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# EAGLE VIEW ELEMENTARY

GREATER VICTORIA SCHOOL DISTRICT #61

# NEWSLETTER



Eagle View Elementary

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*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

Welcome 2025!!

It is great to see everyone back and refreshed from the break. We hope you all had time to relax with family and friends.

As always, the new year gives us time to pause and reflect and set goals for the future. Students have settled back into routine and continue to strive to do their best as they continue to focus on the learning for term two. If you have not done so already, please review your child's Learning Update that was released on December 13th. We have noticed that 46% of parents have not accessed their child's Learning Update. We know our teachers value your partnership in the educational journey of your child as together we celebrate their strengths and support them in their stretches. If you are having trouble using the **Parent Connect** porthole, please call the office for assistance. We can help you on a computer at school and walk you step by step through the process. Parent Connect is the same place you go to give your child permission to access programs at school, use technology, etc.

House games will be starting this month for Grade 4 & 5 students. Thank you to Mr. Rutherford and Mr. Nast for organizing this lunch time event.

Mrs. Haymes is organizing Basketball for our grade 4 and 5 students at lunch recess on Tuesdays and Thursday. The hope is to participate in a Basketball Jamboree in late February. These students are encouraged to bring their sportsmanship and skills out to practice. A notice will follow with more details.

We would like to welcome back Mrs. Chelsea Young from her parental leave. Mrs. Young will be here on Mondays working with some of our ELL learners. We also look forward to having two student teachers in Ms. Smith's and Mrs. Adam's classes closer to the end of this month. We wish them all the best in their final practicum.

Just a reminder that **on Friday, January 24th school is not in session for students**. We hope the day can be spent with family and suggest making reading a part of your day as we approach Family Literacy Day in the following week! I know Mrs. Restell our librarian has planned a special event to keep us focused on our goals around reading while having fun all at the same time!

On behalf of the entire staff at Eagle View, we wish for you a healthy, joyous and adventure filled 2025!!

Sincerely,

Jana and Kathy





# 2025



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

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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Christmas Holidays				
6 Back to School 8:45 am	7 Cobs Recess	8	9	10 Subway Fun Lunch
13	14	15 PAC Meeting 6:30 pm	16	17 Div 3 Field Trip @ Town of View Royal & Parliament Buildings 10:30 am - 2:30 pm Dad's Soup & Sangy Fun Lunch
20	21 Booster Juice Recess  Lock Down Drill 11:00 am	22	23 La Taquisa Fun Lunch	24 Pro D Day (Classes are not in session)
27 Family Literacy Day Dress as your favorite book character	28 Popcorn Recess	29	30	31 Hi Five Chicken Fun Lunch
Online Kindergarten Registration				

## January Birthdays

Logan C, Oliver E, Johann K, Arya H, Soren C, Emmy M, Dayne P, Lena B,  
 Georgia G, Aiden B, Marigold E, Jada B, ZK P, Maxwell P, Sybil M, Leni K, Asya U,  
 Elliotte C, Ella P, Alexander E, Maryjane S, Zainab U, Ryder G, Ben H & Hudson D.

Happy Birthday!!

## Kindergarten Registration - September 2025

Planning is already underway for Kindergarten registration. Children turning 5 years old in the calendar year 2025 are eligible for Kindergarten in September 2025. Registration week is Monday, January 27 through Friday, January 31, 2025.

**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.

## 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 – 13, 2025. Transfer forms will be available at any Greater Victoria School District school 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.



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1000 Books by Age Five

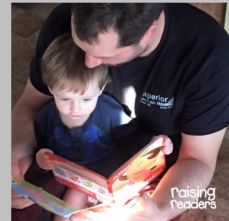
Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria

January 27 - Family Literacy Day

Donate books to increase early literacy

*Children are made readers on the laps of their parents.*

*(children's book author Emilie Buchwald)*



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 off gently used picture books for babies and preschoolers in the drop box outside the library. All very young children benefit from being read to – help make that a reality for more. Thank you for being part of 350,000 books donated over the last 14 years.

## Winter Weather - Important Information

It is that time of year when there is the possibility of snow and inclement weather. The School District carefully monitors the forecast and local weather conditions and in the event of any extreme winter conditions, the School District will assess the impacts to school openings or closures and transportation, including school buses. Road conditions and safety considerations are a top priority when faced with inclement weather challenges.

If inclement weather conditions change throughout a school day, the School District may be required to make announcements during the day regarding an early dismissal or a school closure. In the event of an early dismissal or school closure, staff at your child's school will notify families through their regular communication processes and a notice will be posted on the School District website.

If inclement weather conditions worsen overnight, the School District aims to make a determination of school closures by 6:30 a.m. to allow families time to adjust plans. If schools are closed, an alert will appear on the School District's website.



### Greater Victoria School District Website

The School District's website ([www.sd61.bc.ca](http://www.sd61.bc.ca)) should be used as the primary point of contact for accurate updates about inclement weather. An alert system is utilized on the front page of the website to draw your attention to the most pertinent information regarding inclement weather and any decisions that have been made; please use this website as your official source of current information.

### Social Media

Updates will also be posted on the Greater Victoria School District's social media pages. Help us share updates by sharing posts with your friends and followers on X (Formerly Twitter), Facebook and Instagram.

X (Formerly Twitter): @sd61schools

Facebook: @sd61schools

Instagram: @sd61schools

For more information, please visit: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/inclement-weather-notifications-2/>

With the decreasing temperatures over the coming days and weeks, please remind your child(ren) to dress warmly and be prepared for changing weather conditions.

## Family Literacy Day



Monday, January 27, 2025 is Family Literacy Day. To celebrate we are having a 'Dress as your Favorite Book Character' day. Students are encouraged to get creative and dress as a character from their favorite book. Please see Mrs. Restell if you have any questions.

## ~ News from EVE PAC ~

### PAC Meetings

The next PAC meeting will be on **Wednesday, January 15 at 6:30 pm** in the school library. All parents are welcome to attend.