

## **Strawberry Vale Happenings for January 16<sup>th</sup> to January 20<sup>th</sup>**

### **Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**

- Division 12 button blanket
- Basketball at noon

### **Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**

- Division 1, 5 and 7 skating field trip 8:45-10:30 am
- Run Club at 11:50 am
- Dance club in the gym at 11:50

### **Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**

- Run Club at 8:10 am
- Basketball at 11:50 am in the gym
- Swim Club 3:15

### **Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**

- Choir at 11:50 in the music room
- Divisions 2 and 8 skating 9:15-10:45 am
- Lockdown Drill 1:00 pm with Constable Lisa
- Ready Set Learn for 3 and 4 year olds in the gym 10:45-11:45 am

### **Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**

- Ukulele club in the music room

## **Kindergarten Registration January 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> for 2017/18 school year:**

Kindergarten registration for children who will turn 5 by December 31, 2017 (date of birth 2012) takes place Monday January 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday January 27<sup>th</sup> 2016. Please let the office know (or e-mail me, [cnoakes@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:cnoakes@sd61.bc.ca)) if there will be a sibling of a SVale student attending next year, just to give us a rough idea of who to expect on registration day!

Please bring the following when you register your child for kindergarten:

Proof of Citizenship (Birth Certificate, Passport or Landed Immigrant Status), proof of residency in our catchment, eg: hydro bill, driver's license and your child's BC Medical card.

## **A HEARTFELT THANK YOU!!!**

Last weekend's annual bottle drive and tree chipping was a successful fundraiser thanks to the volunteers that pitched in and the many families that contributed to the fundraiser!!!! Families dropped off trees and bottles, others stuck around to sort empties and we even had families driving around to pick-up donations. We even had families dropping off monies in the office this week. You all rock!

**The SVE PAC raised \$1,119 (and counting) from the Bottle Drive/Tree Chipping fundraiser.**

**I know we're going to miss some people (please forgive us) but we wanted to take a moment to offer a special thank you to the following people:**

- \* Jordan from Bartlett Tree Experts - he was there in the cold all day chipping trees, cleaning up the parking lot and was an all-around joy to work with
- \* Bartlett Tree Experts - for donating the tree chipping service to us
- \* Bottle Depot - for donating the materials to make the bottle drive possible and coming to pick-up our empties (and they even took away our garbage)
- \* Corwin S. - for picking up the materials from Bottle Depot, setting up, sorting all day, and sticking around to the very end
- \* Moira C. - for organizing, booking Bartlett and Bottle Depot, sharing her wealth of information, setting up, making sure everything worked out, and helping sort bottles all day
- \* Emma, aka Mrs. Marley - for coordinating, helping to setup, sticking around all day, and just being awesome
- \* Roger - for helping setup, breaking down boxes and going to grab the pizza
- \* Cindi, aka Mrs. Noakes - for helping to print posters, send notices and collect monies
- \* Colleen, aka Mrs. Neves - for sharing her knowledge, coordinating, non-stop sorting, and being there all day from start to finish



- \* John M - for running around all day picking up bottles and trees
- \* Kristina R., John H and Kai - for being masterful sorters and helping to make sure everything ended up in the right bins
- \* Keith B. - for overseeing the tree chipping, lifting, moving and stacking trees, and making sure our Bartlett tree chipper was taken care of
- \* Theo, Kathy R., Mike W., Maddy D., Teschke Family, Craig C. and all the other families that dropped-off and/or stuck around to help sort empties

***Special thank you to Mr. Mac (for coming to our rescue on his morning off!)***

### **Attention Grade 5 parents: K to 12 Transfer Process** **February 16<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>**

Strawberry Vale Elementary is part of the Spectrum Family of Schools. Unless we hear otherwise from parents, we will assume that your child will move through our family of schools – Strawberry Vale Elementary (K-5), Colquitz Middle School (6-8), and Spectrum Community School (9-12).

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 pathway. The student transfer process for K-12 takes place on Thursday February 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday February 24<sup>th</sup>

Grade 5 parents, please find attached middle school information, including dates for Information Sessions at all School District 61 Middle Schools. Colquitz has an information session on Wednesday February 8<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm to 8:30pm

For more information, visit the District website at: [www.sd61.bc.ca](http://www.sd61.bc.ca)

# 1000X5

**1000 Books by Age Five**

Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria

**January 27 - Family Literacy Day**  
**...Donate books to increase early literacy**

Do you know that reading books to babies and preschoolers is the most significant indicator of early school success? 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 of gently used picture books for babies and preschoolers in the drop box in the hallway by the school office entrance.

