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GREATER VICTORIA SCHOOL DISTRICT #61

EAGLE VIEW ELEMENTARY

NEWSLETTER

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Happy Thanksgiving to everyone. Don't forget that Monday, October 12th is a statutory holiday and school is not in session.
Friday, October 23rd is a Professional Development Day.

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

Welcome October!

September brought us a lovely extended summer and as we head into October the weather has started to cool off. It is hard to believe that we have already finished our first month of school. Students have enjoyed being together, learning and playing both in and outside of the classroom.

Our school goal is focused on developing student reading and writing skills. As a school community we are learning that when we read, we can make connections between texts and ourselves, other books, the world around us and different types of media entertainment. As you partner with us in your child's education, please consider reading with them every night, ask them how they think they connect to what you're reading together, have them write out the grocery list, a letter to a distant friend, the To Do list or a wish list, or anything that encourages, promotes and gives purpose to the written word. We thank you in advance for your help encouraging young writers.

We had a few staffing changes in September. We said goodbye to Dr. Jeanne Kentel (music teacher) and Mrs. Yan Lee (EAG). We wish them both well. We welcomed Mrs. Cheryl Habetler (EAG) to our permanent staff.

Mrs. Castellanos and Mrs. Jardim are leading the cross-country running at recess on Tuesday and Thursday for grades 3-5. They have their first meet on Monday. It is great to see so many out running and enjoying the fresh air! They are working their way towards the Final meet on October, 27th! Go Team Eagle View!

As a reminder, please send your child to school with their own, labelled water bottles every day along with a **change of clothes** and indoor shoes that can remain at school. With the rainy season around the corner, rain jackets and rubber boots are highly recommended for our muddy forest and outdoor play and learning areas.

We look forward to seeing all our families at Parent/Teacher conferences next week. If you are unable to attend we look forward to meeting with you at a later date. It takes a team to lead your child(ren) through their educational journey and we are thankful to be a part of an amazing community of dedicated professionals and families.

We hope that everyone found time to reflect and learn on Truth and Reconciliation day , and are looking forward to the upcoming Thanksgiving weekend.

Mrs. Sanderson, Principal & Ms. Elford, Vice Principal



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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			**1**	**2** Subway Fun Lunch
5 Cross Country @ Lambrick Forward 3:45 pm	**6** Individual Photo Day Booster Juice Recess Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:00 - 6:00 pm	**7** Early Dismissal 11:50 am Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:45 - 4:30 pm	**8**	**9** Pizza Hut Fun Lunch
12 Thanksgiving Holiday 	**13** Cross Country @ Lambrick Forward 3:45 pm	**14** PAC Meeting 6:30 - 8:00 pm	**15** Great Canadian Shake Out 10:00 am	**16** Dad's Soup & Sangy Fun Lunch PAC Movie Night 6:00 - 8:00 pm
19	**20** Cobs Recess Cross Country @ Lambrick Reverse 3:45 pm	**21**	**22** La Taquisa Fun Lunch PAC Halloween Dance 6:00 - 8:00 pm	**23** Professional Development Day
26	**27** Cross Country Finals @ UVic/Cedar Hill	**28**	**29**	**30** Colwood Pizza Fun Lunch Black & Orange Day 

October Birthdays

Adhiraj C, Brian L, Visal C, Oli M, Autumn B, Lana S, Remy C, Brianna W, Emmerson L, Madalyn H, Maggie M, Georgia P, Ayaan D, Finn G, Niya B, Sasha B, Christopher A, Shiven D, Emmett C, Viyan I, Micah F, Kavish A, Hannah L, Maddie W, Blakely I, Caiden T, Harlow S & Finn R.

Happy Birthday!!

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Forms and Parent Connect

Parent Connect is an essential tool to your child's education. If you have not done so please create an account and log on. On this web app you will find forms to sign and provide consent for programs like: field trips, Google classroom, use of technology, website, photo and media consent, and more. Paper forms are no longer sent home. **This is also where you will be able to view your child's learning update at the end of each term.**

Kindergarten Immunizations

In B.C., routine immunizations are recommended for children at kindergarten entry (4-6 years of age). **If your child has not received their kindergarten immunizations, please contact your local Public Health unit to book an appointment.**

For more information about immunization, visit https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/health-library/immunizations/children or contact your local Public Health unit if you have any questions.

Parent Volunteers

All parent/guardian volunteers and drivers must complete a criminal record check and submit a driver's abstract. The criminal record check can be completed online at https://justice.gov.bc.ca/screening/crrpa/org-access . Please see the office for the school access code. Once completed the criminal record check will be sent directly to the school. Please note: Criminal record checks are good for 5 years. If you think you may have already completed one, please check with the school office. The driver's abstract/record can be obtained by calling 250-978-8300 or going onto the ICBC website. The sooner these documents are completed, the better. Field trips, outings and other fun classroom events requiring support require these forms!

Staying Healthy

Back to school and cooler weather upon us, often brings with it colds and flu for students, their families and staff. Please talk with your child about the importance of proper hand washing, coughing etiquette and completing a daily health check.

How to Wash Hands:



Wet hands under warm running water

Scrub with plain soap for a count of **20**, all over hands and between fingers

Rinse under running water for a count of **10**

Dry hands with a clean paper towel

Turn off taps with a paper towel

If your child has been home, or goes home from school with a fever, has been vomiting or has diarrhea, it is suggested that they be free from symptoms for a minimum of 24 hours before returning to school. If your child has been up in the night with any of these symptoms, please do your best to make arrangements for them to stay home until it is certain they have been healthy for at least 24 hours.

Parking Lot at Pick Up and Drop Off Times

⇒ DO NOT double park or park along Yellow/Red Curbs, in the clearly marked Fire Lane, **Staff Parking**, Bus Zone or Accessible parking areas. These are unsafe locations and block the buses from entering and exiting safely and in a timely manner.

⇒ Parking is available on Watkiss Way in the no parking area only at pick up and drop off time. Please do not park in the bike lane and then walk up to the school to drop off & pick up your children.

⇒ Some other suggestions include: walk or cycle to school, or volunteer to be a walking "school bus driver" from you neighbourhood and let neighbours know you are willing to pick up their child on the way. If you live further away, consider parking a few blocks away from the school and walking



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Terry Fox Run

We had a very successful Terry Fox Run on Friday, September 18th. As a school we raised $500.85 for cancer research. Way to go Eagle View! Many thanks to those who came to join us for the run.

~ *News from EVE PAC* ~

EVE PAC Monthly Meeting

The next monthly PAC meeting will be on **Wednesday, October 14 at 6:30 pm** in the school library. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend. Questions and ideas welcome.



Wishing all our families a wonderful, safe and relaxing Thanksgiving weekend with family and friends







Stay safe and warm on your Halloween adventures

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