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NEWSLETTER

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School reopens after the Christmas break on Monday, January 8, 2018

Principal's Message

Dear Eagle View Families,

What good fortune we all have in being a part of the wonderful Eagle View Elementary community! Eagle View is clearly a school where dedicated staff constantly go the extra mile for students, where parents provide lots of caring family connection and where students are free to play, to learn and to be the lovely children they are.

On Friday, December 15, you will receive the Term 1 report card for your child. Term 1 has been filled with opportunities to build skills, to work successfully both independently and in groups, to polish creative and critical thinking skills and to extend personal and social responsibility. In building a school culture, we have enjoyed the Terry Fox Run, the Walk-a-Thon, Tour de Rock, an Artstarts presentation, a PAC sponsored night of magic with Magician Donald Dunphy and a whole host of individual class initiatives.

Staff are learners, too. Over the 3 Professional Development Days in Term 1, we have addressed issues related to our two school goals:

- 1. To develop numeracy skills with a specific focus on computational fluency in the context of number sense. (In "plain talk" this means getting better at adding, subtracting, multiplying, dividing numbers in a way that is both engaging and meaningful!)
- 2. To explore how a focus on Social Emotional Learning can best meet the needs of Eagle View students.

For example, related to Goal 2, on November 24, staff participated in the "BC Blanket Exercise: Exploring Historical Relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Peoples." This highly engaging experiential workshop helped us understand how colonization impacted the people who already lived in Canada. As we reflected on the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples, we also thought about our responsibilities as educators when we assist students to develop understanding attitudes in working towards reconciliation.

On Thursday, December 21 (1:15 and 6:00) we celebrate the winter season, and invite you to join us in our Winter Concert performances.

Thank you to Eagle View community for the warm welcome you have provided for me at our school. I wish you and your families the very best throughout the holiday season. Happy Winter

Holidays!

Sincerely, Lois Bender. **Principal**





View the full school calendar at: www.sd61.bc.ca/school/eagleview

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
				1 Pizza Hut Lunch	
4	Swim Club 3:15 - 4:00 pm	6 Kindergarten Vision & Hearing Screening Gr. 3 - 5 Choir @ City Hall 11:45 am - 1:30 pm	7	8 Subway Lunch	
11	Popcorn Recess Div. 7 Fieldtrip @ Pearkes 1:00 - 2:00 pm Swim Club 3:15 - 4:00 pm	13	14	1st Term Reports Home Boston Pizza & Pasta Lunch	
Christmas Performance Tickets Distributed Today	19	20	Christmas Performance 1:15 pm Christmas Performance 6:00 pm	Pajama Day PAC Pancake Breakfast Div. 1 - 3 Fieldtrip @ Langford Lanes 10:00 - 11:30 am Last Day of School for Christmas	
25	26	27	28	29	
Christmas Holidays					

December Birthdays

Teagan M, Dylan R, Brooklyn H, Shiloh B, Violet B, Brandon B, Madeleine S, Shayden P, Lane F, Nolan T, Brandon W, Alice K, Isaiah R, Elizabeth L, Olivia E, Deanna L, Ava C & Samara D Happy Birthday!!

Christmas Concerts

All classes will be performing in a Christmas Concert on **Thursday, December 21.** We will have two opportunities for parents/families to see the performances. Our afternoon performance will be at 1:15 p.m. and the evening performance will be at 6:00 p.m. All classes will be performing at both performances. For the evening performance, the front doors of the school will not open until 5:45 p.m. To avoid disrupting the performance we request the audience stay for the entire performance.



Concert Ticket Procedure:

- Tickets will <u>not</u> be necessary for the afternoon performance. We encourage grandparents and other extended family members to try to come to this performance.
- Each family will receive <u>two</u> tickets for the evening performance. Families will not have to request tickets. We will send home the two tickets on Monday, December 18 with the youngest and/or only child in each family. There will <u>not</u> be an opportunity to request additional tickets. Due to Fire Marshal regulations we cannot exceed the seating capacity of our gym. Please ensure you have your tickets to ensure admission into the performance. Preschool children will require a ticket too.
- To ensure that many of our students' important family members can attend a performance it would be helpful if we could collectively use the following guide lines. If you are able to attend the afternoon performance, please use your evening tickets for another family member, or if you don't need the tickets, please turn them into the office. If your family will not be able to attend the performance as you will be out of town, please return your tickets.
- We will not be charging for admission to either performance, but as has been our tradition, we are asking for a donation of either non-perishable food items or cash for our local food bank. We will have the Eagle View Food Bank train set up in the foyer.

Pajama Day



On Friday, December 22 we will be having Pajama Day and students are encouraged to wear their pajamas, slippers and have their favourite stuffed animal with them. While students can wear their sleep wear during class time, please ensure that they come to school with the appropriate outside wear - a coat and boots. As long as the weather allows it, students will go outside at the break times so they need to be dressed weather appropriate.

