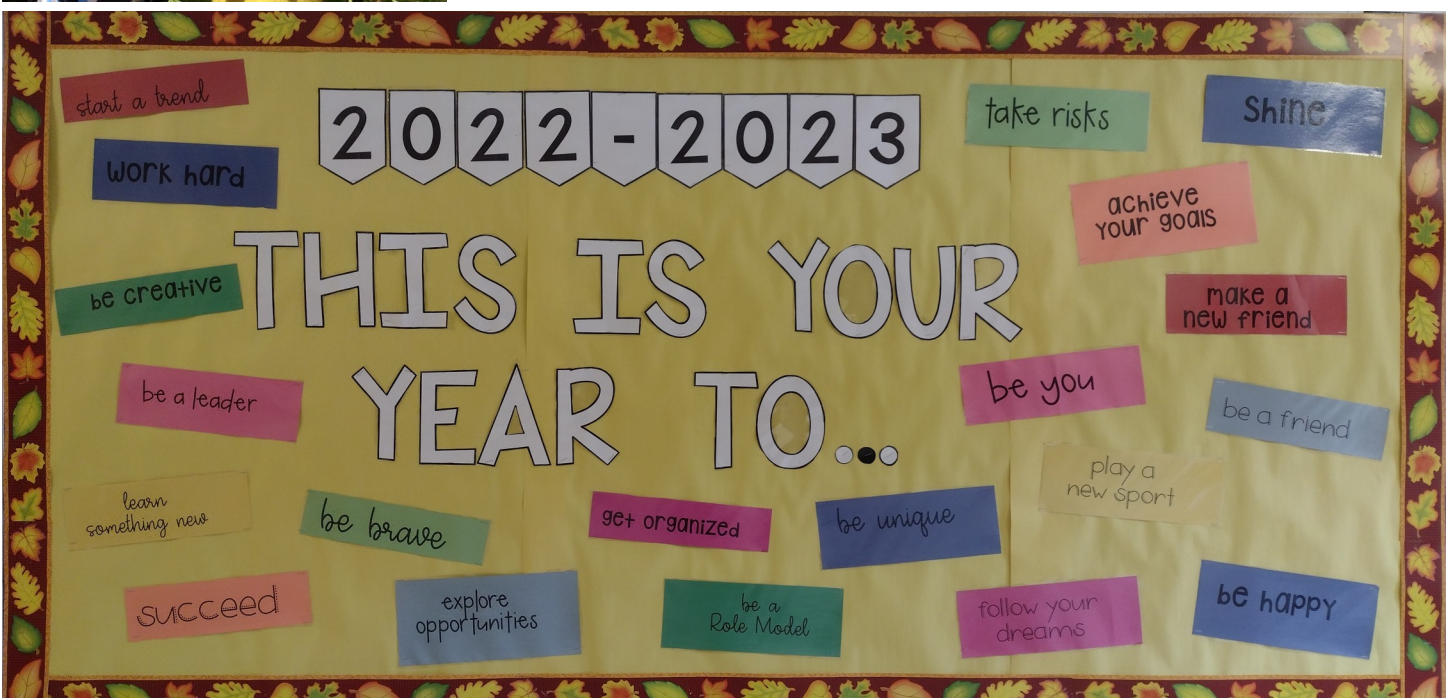
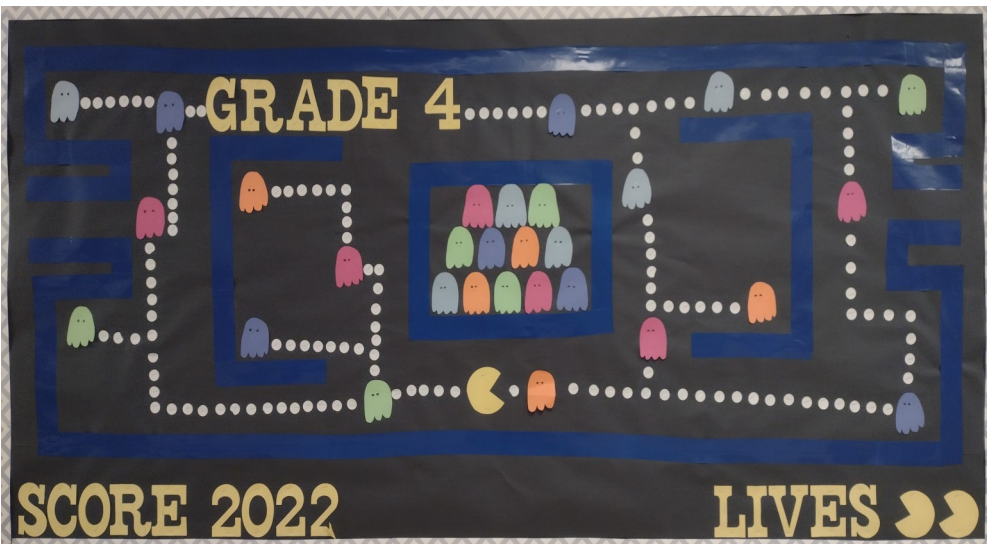
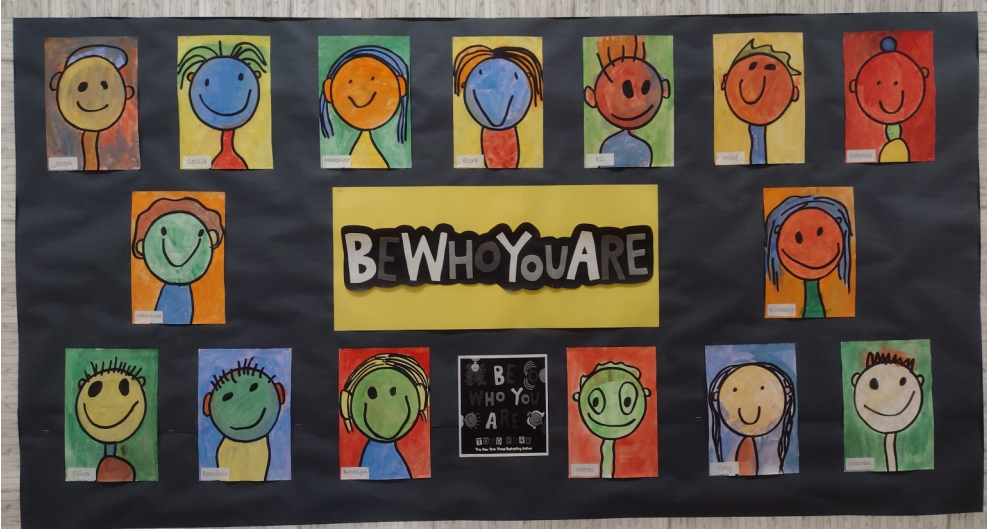


For more information about off-leash parks, visit:

www.vacs.ca/leash-optional-areas



This week's pics!





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 .



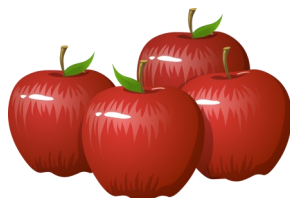
Lost and Found

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) when your child will be absent from school.

Thank you.

Please contact us at 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.

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 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

Donate Online: Get a Tax Receipt

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

Once you have an account you can go to <https://sd61.schoolcashonline.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.