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GREATER VICTORIA SCHOOL DISTRICT #61

EAGLE VIEW ELEMENTARY



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 2026!!

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

Exciting things have started here at school as we move further into Term 2! Students and staff are participating in our "Great Pen Pal" project— a whole school writing collaboration with Tillicum Elementary School. Pure joy has been reported when students receive "real mail" and get to open and read special messages from other students their age! This project helps develop writing skills, builds communication skills and supports making new friends within our SD61 learning community. A way to support at home is to think of a relative or a friend who your child could send a letter or a postcard to in order to practice their writing skills.

If you have not done so already, please review your child's Learning Update that was released on December 12th. Learning Updates can be accessed through our Parent Connect porthole. If you are having trouble using the **Parent Connect** portal, 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 5 students. Thank you to Mr. Rutherford for organizing this lunch time event. Basketball will also be starting this month for intermediate students. Thank you to Mr. Forte, Miss Woogman, and Mrs. Beiermeister for coaching the team. Walking Wednesdays begins next week where students can walk around the school, chat and view different scenery. Those interested will meet at the flagpole at 12:10. Boardgame Club will continue for a few more weeks.

Just a reminder that **on Monday, January 26th 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 on Tuesday, January 27th! To celebrate Family Literacy we will be having a spirit day - Dress as Your Favorite Book Character. Please see the 'Library' section of our newsletter for more details.

On behalf of the entire staff at Eagle View, we wish for you a healthy, joyous and adventure filled 2026!!

Sincerely,

Jana and Christina



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View the full school calendar at:

www.sd61.bc.ca/school/eagleview

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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Christmas Holidays				
5 Back to School 8:45 am	6 Booster Juice Recess	7	8	9 Hi Five Chicken Fun Lunch
12	13 Div. 1 Field Trip @ BC Museum 8:50 am - 12:30 pm	14 PAC Meeting 6:30 pm	15 La Taquiza Fun Lunch	16 Dad's Soup & Sangy Fun Lunch
19	20 Cobs Recess	21 Lock Down Drill 11:00 am	22	23 Pizza Hut Fun Lunch
26 Pro D Day (Classes are not in session)	27 Family Literacy Day Dress as your favorite book character	28	29	30 Subway Fun Lunch
Online Kindergarten Registration				

January Birthdays

Logan C, Oliver E, Johann K, Arya H, Soren C, Katie O, Dayne P, Lena B, Lucien P, ZK P, Georgia G, Aiden B, Marigold E, Maxwell P, Sybil M, Leni K, Asya U, Bella K, Emmy M, Elliotte C, Ella P, Alexander E, Maryjane S, Zainab U, Leah S, Ryder G, Ben H & Mahkai A.

Happy Birthday!!

Kindergarten Registration - September 2026

Planning is already underway for Kindergarten registration. Children turning 5 years old in the calendar year 2026 are eligible for Kindergarten in September 2026. Registration week is Monday, January 26 through Friday, January 30, 2026.

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 9 – 12, 2026. 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.



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1000 Books by Age Five

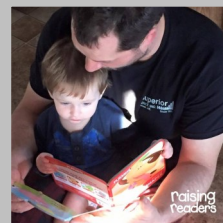
Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria

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 380,000 books donated over the last 15 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) 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.

Facebook: @sd61schools

Instagram: @sd61schools

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

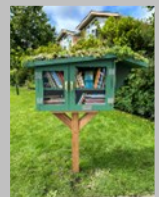
With the decreasing temperatures that can occur over the coming days and weeks, please remind your child(ren) to dress warmly and be prepared for changing weather conditions.

Library News



Tuesday, January 27, 2026 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. Make sure you bring the book with you so we can take a picture. Please see Mrs. Restell if you have any questions.

Congratulations Eagle View, our Little Free Library was nominated and awarded the **Most Verdant Greenroof LFL 2025!** If you haven't had an opportunity to check it out be sure to take a peak for a new book. Thank you to our community for continuing to donate books, there is always a great selection for all ages.



~ News from EVE PAC ~

PAC Meetings

The next PAC meeting will be on **Wednesday, January 14 at 6:30 pm** in the school library. All parents are welcome to attend.