Eagle View Food Bank Train

Chuga Chuga Chuga Choo Choo.......The train has pulled into the station. Our Eagle View food bank train can be found in the front foyer of the school. If you have any food items you would like to donate please drop them off no later than Thursday, December 21. All food items brought in will be sent to the West Shore Food Bank and distributed to families for the Christmas season. We appreciate your contributions to this worthy cause.

Christmas Backpack Project



The Christmas Backpack Project is an annual initiative that provides those in need with backpacks full of necessities and comfort items on Christmas Day. We are accepting donations until Friday, December 15, 2017. Items greatly in need are toiletry items such as shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, new gloves, scarves, toques and backpacks. For more information you can check out their Facebook page at Facebook.com/ChristmasBackpackProject.

Lost & Found

Lost and found items are on display in the front foyer of the school. Please stop by the school and see if you recognize any of the items.

Ready, Set, Learn



Eagle View will be hosting our annual Ready, Set, Learn event on Friday, January 19, 2018 from 1:00 - 2:00 pm. This wonderful event is for parents and their preschool aged children. It is a drop-in style event with lots of information and activities. Please mark your calendars and if you know of any first time parents in our area, please share this info with them.

Our District is also holding **Welcome to School - Parent Information Evening** at the SJ Willis Education Centre Auditorium, 923 Topaz Avenue on Wednesday, January 17, 2018, 6:00 - 8:30 pm.

Kindergarten Registration - September 2018

Planning is already underway for Kindergarten registration. Children turning 5 years old in the calendar year 2018 are eligible for Kindergarten in September 2018. Registration week is Monday, January 29 through Friday, February 2, 2018.

Please read the following carefully as there have been changes to enrolment priorities as well as the documentation required to register.

Families are asked to register at their catchment area school during registration week. If you currently have a student at Eagle View and will be registering a Kindergarten student but are <u>not</u> living in the Eagle View catchment you must register at your catchment school and apply for a transfer to Eagle View.

To register you need to bring in your child's birth certificate, Canadian Passport or landed immigrant authorization. You will need to provide <u>two</u> of the following documents for proof of residency (driver's license and utility bills will no longer be accepted):

<u>Home owners</u> <u>Renters</u>

purchase agreement of home current property tax statement home owner's insurance notice of assessment

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a purchase agreement (w/subject removal & deposit receipt) income tax statement

2 of the following: Canadian bank or credit card statement BC vehicle registration income tax statement renter insurance documents

rental agreement signed by landlord &

If you have any questions, please feel free to call our office or visit our District website at www.sd61.bc.ca/kindergarten.aspx for helpful information to assist you and your child for entry into kindergarten and our public school system. We cannot hand out registration forms in advance.

Winter Weather - Important Information

We are now approaching the season when inclement weather may affect the safety and welfare of students. In particular, snowy weather has the potential to cause school closure or some School District 61 services to be suspended.

During inclement weather, information about schools will be updated continuously on the Greater Victoria School District 61 website at http://www.sd61.bc.ca/. We will also be using our Synrevoice system to convey messages of this nature as well.

Within the Greater Victoria School District, the Superintendent of Schools will provide media outlets with information about the status of our facilities and transportation services by 6:30 am.

~ News from EVE PAC ~

PAC Meetings

There is **no** monthly PAC meeting in December. The next PAC meeting will be on **Wednesday**, **January 10**, **at 6:30 pm**, in the school Library. All parents are welcome to attend.

3 Books = 1 Gift Make it Happen

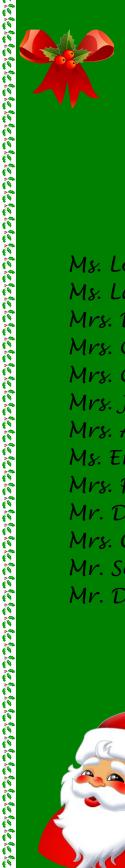
Every week 1000X5 Children's Book Recycling Project donates 600 of your books

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 in the front foyer of the school.





Wishing all our Eagle View Families A Safe & Happy Holiday Season



Ms. Lois Bender

Mr. Laureen Brain

Mrs. Dina Christoff

Mrs. Gina Gregory

Mrs. Glynnis Kennell

Mrs. Janine Rimek

Mrs. Adria Rockwell

Ms. Erin Houldsworth

Mrs. Pam Wiersma

Mr. Dave Bonderoff

Mrs. Cheryl Fraelic

Mr. Sean Ferris

Mr. Doug Schaufele

Mrs. Jennifer MacDonald

Mr. Ryan Nast

Mrs. Trish Smith

Mr. Paul Borich

Mr. Dylan Pagnotta

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Mrs. Shari Griffin

Ms. Brenda Murray

Mrs. Crystal Pollard

Mr. Dan Viala



