

Victoria West Elementary

E-Bulletin

December 1, 2023



Dear Victoria West families,

As we find ourselves at the threshold of December, I want to take a moment to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you within our wonderful school community. Time seems to have flown by, and it's hard to believe we're already embracing the holiday season and the final stretch of 2023.

As we reflect on the past months, it's evident that our collective efforts have created a nurturing space for our students to learn, grow, and flourish. From the engaging classroom experiences to the success of various events and initiatives, it's clear that our school community is a testament to the power of collaboration.

December brings with it a special kind of magic – the joy of coming together, spreading kindness, and celebrating the achievements and milestones we've reached. Let's cherish these moments and embrace the spirit of the season.

Looking ahead, we have exciting plans and activities lined up for the rest of the school year. Your continued support is invaluable, and we are eager to share more memorable experiences with you and your children.

Thank you for being an integral part of the Victoria West family. Wishing you a December filled with warmth, joy, and special moments with your loved ones.

Gratefully,

Mr. Galhon – Acting Principal
Victoria West Elementary School

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER PAGE 10 (LAST PAGE)

We are changing the format of the weekly E Bulletin! The NEWSLETTER will be sent out once (1x) per month by the 1st of the month. The NEWSLETTER will contain a calendar of events for the month. A weekly REMINDER of upcoming events for the following week will be sent out on Fridays.

Please be sure to check our school website for information on our school events!



Registration of New Students 2024-2025 Year
(September 2024 start)

English Kindergarten registration is January 29 to February 2, 2024. All registration is online. Kindergarten registration will open at 8 a.m. on Monday, January 29, 2024.

Early French Immersion (Kindergarten & Grade 1) registration is January 15–19, 2024. All registration is online. Registration will open at 8 a.m. on Monday, January 15, 2024.

IMPORTANT REPORT CARD INFORMATION

There will no longer be paper copies of your child's report card sent home.

**REPORT CARDS WILL NOW BE SENT VIA
PARENT CONNECT**

**Instructions on how to access Parent Connect
will be sent the week of December 4**

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.

Notice:

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.

Picking up Students before the dismissal bell

Whenever you have to pickup your children before the dismissal bell, please come first to the office.

We appreciate it if you don't go to the classroom without been announced.



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!

*A list of on going fundraisers is available on the
Vic West website.*

Thank you for your support!

1000X5

1000 Books by Age Five

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 10 dedicated volunteers.

Drop your books for babies and preschoolers off in the bin at the library



Saturday
December 2nd 10am-3pm

Vic West Elementary School
Craft Fair!


Free admission

Door Prizes

Grade 5 Bake
Sale

Come join our local
makers,
bakers,
Crafters and
vendors

All Proceeds go towards the Vic West
Elementary School Arts Program



Esquimalt Celebration Of Lights

SUNDAY | DECEMBER 3RD 2023



FESTIVE FAMILY FUN!

3 PM TO 7 PM


- ★ LIVE MUSIC, PERFORMANCES, PARADE
- ★ 3 PM PERFORMANCES @ ARCHIE BROWNING
- ★ 5 PM PARADE START @ CANTEEN RD
- ★ 5:30 PM SNACKS BY DONATION, SANTA + MORE!

FEATURING CHRISTMAS CAROLS WITH
MAUREEN WASHINGTON &
ROCKHEIGHTS MIDDLE SCHOOL (5:30 PM)
& SPECIAL GUESTS FROM ECOLE VICTOR-BRODEUR,
MACAULAY ELEMENTARY, ALI GAUL, JOE MUSIC (3 PM)

BRING A NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM
FOR THE RAINBOW KITCHEN!

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Victoria West
Elementary
**Winter
Concert**



Wednesday, December 20th

Afternoon Concert 1:00-2:00 pm (Doors open at 12:35 pm)

Evening Concert 6:30-7:30 pm (Doors open at 6:00 pm)

Tickets info coming soon!



Become a Host Family



Want more information?

JOIN US FOR AN INFO. SESSION

June 14 6:00pm
Uplands Campus
3461 Henderson Rd.
RSVP: homestay@sd61.bc.ca

- We are looking for new host families interested in hosting International Students beginning September (3, 4, 5 month and 1 year stays).
- Students attend high schools and middle schools in the Greater Victoria School District.
- Host families provide 3 meals per day plus healthy snacks and a welcoming environment.
- Orientation and 24/7 support is available.
- \$1100 per month is provided for student support. \$1200 per month beginning Feb. 2024.



- 250-592-6871
- homestay@sd61.bc.ca
- www.studyinvictoria.com/homestay

DECEMBER 2023

REMINDER!!

CRAFT FAIR SATURDAY DECEMBER 2 FROM 10 A.M. TO 3 P.M.

LOCATION: SCHOOL GYM

ADMISSION: FREE



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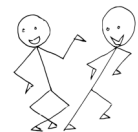
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**Concert
Day
Afternoon &
Evening
Performance**

**Report
Cards go
home
ELECTRONICALLY**

**Last day
before
Winter Break**



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WINTER BREAK DECEMBER 25 TO JANUARY 5

RETURN TO CLASS JANUARY 8, 2024

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