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Administrators' Message

Happy New Year & welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and were able to spend some quality time with family and friends. Students are back into their daily routines and continue working towards their academic goals.

As this is our first newsletter since Christmas, we must acknowledge how much the performances were enjoyed and appreciated by all. Staff and students invested considerable time and effort into two first-rate performances.

We would also like to welcome Raj Lamond who has joined our staff for the next 5 months. She will be working with our Early Language Learners on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and also with Division 1 on the first Thursday of each month. We also welcome Mami Harada as she completes her Educational Assistant Practicum and Megan Mohan, a UVIC student teacher completing her final practicum in Mr. Galhon's room.

With the new year we often focus on goals and this year it is no different. The staff are currently reflecting on the draft of a new Greater Victoria School District Strategic Plan. Input from our school community is an important component to this process as it will be the force that directs our district in our next steps. Parents thoughts, ideas and considerations are valued too. If you would like to see the draft plan and provide feedback to the school district, please drop by the office and talk with Sanjiv or Jana. We will then forward your comments to the district by the end of the month.

Many students have also been revisiting their goals. We encourage you to ask your child regularly about their strengths, stretches and plans to grow their learning. Should these conversations lead to questions, the classroom teacher is always available to provide answers regarding student growth.

The fun and learning continues at Eagle View for both students and staff. A reminder that **on January 27 there is no school in session for students**. Staff, however, have chosen this day, specific to Eagle View, to continue our school goals as a team.

On behalf of the staff at Eagle View, we wish you and your families the all the best in 2020.

Sincerely,

Sanjiv and Jana





Kindergarten Registration - September 2020

Planning is already underway for Kindergarten registration. Children turning 5 years old in the calendar year 2020 are eligible for Kindergarten in September 2020. Registration week is Monday, January 20 through Friday, January 24, 2020.

Please read the following carefully for 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	Renters
purchase agreement of home	rental agreement signed by landlord &
current property tax statement	2 of the following:
home owner's insurance	Canadian bank or credit card statement
notice of assessment	BC vehicle registration
a purchase agreement (w/subject removal & deposit receipt)	income tax statement
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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, February 7, 2020 from** 8:30 - 10:00 am. 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 info with them.

Our District is also holding Welcome to School - Parent Information Evening at Oaklands Elementary , 2827 Belmont Avenue on Wednesday, January 8, 2020, 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 10 – 18, 2020. 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. Stay tuned for more information regarding an information evening for parents. Students will have an opportunity to visit their middle schools on our District's Orientation afternoon on Thursday, May 14, 2020.



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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 hallway outside of the library. All very young children benefit from being read to – help make that a reality for more.

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 19, 2020 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 20. Way to go Eagle View families!



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 School Messenger 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, February 12, at 6:30 pm, in the school Library. All parents are welcome to attend.

Ongoing PAC Fundraisers

Please consider supporting the kids at Eagle View Elementary through the ongoing fundraisers.

• **Co-op Gas** - Fill up at any Co-op gas station, use EVE membership number (19473), or just say EVE at the front desk.

• **Cobs Bread** (Eagle Creek location) - Just mention EVE at the Eagle Creek location and PAC gets 5% of your purchase.

• **Glenwood Meats** - Drop your receipts off at the school office and PAC receives a portion back.