

Strawberry Vale Happenings for September 26th to September 30th

Monday, September 26th

- Soccer practice at lunch recess today

Tuesday, September 27th

- Story Studio visiting Divisions 4, 5 and 9 today
- X-Country practice at lunch recess today

Wednesday, September 28th

- X-Country at 8:10am please meet at the tennis courts.
- Soccer practice at lunch recess today

Thursday, September 29th

- X-Country practise at lunch recess
- Story Studio visiting Divisions 4, 5 and 9 today
- **Individual Photo Day** - wear your best smile!

Friday, September 30th

- Orange Shirt Day
- Alex Nelson Residential Schools assembly 11:00 am

School Arrival:

We reviewed today the importance of the children remaining outside until the bell rings. Teachers are often not in their classroom or preparing for the day prior to 8:40 am. When the bell rings, some classes gather outside and go on a walk, while other classes wait for their teacher to bring them into the school. Other children come in on their own, hanging up coats and backpacks in their lockers and meet their teacher in their classroom. Please check with your child and/or teacher to determine their classroom practice.

When children are arriving at school, we ask that they use the same outside door for coming in the morning as they do from recess and lunch. This consistent usage reduces congestion in the hallways and enables our children to start their day in a calm environment.

School Departure

Many children meet their families at an agreed upon outside location rather than in the hallway. Many children leave our school from their outside classroom door while others use the nearest door to their classroom. Please discuss with your child which practice will work for your family.

Late Arrivals/Early Departures

Please ensure that your child comes to the office if they are late. They will be asked to sign in and take a late slip to class. Leaving prior to the bell, also requires a visit to the office so that your child can sign off and be on their way. This practice ensures that we know where your child is while in our care.

Thank you for your ongoing support.
Cindy Sanderson
Principal

Please support our "Books for Books" Fundraising Campaign

It's that time of year again! Strawberry Vale PAC is once again selling the **Entertainment Coupon Book** as a fundraiser to help purchase new reading books for our classrooms. The 2017 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK will be sent home with your child(ren) on Tuesday September 20th. Please consider purchasing and/or selling a book (or two ... or three ... or ten!) for just \$30, which includes an awesome Mobile App that makes using the coupons so much easier!

\$12 from every book sold comes back to our school to support our "Books for Books". The campaign will run for two weeks only, so please get your orders back in to the school as quickly as possible (there will be a box outside each Pod for returning orders and/or books). Thank you for your continued support!

School Pack-Up Documents:

We still have forms that haven't been returned. Please send all completed forms to the classroom teachers at your earliest convenience.

Earthquake Care Pack for students:

Thank you for completing the blue Emergency Release form that was included in your package of school forms. This information helps us in the event of an emergency to release to your child to identified adults.

This year, we will once again be purchasing emergency supplies for the school kiosk. **A donation of \$5.00 would be greatly appreciated.** Thank you in advance for your generosity. Please note "no child will be denied the opportunity to participate because of an inability to pay."

To help with our earthquake resources we ask that you **create a personal care pack for each of your children**. These care packs are kept in our earthquake kiosk and distributed to the children once we have evacuated and settled into our groups. Please include:

- Hard copy of a family photo
- Short personal note
- Small snack (fruit leather, gum, snack bar, etc)
- Small toy (optional)
- Socks

The pack itself needs to be placed in a medium sized zip lock bag. Please clearly write your child's name and division number on the outside of the bag for easy identification. Please ensure that you include 48 hours worth of any medication your child requires in a separate zip lock bag, clearly marked with your child's name.

Thank you so much for taking the time to create this care pack for your child. We appreciate the time it takes to create one, but strongly believe that it will be very helpful and comforting should the unfortunate event of an earthquake occur.

Wet Weather Alert: Wet weather = mud! There is a need for students to have an extra pair of pants, T-shirt and socks in their lockers for an emergency change of clothes when those little accidents happen.



Recycling Project Greater Victoria

1000
X5
1000 Books by
Age Five
Children's Book

Have you found the pink bin in the hallway by the school office?

The 2016-2017 year has begun and alongside the children entering the building are the 15 retired teachers and principals who meet every Wednesday to sort your donations of books for **babies and preschoolers**. Every month we send 800-1000 books into homes with few resources. 110,000 books in five years! Please give the opportunity for early literacy to more families in our communities. Your donations of children's books are so appreciated.

Understanding & Supporting your anxious child:

Our Oak Bay Family-of-Schools is pleased to be bringing **Dr. Kristin Buhr** to Victoria (from Greater Vancouver) for an **evening presentation to parents on "Understanding & Supporting Students/Children with Anxiety" – 7 to 9 PM on Tuesday, October 11th in the Dave Dunnet Theatre at Oak Bay High.**

Dr. Buhr is a Clinical Psychology and Director of the North Shore Stress and Anxiety Clinic. Last year, she presented at an OB Family-of-Schools Pro D session for teachers and parents, and the feedback was so positive that we felt it worthwhile to bring her back for a larger parent session this year. We already have nearly 200 registrations from families in the OB community. However, the theatre seats over 400, so **we're pleased to now open up registration to any parents (or teachers, support staff, admin, community members) throughout our school district.** The event is cost-free for those attending (our schools are covering the costs), but participants do need to pre-register online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/understanding-supporting-your-anxious-child-with-dr-kristin-buhr-registration-25980661859> (just click the link embedded in the attached flyer).

Child Alert:

Please let the school know if your child is going to be late or away from school..... This saves our office staff, parent volunteers and teachers valuable time.

Please remember to phone Child Alert 250-479-5322 or e-mail alert32@sd61.bc.ca

Strawberry Vale Elementary Daily Times	
School Starts	8:40 am
Recess	10:22-10:42 am
Lunch Playtime	11:50 am - 12:20 pm
Lunch Eating	12:20-12:45 pm
Dismissal	2:48 pm

Upcoming Important Dates:

October 2016

Oct. 10 School Closed: Thanksgiving Day

Oct. 12 6:30 pm PAC meeting in the staff lounge

Oct. 14 Whole school lice check

Oct. 18 & 19 Parent Teacher Interviews, early dismissal both days at 11:50 am

Oct. 20 Great BC Shakeout

Oct. 20 Monster Ball

Oct. 21 Professional Development Day – No school for students

Oct. 26 Photo Retakes

Oct. 31 Black and Orange Day

November 2016

Nov. 3-8 Scholastic Book Fair

Nov. 6 Daylight Savings Time Ends

Nov. 9 6:30 pm PAC Meeting in the staff lounge

Nov. 10 10:30 Remembrance Day Assembly

Nov. 11 Schools closed for Remembrance Day

Nov. 18 Schools closed: Professional Development Day

Nov. 25 Crazy Hair Day/Qoola Day/Report Cards Home

Nov. 28- Toonies for Tanzania

Dec. 9

December 2016 No PAC Meeting this month.

Dec. 8 Winter Concert 7:00 pm

Dec. 9 Toonies for Tanzania ends

Dec. 12-16 8:30 am Caroling in the Halls

Dec. 16 Red & Green Day/Whole School Movie

December 19-January 2: Schools Closed for Winter Break