

Victoria West Elementary

E-Bulletin

September 30, 2022



Dear Families of Vic West!

As we head into October, our school year is underway! Processes and our daily operations are coming together with a mindful and measured approach and our students continue to work towards being accustomed to their routines and expectations of the classroom and school.

Over the next few weeks, we will continue to connect with and settle into our place within our school community and we look forward to the progress and development that is ahead of us!

Thank you all!

Mr. Chiu – Principal

Mr. Galhon – Vice-Principal



IMPORTANT DATES

October 3-7 - Scholastic Book Fair

October 5 - 6 - Early Dismissal (Parent-Teacher Conferences)

October 10 - Thanksgiving Holiday (No School)

October 14 - Individual Photo Day

Scholastic Book Fairs



If you have time, please help Mrs. Speller, the librarian, sell books to families and raise money for the library.

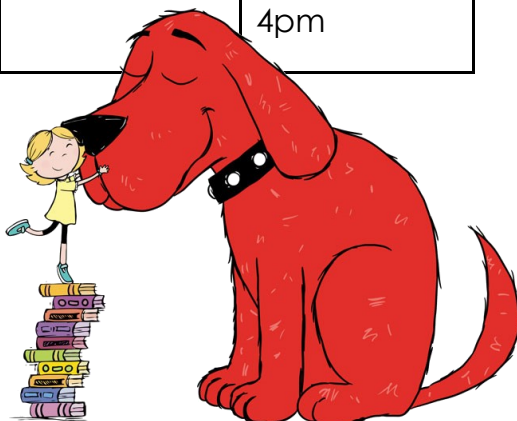
Where:

Vic West Elementary - Library

When:

Monday	October 3rd	2:45-4pm
Tuesday	October 4th	2:45-4pm
Wednesday	October 5th	12-2pm or 2-4pm
Thursday	October 6th	12-2pm or 2-4pm

[Click here to sign up as a volunteer!](#)

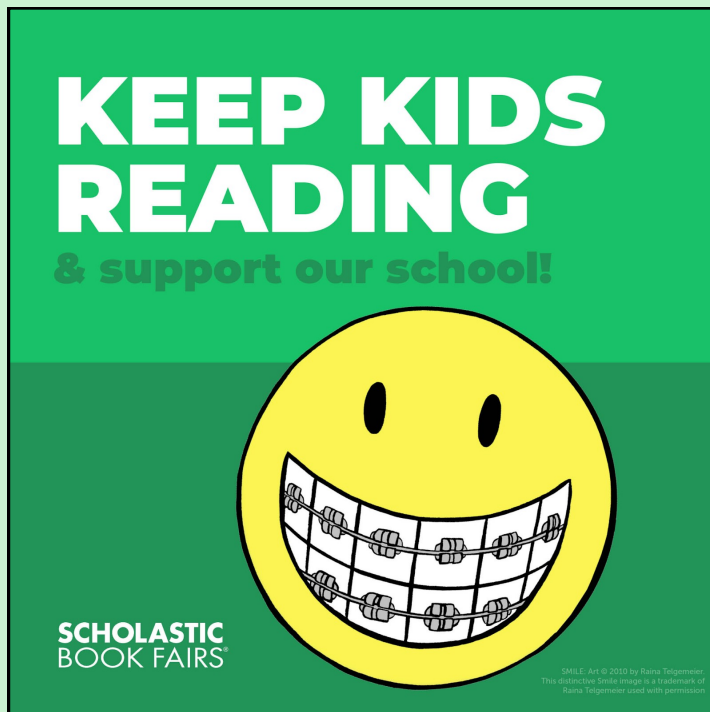


Save The Date! October 3-7

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

Our **Scholastic Book Fair** will take place on **Oct 3-7**

Scholastic Book Fairs



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.

Scholastic Book Fair

October 3 and 4th, 2:45-4:00

October 5th and 6th, 12:00-4:00

In the Vic West Elementary Library

Happy Reading!

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.



This week's pics!



Terry Fox Run: Students joined the Terry Fox Run last Wednesday. Thank you for your generosity. All funds raised will go to the Terry Fox Foundation.



Orange Shirt Day: We had a very emotive and informative assembly Sept 29 to honour the survivors of the residential schools. We also reflected in the commitment to never repeat the mistakes of the past.



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.



Lost and Found

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



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.

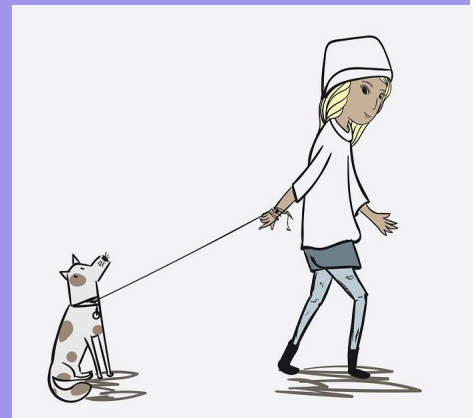
Thank you for helping our school to be safe and run smoothly.

Dogs on leash, please.

"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



important.

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

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**

1000X5

1000 Books by Age Five

3 Books = 1 Gift
The Challenge Continued



Every week 1000X5 Children's Book Recycling Project donates 600 of your books!

Join the hundreds of families who have taken the three book challenge. As we head into the holiday season, many families appreciate a bit of help with gifts. And what can be a better gift than a bag of 3 books for babies and toddlers? Every month 1000X5 pops 2400 books in 800 gift bags. In the last three weeks, hundreds of books have arrived for the weekly Wednesday sorting by 15 dedicated volunteers.

Drop your books for babies and preschoolers off in the pink bin just inside Door C. Thank you!

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.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.