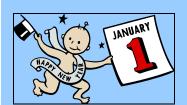
# January 2018







# NEWSLETTER



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## Principal's Message

Happy New Year & welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season.

The calendar page has turned to 2018 at Eagle View! With the seasonal ornaments tucked away for another year, we return to the busy world of learning. As I mentioned in the December newsletter, one of our two school goals relates to Numeracy: To develop numeracy skills with a specific focus on computational fluency in the context of number sense. Inspiring curious and engaged mathematical minds involves a team - students, staff and families need to all be on board as children take on classroom challenges as well as problems in our everyday lives.

The first step with our children is to set the tone of a "Growth" vs. "Fixed" Mindset. Wondering what that is all about? Check out this poster which traces the thought patterns of both mindsets:

#### http://alumni.stanford.edu/content/magazine/artfiles/dweck 2007 2.pdf

On our **January 29 Professional Development Day**, Eagle View staff will be spending a day with Nikki Lineham, who specializes in developing numeracy skills. Nikki points to the importance of instilling a growth mindset around mathematics. As adults, we sometimes extend our own fixed mindsets on to our children by saying things like, "Oh don't worry; I was never good at math either." If we shift to a growth mindset, we model that we are capable of whatever we want to do if given the time, space and the right strategies. As Ms. Lineham notes, we learn to say, "Yes, you can learn this math. You totally can! It's just going to take work and effort!"

The next step is to involve our children in lots of mathematical challenges, both at school and in their lives at home. Virtually any task that involves numbers, measuring, counting or using money works. This might involve playing number games, helping to cook or being responsible for money through an allowance.

At Eagle View, we have a great opportunity coming up to "play" math with our children. On Tuesday, January 30, a University of Victoria group called Pacific Institute for the Mathematical Sciences will be hosting a games night called "Math Mania" here at Eagle View. The gym will be set up with stations featuring puzzles, soap bubbles, kaleidoscopes, hexaflexagons and games such as Get your Goat, the Penny Game, the Set Game, the Game of 24 and the Tower of Hanoi. These activities are designed to demonstrate to children fun ways of learning both math and computer science concepts. Consider putting this day in your calendar. Bring your school aged children and join in the fun!

Lois Bender, Principal





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

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	2	3	4	5
Christmas Holidays				
		10	4.4	42
<b>8</b> Classes Resume 8:32 am	9 Swim Club 3:15 - 4:00 pm	PAC Meeting 6:30 pm	11	Pizza Hut Lunch
15	16 Popcorn Recess Swim Club 3:15 - 4:00 pm	17 Fieldtrip Div. 1 - 3 Juan de Fuca 12:30 - 2:30 pm	18	Subway Lunch READY SET LEARN 1:00 - 2:00 pm
22	Swim Club 3:15 - 4:00 pm	24  Lockdown Drill 1:30 pm	25	<b>26</b> Boston Pizza & Pasta Lunch
29 Pro D Day (School is not in session)	30 Swim Club 3:15 - 4:00 pm	31		
Kindergarten Registration				

# January Birthdays

Isla P, Jake C, Cooper S, Shabd N, Madison F, Isla K, Evalyn J, Samantha C, Brody P, Nico T, Quinn C, Kaiden P, Liam J, Lexie H, Alaina M, Paili F, Gemana M, Gisele M & Lauren W. Happy Birthday!!

#### 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):

#### **Home owners**

purchase agreement of home current property tax statement home owner's insurance notice of assessment a purchase agreement (w/subject removal & deposit receipt)

#### Renters

rental agreement signed by landlord & 2 of the following:
Canadian bank or credit card statement
BC vehicle registration
income tax statement
renter insurance documents

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.

#### 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 dropin 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 information 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, 6:30 - 8:30 pm.

#### Student Transfer Process - K-12

Eagle View Elementary is part of the Spectrum Family of Schools. Catchment students will move through our family of schools – Eagle View Elementary (K-5), Colquitz Middle School (6 – 8), and Spectrum Community School (9-12). Non-catchment students in Grade 5 will be pre-transitioned to their catchment school. Each year as part of the registration process, parents are given an opportunity to apply for transfer if they wish their child to attend a school outside of their assigned catchment. The student transfer process for K – 12 will begin on February 15 – 23, 2018. Transfer forms will be available at any Greater Victoria School District schools as well as online. Please visit www.sd61.bc.ca for more information or give our school office a call at 250-744-2701.

