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# NEWSLETTER

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Spirit Day on Thursday, February 13 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**

It is hard to believe February is here and we have already been back for a month. February is kindness month and we will have our "Kindness" assembly on the afternoon of Wednesday, February 26 to coincide with Pink Shirt Day. Divisions 5 - 13 will each be doing a performance of some kind at the assembly. Parents are most welcome to attend. Although we focus on kindness this month, we strive to practice kindness all year long in everything we do.

Students are continuing to work on their goal of becoming proficient readers and writers. With the help of one of our District Literacy teachers, many of our classrooms have been introduced to using our Loose Parts carts. The bins contain bits and pieces that students arrange into a setting. Students tell what is happening in their 3D representation to a partner, eventually turning it into a written account. This engaging approach is cultivating deep learning in students which occurs through this meaningful, relevant and fun time of play. Parents can support at home by having daily conversations about adventures outside of school, helping them to build pictures in their minds and giving them fuel to recreate ideas through play back at school. And as always, reading with your child promotes new vocabulary, background knowledge and builds connections between texts. Thank you for all you do for your children.

Kindergarten registration concluded last week. We look forward to meeting them in May at Welcome to Kindergarten and are excited to have them join our Eagle View community in September. If you know of any new families in your neighborhood with school age children, please advise them to register as soon as possible.

Lastly, we remind families that students will enjoy a four day weekend as the teachers engage in professional development on the 14th and Family Day on the 17th of this month.

Mrs. Relf and Mrs. Dann Principal and Vice Principal





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# View the full school calendar at: www. sd61.bc.ca/school/eagleview

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		Kids å Kindness		
3	<b>4</b> Cobs Recess	5	6	7 Subway Lunch Gr. 4 & 5 Field Trip @ Juan de Fuca 12:30 - 2:30 pm
K-12 Transfer Process Begins Town of View Royal Community Engagement	11  Eagle View Puzzle	PAC Meeting 6:30 pm	Red, Pink & White Day La Taquisa Fun Lunch  K-12 Transfer Process Ends	Pro D Day School is NOT in Session
Family Day Stat Holiday			20	<b>21</b> Pizza Hut Fun Lunch
24	<b>25</b> Popcorn Recess		<b>27</b> Divs 1, 3 & 9 Field Trip @ UVic Symphony 10:00 am - 12:30 pm	<b>28</b> Dad's Soup & Sangy Fun Lunch

### **February Birthdays**

Elizabeth A, Alistair F, Harry K, Ghazal M, Jax M, Malcolm B, Samira K, Poppy W, Riley H, Naomi B, Kamill P, Robin F, Benjamin P, Alexa M, Callum W, Logan M, Oakley G, Blakely H, Fox V, Andrew A, Mabel S, Lucy B, Sarita W, Taylor G, Ivy B, Lucas A & Ronan T. Happy Birthday!!

### Kindergarten Registration - September 2025

We have been busy processing our new kindergarten registrations for September 2025. 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. <a href="https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration">www.sd61.bc.ca/registration</a>

### 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 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.



### 1000X5

### 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 352,000 books into new hands.



### February 2025

### 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 12 at 6:30 pm in the school library**. All parents are welcome to attend.

