February 2024



NEWSLETTER



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

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.

Administrators Message

We find ourselves in February already and we are looking forward to a month of kindness ahead. Many classes have created lists and made plans to share their ideas and actions on kindness around the school. Yesterday, many cars had encouraging notes of kindness on their windshield thanks to the thoughtfulness of Division 5. Throughout the month of February, we also have a few whole school spirit days to promote a continued practice of kindness—something that we are all seeking these days. Be sure to mark your calendars!

As we continue to work towards our school goals (having K-3 students reading at grade level using targeted interventions and then maintaining grade level reading through to grade 5 as well as targeted writing strategies to communicate ideas and information to increase meaningful and more complex/detailed written output), we would like to invite the parents to join the process. At the February 7th PAC meeting, a "Supporting Reading at Home - Quick Tips" booklet will be handed out. Hopefully it will answer most of your curiosity and questions around reading with your child. It emphasizes the importance of daily conversations to develop reading skills using eight thinking processes that good readers use. If you are unable to attend, please drop by the office to pick one up or send a note through your child's teacher and we can send one home.

We are pleased to welcome Ms. Krytor who will be teaching in the Kindergarten/grade 1 class on Fridays. She is excited to join us and looking forward to working and learning with her new little friends.

Our Kindergarten registration concludes today and we look forward to welcoming new students to our school community with several families sending another child to Eagle View in September. As our numbers continue to increase, please help us out by directing any new families in your neighbourhoods to register now, even if they won't be arriving until September. We don't want anyone to miss out on being able to attend their catchment school.

Lastly, we remind families that students will enjoy a four day weekend as the teachers engage in professional development on the 16th and Family Day on the 19th of this month.

Mrs. Relf and Mrs. Dann Principal and Vice Principal





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View the full school calendar at:

 $\underline{www.\ sd61.bc.ca/school/eagleview}$

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1	2 Subway Lunch
5 Div. 6 & 7 Field Trip @ Juan de Fuca 12:30 - 2:30	6 Lockdown Drill 1:00 pm	7 PAC Meeting 6:30 pm	8	9 Pizza Hut Fun Lunch
K-12 Transfer Process Begins Div. 1, 6 & 7 Field Trip @ Juan de Fuca 12:30 - 2:30	Cobs Recess	14 Red, Pink & White Day Valentine Stations	15 La Taquisa Fun Lunch	Pro D Day School is NOT in Session K-12 Transfer Process Ends
Family Day Stat Holiday	20 Hi Five Chicken Fun Lunch	21	22	Booster Juice
26 Div. 6 & 7 Field Trip @ Juan de Fuca 12:30 - 2:30	Popcorn Recess	Pink Shirt Day In support of Anti-Bullying Kindness Assembly 1:15 pm	29 Div. 1 - 3 Field Trip @Juan de Fuca 12:30 - 2:30 pm	

February Birthdays

Andrew A, Elizabeth A, Alistair F, Harry K, Robin F, Ghazal M, Malcolm B, Samira K, Poppy W, Riley H, Naomi B, Kamill P, Islam A, Cali F, Benjamin P, Alexa M, Ella S, Mabel S, Callum W, Salah A, Logan M, Paizlee J, Lucy B, Heidi S, Jax M. Fox V, Sarita W, Taylor G, Ivy B, Lucas A & Danielle C. Happy Birthday!!

Kindergarten Registration - September 2024

We have been busy processing our new kindergarten registrations for September 2024. 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 your child's birth certificate, medical card and proof of residency. All registration is being done online. www.sd61.bc.ca/registration

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 12–16, 2024. 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.

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 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.



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

Give more children the opportunity to love books

Before spring break, take a look around and send in a few books for babies and preschoolers to the pink bin in your school. Babies and preschoolers who are read to develop more vocabulary, greater imagination and an early understanding of how books work. Thanks for helping send 320,000 books into new hands.



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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. A phone call to a friend you haven't heard from in a while can make someone's day. **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!



News from EVE PAC ~

PAC Meetings

The next PAC meeting will be on **Wednesday, February 7 at 6:30 pm in the school library**. All parents are welcome to attend.

