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GREATER VICTORIA SCHOOL DISTRICT #61

EAGLE VIEW ELEMENTARY



# NEWSLETTER



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**Spirit Day on Wednesday, February 14**  
**Dress in Red, White and Pink!**



## Principal's Message

The first month of 2018 has been an exciting one at Eagle View Elementary! On January 19, future preschool children and their adults joined the fun and games of "Ready, Set, Learn." Mrs. Rimek, Ms. Rossato, Ms. Wiersma and Ms. Ducharme, along with a cohort of Grade 5 leadership students, helped plan, organize and run the activity stations. Kim Tooley and Rosalina Munro provided the PAC perspective on our wonderful school. With Colquitz Middle School hosting their information night on Wednesday, February 7, grade 5 students and their families are starting to think about their transitions, too. (EVE PAC meeting cancelled that night.)

As you know, "extending the number sense and calculation skills of our students IN A MEANINGFUL CONTEXT" is one of our two Eagle View goals for this school year. All staff experienced an outstanding day of learning on Monday, January 29 when we worked with Nikki Lineham. Ms. Lineham reinforced the importance of a "Growth Mindset" in math and then led us through a series of activities that we can share with students. Using manipulatives, games and story problems was a particular focus. MATH MANIA, an evening event for Eagle View families, followed on Tuesday night. A big thank you to Ms. Brain, Mrs. Pollard and many students of Division 2 who helped host, as well as the Grade 5 families who baked up treats galore!

Our second goal, which involves enhancing Social Emotional Skills, finds a perfect opportunity for celebration in February, our special month for highlighting kindness. Staff are discussing the virtues of kind acts and to celebrate, we will be featuring **February 14 as Pink/Red/White day and Wednesday, February 28 (10:30) as a Kindness Assembly Day.**

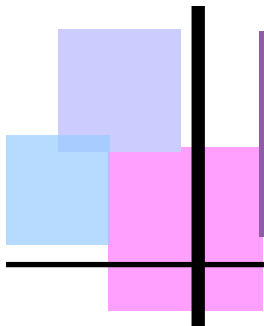
On the Athletic front, basketball continues for grade 4/5 students and their teacher coaches, Ms. Houldsworth and Mr. Nast. The highlight will be the **Jamboree on Wednesday, February 28 (12:30 - 2:30) at Spectrum Secondary School.** All are invited to cheer on Team Eagle View. Swimmers and their coach, Mrs. Wiersma, participated in the "Stand UP and Race Swim Meet" on January 14 which will be followed on **Monday, February 19 with the Preliminary Swim Meet.**

House games continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays with Ms. Bender/Mrs. Wiersma leading the games.

Ms. Bender  
Principal




Groundhog Day



# 2018



View the full school calendar at:  
[www.sd61.bc.ca/school/eagleview](http://www.sd61.bc.ca/school/eagleview)

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1	2 Pizza Hut Lunch
Kindergarten Registration				
5	6 Popcorn Recess Div. 10 Oral Health Presentation 10:30 am Swim Club 3:15 - 4:00 pm	7 Colquitz Parent Information Evening 7:00 - 8:30 pm	8	9 Subway Lunch
12 Family Day Stat Holiday 	13 Fieldtrip Div. 10 Swan Lake 9:00 - 11:00 am Swim Club 3:15 - 4:00 pm	14 Valentine's Day Red, Pink & White Day Fieldtrip Div. 4 & 5 Commonwealth Pool 9:00 am - 12:00 pm PAC Mtg Cancelled	15 K-12 Transfer Process Begins  Tundra the Wolf 10:30 am - 1:30 pm	16 Boston Pizza & Pasta Lunch
19 Preliminary Swim Meet 9:00 am - 3:00 pm	20 Scholastic Book Fair	21 Scholastic Book Fair Student Led Conferences Early Dismissal 11:40 am	22 Scholastic Book Fair Student Led Conferences Early Dismissal 11:40 am	23 Pro D Day School in NOT in Session  K-12 Transfer Process Ends
26	27	28 Pink Shirt Day In support of Anti-Bullying Assembly 10:30 am Basketball Jamboree @ Spectrum 12:30 - 2:30 pm		

## February Birthdays

Charlie B, Raquel C, Thane V, Brandon U, Jeremiah B,  
 Addi S, Chloe R, Hayden D, Adyson P, Grayson H & Jordyn B.  
 Happy Birthday!!

### Kindergarten Registration - September 2018

We have been busy processing our new kindergarten registrations for September 2018. If you know of any families who have a child turning 5 this calendar year, please ask them to call the office at (250)744-2701 as soon as possible.



To register you will need to bring your child's birth certificate, medical card and a proof of residency. Please come to the main office to register.

### 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](http://www.sd61.bc.ca) for more information or give our school office a call at 250-744-2701.