All very young children benefit from being read to – help make that a reality for more. Thank you for being part of the 55,000 books donated over the last three years.

### **Community News:**

**The Victoria Junior Field Hockey Association** is holding a "COME TRY THE GAME FOR FREE DAY" on SUNDAY JANUARY 22nd, at the UVic water based turf, from 3:30-4:30.

Bring your kids, friends, neighbours, or family aged 4-18 to try a new sport! We provide sticks, balls, coaching, and fun!

Please register for this free event

at <http://www.victoriajuniorfieldhockey.ca/clubs/393/announcements/1252133-COME-TRY-IT-FREE-DAY-SUNDAY-JANUARY-22nd-2017>

### **Free Parks Canada Pass for 2017!**

Parks Canada is offering a special **free pass for all National Parks & Historic sites throughout 2017** in honour of Canada's 150th Anniversary. Quality family time in such places of natural beauty is one of the greatest gifts we can give our children. You can order online at

[\[parksorders.ca/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/en/parksb2c\]\(http://www.parksorders.ca/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/en/parksb2c\) - a free National Parks pass for you and your family.](http://www.commandesparcs-</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)



**CANADA 150**  
**1867-2017**



*Tania Miller, Music Director*

Dear teachers,

We are very excited to present **Rink Cycle II: Victoria Symphony Celebrates Canada 150 with Victoria Youth** at 2:30 PM on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at Save on Foods Memorial Centre.

Designed to be the largest participatory gathering of children in Victoria's history, Rink Cycle II will bring up to 2,000 Victoria school children together with the Victoria Symphony to create music, movement and storytelling. We will explore Canadian heritage including First Nations culture, songs from across Canada, and celebrations from national events such as the 2010 Olympics and 1987 Expo.

We invite you to join us in celebrating Canada's Sesquicentennial through music in a concert celebration for all to remember!



**TICKETS ON SALE DECEMBER 7 THROUGH SAVE ON FOODS  
MEMORIAL CENTRE: [www.selectyourtickets.com](http://www.selectyourtickets.com)**

**Adult** \$16 (\$20.00 with fees added)

**Senior** \$11 (\$15.00 with fees added)

**Student and Child age 7-18** \$5 (\$7.50 with fees added)

**Child under 6 free** - Children 6 and under tickets will have to be picked up or ordered directly through the box office. Please contact SOFMC @ 250-220-777

**Family Pack** - 2 adults, 2 children \$30.00 (\$40.00 with fees added)

*Rink Cycle II tickets make wonderful gifts for the entire family and a portion of proceeds goes towards Victoria Symphony's education and outreach programs.*

For more information about Rink Cycle II, please contact Sandy Grayson, Community Relations Coordinator:  
[sandy@victoriasymphony.ca](mailto:sandy@victoriasymphony.ca)  
250.412.1977

**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. Child Alert 250-479-5322 or e-mail: [alert32@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:alert32@sd61.bc.ca)

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

**Upcoming Important Dates:**

**January 2017**

- Jan. 19 Ready Set Learn 10:45-11:45  
1:00 Lock Down drill with Constable Lisa
- Jan. 23-27 Kindergarten Registration Week
- Jan.27 PJ Day/Qoola Day

**February 2017**

- Feb. 8 6:30 pm PAC Meeting in staff lounge
- Feb. 9 Family Movie Night 6:30 pm
- Feb. 10 Curriculum Implementation Day: School Closed**
- Feb. 13 Family Day: Schools Closed**
- Feb. 14 Red, White & Pink Day
- Feb. 15 Student Led Conferences 2:00- 6:00 :

**Whole School Early Dismissal @ 11:50**

Feb. 16-24 District Wide K-12 Student Transfer Process

Feb. 16-21 Scholastic Book Fair

Feb. 22 **Pink Shirt Day**

**Feb. 24 Professional Day: Schools closed**

**March 2017** No PAC Meeting this month.

Mar. 2 Student Led Conferences 2:00-6:00

**Whole School Early Dismissal @ 11:50 am**

Mar. 3 Hat Day/Qoola Day

Mar.17 Report Cards Home

**Mar. 20-31 Schools Closed for Spring Break**