

Victoria West Elementary

E-Bulletin

December 22, 2023



Dear Victoria West Families,

As we approach the end of this remarkable year, we want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for your ongoing support and collaboration. The Victoria West community has truly shone brightly in 2023, and it wouldn't have been possible without each and every one of you.

As we head into the winter break, we reflect on the accomplishments, growth, and memorable moments that have made this year special. Your dedication to your child's education and your involvement in our school community have truly made a positive impact, and we are grateful for the partnership we share.

The winter break brings with it a well-deserved opportunity for rest, relaxation, and quality time with loved ones. Whether you're embarking on a winter adventure, cozying up by the fireplace, or simply enjoying the company of family and friends, we hope this break is filled with warmth and joy.

Our students have worked hard on their talents to perform at our recent winter concert. The performances were truly outstanding, showcasing the dedication and creativity of our students and staff. We hope you enjoyed the event as much as we did, and we extend our thanks to the students and staff who made it a magical evening.

As we bid farewell to 2023, we look forward to the promise and possibilities that the new year holds. Classes will resume on January 8th, 2024 and we eagerly anticipate the return of students for another exciting semester of learning and growth.

Thank you once again for your continued support and partnership. May your winter break be filled with laughter, love, and moments of pure joy. Wishing you and your family a restful holiday season and a Happy New Year!

Warm regards,

Sanjiv Galhon

Acting Principal, Victoria West Elementary School

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Kindergarten Registration

Dear Parents of children born in 2019,

We are quickly approaching Kindergarten registration time in the Greater Victoria School District.

Please visit our website:

<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/kindergarten-registration/>

to find more information about registering your child.

Your first step is to identify your school catchment by using the school locator (found on the website above).

Early French Immersion registration is January 15-19 and English Kindergarten registration is January 29- February.

All required documents needed for the online registration are found here:

<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/documentation/>

We are very excited to meet you and your child.

Welcome to School District 61.



Vic West Elementary **does not offer before or after school care**. Below is the list of programs that receive students from Vic West:

Vic West Community Association

250-590-8922

outofschoolcare@victoriawest.ca

<https://www.victoriawest.ca/childcare/>

Seedlings - 778-677-2408

Please contact them directly for information about enrolling in their programs.



**ESQUIMALT HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENTS
SHARING THE KNOWLEDGE
OF
INDIGENOUS LEARNING
WITH DIVISION 4 STUDENTS!**



BANFIELD PARK COMMUNITY ORCHARD



WASSAIL

**SATURDAY
JAN 13**

2:30 Crowning
3pm Morris Dancers
3:30 Wassail Ceremony
4pm Feast

Bring your own mug
for the Hot Mulled Cider
and Candle Lantern to
light the Orchard



**A CEREMONY TO
WAKE FRUIT
TREES FROM
THEIR WINTER
SLUMBER AND
SCARE AWAY EVIL
SPIRITS, ENSURING
A GOOD HARVEST**



EVENT HOSTED BY THE VIC WEST FOOD SECURITY COLLECTIVE, A PROJECT OF THE VWCA
- CULTIVATING COMMUNITY BY GROWING AND SHARING FOOD -

Our goal is to raise \$100,000
 & support over **140 families** throughout Greater Victoria
 with fresh fruit & veggies for **a whole year**

The Gift of Good Food

HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER

Healthy food for families who need it

Select the VIC WEST FOOD SECURITY COLLECTIVE fundraising team when making your donation

Donate now until December 31st

thegoodfoodbox.ca/donate/vicwestfoodsecuritycollective





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



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.

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250-592-6871



homestay@sd61.bc.ca



www.studyinvictoria.com/homestay

JANUARY 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 NEW YEARS DAY 	2	3	4	5
8 Classes resume After winter break	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
Early French Immersion Registration week				
22	23	24	25	26 Pro-D Day NO CLASSES
29	30	31		
K-Registration and K-Transfer week/Grade 6—Late French Immersion Registration				