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NEWSLETTER



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Principal's Message

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

The 2018-19 Eagle View school year moves along at the speed of light. With the traditional new year focus on goals, the staff are reflecting on our common mission in building student success. In September, we reviewed our 2017-18 goals and decided, with some tweaking, that we wanted to continue with our focus in two areas. Our two focus points:

- 1. To continue to develop students' numeracy skills in computational fluency in the context of number sense. (Put in straightforward language— making sure our students not only can compute-add, subtract, multiply and divide, depending on grade level-but also that they understand the concept of what, why and how they are using numbers.)
- 2. To extend students' social emotional learning through the implementation of Second Step, a K–5 program that promotes school success, school connectedness and a safe, respectful school climate by "directly teaching students the skills that strengthen their ability to learn, have empathy, manage emotions and solve problems."

The Core Competencies of the BC Curriculum further reinforce the importance of this journey in learning. Are you interested in finding out more? Perhaps you would like to see this overview video highlighting social emotional learning ... one of several resources our staff has viewed over the last year.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DgNn9gWoO1M&feature=youtu.be

In addition to these two goals, EVE staff recognize the importance of building our Fine Arts program. In two of our fall Professional Development Days, we tapped in on learning from the University of Victoria and from SD 61 colleagues who have specific areas of expertise. In September, Fine Arts Education Professor, Alison Shields, provided a morning exploring ways to enhance creativity through visual arts. In November, Phil Duchene, also an Education Professor, walked us through activities in drama and Gail Evans, a music teacher in our district, got us all singing and dancing as we looked at ways to enhance classroom music.

The fun and learning continues at Eagle View for both students and staff. A reminder that on January 28, there is no school in session for students. Staff, however, have chosen this day, specific to Eagle View, to continue our professional development related to the above areas.

On behalf of the staff at Eagle View, we wish you and your families the best in the year 2019.

Sincerely, Lois Bender, Principal





Isla P, Jake C, Cooper S, Shabd N, Madison F, Isla K, Aurelia L, Chela F, Evalyn J, Samantha C, Brody P, Nico T, Quinn C, Kaiden P, Gibson L, Lochlan P, Watson L, Joann H, Kofi B, Liam J, Alaina M, Gemana M, Gisele M & Lauren W. Happy Birthday!!

Kindergarten Registration - September 2019

Planning is already underway for Kindergarten registration. Children turning 5 years old in the calendar year 2019 are eligible for Kindergarten in September 2019. Registration week is Monday, January 28 through Friday, February 1, 2019.

Please read the following carefully for information regarding 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 **not** 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 are no longer 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 18, 2019 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 Oaklands Elementary , 2827 Belmont Avenue on Wednesday, January 16, 2019, 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 19 – 25, 2019. Transfer forms will be available at any Greater Victoria School District school 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 Thursday, February 7, 2019 from 7:00 - 8:00 pm. Students will have an opportunity to visit their middle schools on our District's Orientation afternoon on Thursday, May 16, 2019.

Happy New Year to our Eagle View families



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 hallway outside of the library. All very young children benefit from being read to – help make that a reality for more. Thank you for being part of the172,000 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 20, 2019 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 Friday, December 21. Way to go Eagle View families!





Christmas Back Pack Project

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 13, 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 19th, 20th & 21st

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 Mel Evans at landonandkamryn@gmail.com or 250-818-5242 even a half an hour makes a difference.