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GREATER VICTORIA SCHOOL DISTRICT #61

EAGLE VIEW ELEMENTARY



# NEWSLETTER



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School reopens after the Christmas break on  
Monday, January 8, 2024

*Staff and students are grateful to be in community together at Eagle View and we wish to recognize the Lekwungen territory of the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, on whose traditional territories, we live, we learn and we do our work.*

## Administrator's Message

Dear Eagle View Families,

We find ourselves in December already and there are only three weeks of school left! How does that happen?

As we head into the holiday season and bring term one to a close, we would like to thank the families of Eagle View for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you at the Winter Concert on December 21st. We also want to thank the dedicated staff of Eagle View who put their hearts into creating engaging learning opportunities, providing caring classrooms and playgrounds both outside and inside, and keeping the wheels on the bus going round and round! Together we are strong, so thank you all for everything YOU do!

**New policy around dogs:** No dogs will be allowed on the school grounds from 8:15 am - 3:15 pm on school days. Outside of those times, dogs must be on a leash.

**Fun Lunches:** Please let the office know if your child would like to participate in fun lunches. We have a fund that will support families who cannot afford the program. Your privacy will be respected.

**Reminder:** Fresh fruit is available every day for all students.

We have a few staffing updates to share at this time. We welcome Ms. Sarah Harvey as our music teacher on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. We also welcome Mr. Thomas Webb who will be teaching on Fridays in Mrs. Coleman's class until the end of the year.

On Friday, December 15th, your child's learning updates will be released. You will be able to view them through the "Parent Connect" portal, the same place you sign permission forms online. If for some reason you are not able to access the learning update, please call the office. Our focus on reading and writing continues, working towards all students being at grade level by grade 3 and forward, and writing with detail to convey meaning. We hope you enjoy reading about your child's progress as much as we do.

Wishing you the very best this holiday season. Enjoy time with family and friends and be kind to one another.

Best wishes and we look forward to seeing all of you back in the New Year.

Jana





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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 Subway Fun Lunch
4 Fire Drill 1:45 pm	5 Hi Five Chicken Fun Lunch	6	7 Popcorn Recess	8 Pizza Hut Fun Lunch Field Trip Div. 2 RBC Museum 9:30 am - 2:30 pm Walkabout Div. 5 8:45 - 9:15 am
11	12 Cobs Recess	13	14 Field Trip Div. 1 - 3 Commonwealth Pool 12:15 - 2:30 pm	15 Booster Juice Fun Lunch 1st Term Learning Updates Home
18	19 Popcorn Recess	20	21 La Taquiza Fun Lunch Holiday Performance 1:15 & 6:00 pm	22 Pajama/Comfy Clothes Day PAC Pancake Breakfast Field Trip Div. 1 - 4 Langford Lanes 10:00 - 12:00 am Last Day of School for Winter Holidays
25	26	27	28	29
Winter Break				

### December Birthdays

Vivienne P, Tayven G, Hattie B, Miwa B,  
 Harper M, Clara H, Fryderyk S, Athena N, Wake H,  
 Rohan S, Hafsa U, Chanlina C, Hendriks L, Maya S, Maria R, & Rohan R.  
 Happy Birthday!!

## Winter Concerts

All classes will be performing in a Winter 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. **Parking is allowed on Watkiss Way on the day and evening of the performances. Please do not park in staff parking spaces, bike lanes or fire lanes and do not block driveways.**

### Concert Ticket Procedure:

- Tickets will **not** 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 **two** 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 **not** 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.



## Winter Weather - Important Information

It is a priority for the Greater Victoria School District to communicate effectively to parents, students and community partners during inclement weather. With cooler temperatures in our forecast, the District would like to remind families of its inclement weather protocol and where to find information about the determination of school closures.

The District assesses weather conditions on a daily basis and puts every effort into making a determination by 6:30 am. of whether or not schools will remain open. The status of schools and transportation is then provided to local media and communicated to our community.

### Inclement Weather Updates are provided through the following:

- School District website: [www.sd61.bc.ca](http://www.sd61.bc.ca)
- Local media outlets
- Social media channels
  - ◇ Twitter: [@sd61schools](https://twitter.com/sd61schools)
  - ◇ Facebook: [@sd61schools](https://www.facebook.com/GreaterVictoriaSchoolDistrict)
  - ◇ Instagram: [@sd61schools](https://www.instagram.com/sd61schools)

The District is regularly monitoring local weather conditions and Environment Canada's forecast, and will continue to do so over the weekend. Please stay connected with us for regular updates.

The Greater Victoria Region is broad and we understand that some areas may be more difficult to travel than others. It's always a parent's decision if you choose to keep your child home due to road conditions.

### For more information about notification of school impacts due to inclement weather:

<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/inclement-weather-notifications-2/>

*In case of snow, please use the main entrance to the school. This entrance will be the first cleared to allow for safe entry to the school.*

### Pajama/Comfy Clothes Day



On Friday, December 22nd we will be having Pajama/Comfy Clothes Day and students are encouraged to wear their pajamas, slippers or their favourite comfy clothes and have their favourite stuffed animal with them. 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 appropriately for the weather.

### Eagle View Food Bank Train

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. This year we will be requesting a different food item everyday. An email was sent home last week with the details. Any food items you wish to donate, needs to be in no later than Friday, December 15th. 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.



### Kindergarten Registration - September 2024

Planning is already underway for Kindergarten registration. Children turning 5 years old in the 2024 calendar year are eligible for Kindergarten in September 2024. Registration week is Monday, January 29 through Friday, February 2, 2024.

**Please read the following carefully for enrolment priorities as well as the documentation required to register.**

Families are asked to register online for 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 online for your catchment school and apply for a transfer to Eagle View.

To register you will need your child's birth certificate, Canadian Passport or landed immigrant authorization. You will need to provide **two** 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](http://www.sd61.bc.ca/kindergarten.aspx) for helpful information to assist you and your child for entry into kindergarten and our public school system.

### Family Affordability Fund & Feeding Futures

The school has received funds from the government to assist families. As times are tough for many at the moment, this may be you. Please do not hesitate to reach out to Jana as we are happy to assist the government in dispersing these funds. Some of the items the money can be used for are as follows:

- Food - gift card to grocery store, fun lunch
- Clothing - coat, boots, gym/indoor shoes, etc.
- School Supplies/Field Trips - classroom items, field trip fees
- And other - please do not hesitate to ask if you need something not on the list above

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



Mrs. Jana Relf  
Mr. Scott Rutherford  
Mr. Ryan Nast  
Mrs. Helena Pryds  
Mrs. Dagmar Restell  
Ms. Katelyn Neily  
Mr. Paul Borich  
Mr. Thomas Webb  
Ms. Audrey Moore  
Ms. Marion Hannah  
Ms. Katie Lutes  
Ms. Sarah Harvey  
Mrs. Pam Wiersma  
Mrs. Cheryl Fraelic  
Mrs. Lila Gardner  
Mrs. Christine Wichmann  
Ms. Amorena Roberts  
Mr. Rick Hirst

Ms. Nancy Archer  
Ms. Lauren Brain  
Ms. Molly Cunningham  
Mrs. Trish Smith  
Mrs. Dana Adams  
Mrs. Andrea Jardim  
Mrs. Deanna Coleman  
Mrs. Nicole Castellanos  
Mrs. Kathy Dann  
Mrs. Heather Beiermeister  
Mr. Alex Greig  
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