#### Middle School Information Evening

Eagle View catchment students' pathway is to Colquitz Middle School. Colquitz will be hosting their information evening on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Students will have an opportunity to visit their middle schools on our District's Orientation afternoon on Thursday, May 17, 2018.

#### **Emergency Drills at Eagle View**

During an emergency, the safety of students and staff is always a priority. To provide an effective response to any crisis situation, it is important for schools to practice drills. As such, we have several drills each year that would help us to prepare should there be an Earthquake, Fire, Hold and Secure or Lockdown. Of course, we all hope that these things would never occur, but it is always best to have thought through the process. **As such, we will be having a Lockdown Drill on Wednesday, January 24 at 1:30.** A few things to consider:

How does a "Hold and Secure" differ from a "Lockdown" situation? A "Hold and Secure" is implemented when it is desirable to secure the school because of an ongoing situation outside the school but not related to the school. An example could be a cougar sighting or a police incident that has happened in the neighborhood. In this case, school continues to function but the exterior doors are locked and the children/staff remain inside the building. A "Lockdown" would only be used when there is a threat of school violence related to the school. Children and staff stay inside a locked building and follow specific procedures within their classroom. In this situation, parents would wait for information from the school district before coming to the school. Police would be involved.

In the drill that will occur January 24, staff will prepare the children ahead of time in a way that is developmentally appropriate for their children. The message is delivered in a calm way and with the main idea that we prepare for emergency situations in different ways. In a fire drill, we exit the building, but sometimes, we respond by staying quietly within our class. During the actual drill, our police liaison officer, Pamela Scheidl, will be present. The drill consists of the Principal noting on the intercom that we are having a practice drill called a lockdown where we stay inside the school and our classrooms. Teachers ensure that their doors are locked and gather the children to a specific area of the classroom, most often sharing a quiet story or having a small discussion during that time. In the case of a real emergency, students and teacher would be completely quiet. When Constable Scheidl indicates the drill is over (usually just a few minutes), another announcement is made thanking everyone for the participation and noting the importance of readiness for different kinds of unforeseen situations.

Since the exterior of the school will be locked for a brief time, we ask that you do not come to Eagle View between about 1:25 and 1:45 on Wed., Jan. 24. If you should forget and arrive then, please just wait in the parking lot for the few minutes.



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## 1000 Books by Age Five

Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria

# January 27 - Family Literacy Day ...Donate books to increase early literacy

Do you know that reading books to babies and preschoolers is the most significant indicator of early school success? Cuddling and reading to your little ones shows that you value reading, builds comfort, enjoyment and early skills that last a lifetime.

Help make that true for those still to gain those habits. **January 27 is National Literacy Day.** As well as enjoying a new story with your child, please make an extra effort to drop of gently used picture books for babies and preschoolers in the drop box in the front foyer. All very young children benefit from being read to – help make that a reality for more. Thank you for being part of the 150,000 books donated over the last eight years.

#### **Eagle View Swim Team**

Our weekly practices started up again on Tuesday this week. Our dedicated team members continue their training. We will be in the Stand up and Race meet on Sunday, January 14, 2018 at the Commonwealth Pool.

#### West Shore Food Bank donations

Our Eagle View food boxes were full of wonderful food donations for the local food bank.. Volunteers from the West Shore Food Bank picked up many boxes of non-perishable food items on Thursday, December 21. Way to go Eagle View families!







Several backpacks were able to be filled thanks in part to the generous donations of our families. The project was able to put many backpacks together and they were delivered to homeless shelters during the holiday season.

### ~ News from EVE PAC ~

#### **PAC Meetings**

The next PAC meeting will be on **Wednesday, February 8, at 6:30 pm,** in the school Library. All parents are welcome to attend.



## Save the Date Scholastic Book Fair at Eagle View Library February 20th, 21st & 22nd



**Additional books for our library!!** For every \$10 you spend at the Fair, up to \$6 goes directly back to our school in the form of books for our Library. We cater to ALL reading levels. You could win the family event draw - \$25 in books for your family, PLUS \$25 for your child's classroom teacher! Increase the size of your child's classroom library by purchasing books.

We look forward to seeing you during our Scholastic Book Fair and we thank you, in advance, for supporting this great literary fundraiser. More importantly, thank you for believing in books and the importance reading has on your child's future. We need volunteers to help run the book fair. If you are able to volunteer please contact Rosalina Munro at rosalina\_munro@shaw.ca even a half an hour makes a difference.