### Colquitz Middle School Information Evening

Eagle View catchment students' pathway is to Colquitz Middle School. Colquitz will be hosting their information evening Wednesday, February 7, 2018 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. We encourage all our parents of grade 5 students to attend this information evening. If you have any specific questions please feel free to contact Mr. Gord Mitchell, Principal of Colquitz at (250)479-1678.

### Ready, Set, Learn



Eagle View hosted our annual Ready, Set, Learn event on Friday, January 19, 2018. This wonderful event was for parents and their preschool aged children. The drop-in style event had lots of information and activities. We had 14 preschool aged children visit our school and participate in the event.

### Spare Clothing

We are in need of some spare clothing in particular girls pants sizes 5-8. If you are cleaning out your closets and are throwing away anything please consider donating them to the school. If we have sent your child home recently in some of our spare clothing please launder and return to the school office.

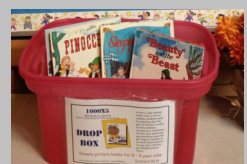


## 1000X5

1000 Books by Age Five  
Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria

Have you found the pink bin in the in the front foyer of the school?

We thank you for your donations of books for babies and preschoolers. This last week, 12 volunteers cleaned, labelled, and gift bagged books for Songhees Preschool, Victoria Native Friendship Centre and several Best Babies programs – in total over 700 books.



Thanks to you, next week we will do the same for other families.

Eagle View is a Scent-Free School  
Please help us keep the air we share healthy and fragrance free

### Parking at Pick Up and Drop Off Times

- ⇒ Please DO NOT park in the clearly marked 'Bus Zones' and 'No Parking' areas.
- ⇒ Parents may stop and drop a child off in the bus zone if the bus isn't there. **(However, please do not park and leave vehicles in this area.)**
- ⇒ Thank you for parking on Watkiss Way when the lot is full.
- ⇒ **Reserved parking spots are reserved at all times.**



### February 2018

### February is Heart Month

February is full of hearts.... Heart Month and Valentine's Day! Did you know that boosting your mood and getting enjoyment out of life is one way you can take care of your heart! Below are a few ways you can give your heart a boost.

**Do things that positively impact others.** Being useful to others and being valued for what you do can help build self-esteem.

**Learn or discover new things.** Join a book club, visit a museum, learn a new language or visit somewhere new.

**Enjoy the beauty of nature or art.** Studies show that walking through a garden can lower blood pressure and reduce stress. The same goes for strolling through a park or an art gallery, hiking, admiring architecture or sitting on a beach.

**Engage in meaningful, creative work.** Do things that challenge your creativity and make you feel productive, whether or not you get paid for it – things like gardening, drawing, writing, playing an instrument, or building something.

**Make time for leisure.** Do positive things for no other reason than that it feels good to do them. Go to a funny movie, take a walk on the beach, listen to music, read a good book, or talk to a friend. Play is an emotional and mental health necessity.

**Make time for reflection and appreciation.** Think about the things you're grateful for. Enjoy the sunset or take a moment to pay attention to what is good and positive as you go about your day. Everyone is different. Some people feel better relaxing and slowing down while others need more activity and more excitement or stimulation to feel better. The important thing is to find activities that you enjoy and uplift your heart!

Healthy, Safe and Caring Schools Program  
Student Services, Greater Victoria School District

### Winter Weather - Important Information



Remember, we have "West Coast" recesses at Eagle View. Please ensure your child is dressed for all weather, particularly rain! We are now in 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

The next PAC meeting will be on **Wednesday, March 14, at 6:30 pm**, in the school Library. All parents are welcome to attend. **There will be no meeting in February.**



### 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](mailto:rosalina_munro@shaw.ca) even a half an hour makes a difference.

## ~ Community News ~

### Opportunities through PISE - Pacific Institute for Sport Excellence

Interested in athletic opportunities for your family?

Looking for Spring Break Camps?

Check out the opportunities offered through PISE at <http://www.pise.ca/> or [Pise.ca/kids-camps/](http://Pise.ca/kids-camps/)

In addition to the programs currently being offered by PISE in our community, from March 19<sup>th</sup> to March 23<sup>rd</sup> and March 26<sup>th</sup> to March 29<sup>th</sup> PISE will also be offering Spring Break Camps at Colquitz Middle School.

For families with social and economic barriers and are interested in participating in PISE community programs and camps, PISE and The Condo Group are proud to offer SportStart Grant.

SportStart is a funding opportunity for children and youth under 19 years who require full or partial funding in order to participate in PISE Community Programs or Camps. PISE considers the social and economic barriers facing the young person's family when determining eligibility for funding. If you think your child would benefit from being a recipient of this grant, please email Ms. Bender at [lbender@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:lbender@sd61.bc.ca) for further information.



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