

Strawberry Vale Happenings for February 27th to March 3rd

Monday February 27th

- Division 6 Button Blanket

Tuesday, February 28th

- Division 4 and 12 Skating at Pearkes 9:30-10:20 am
- Run Club at Noon
- Dance Club at Noon

Wednesday, March 1st

- Run Club at 8:10 am
- Division 3 and 13 Skating at Pearkes 9:30-10:20 am
- Division 5 SPCA Visit

Thursday, March 2nd

- Student Led Conferences: **11:50 am dismissal for all students**

Friday, March 3rd

- Hat Day
- Qoola Treat Day - for those who pre-ordered

Division 1 more exciting News:

Division 1 entered a writing contest to raise money for Habitat for Humanity. Contestants from all across Canada in grades 5 through 8 entered the contest. There were over 10,000 entries!!! The grand prize winner was..... Strawberry Vale Grade 5 student, Bensen Wilmer!!! The grand prize was **\$50,000** towards building a home for Habitat for Humanity, he also won a personal IPAD and a pizza party for his class and \$1,000 will also be donated to the school!

And story gets even better..... and better!!!

Never before have there been 2 winners from the same province, let alone from the same class! Samara Dolinsky of Division 1 was the runner up winner. Samara won \$5,000 towards Habitat for Humanity and a personal IPOD and a pizza party for her class!

We have also just found out that another Division 1 student has had her poem picked as a runner up! Congratulations go to Ashley Hong! Ashley has won an Aboriginal rock sculpture called an Inuksuk! Congratulations Ashley!

Each student in Division 1 sent in a piece of writing on the subject "What Home means to me" Each student entry raised \$10 for Habitat for Humanity, so as a class they raised \$260 towards Habitat for Humanity!

What exciting news. A big round of applause to Mrs. Tregear, Division 1 and Bensen, Samara and Ashley!

Book Fair results:

Here are the book fair results. Once again Lisa, and your team of volunteers, parents and students - you have done an amazing job!

Book Fair Highlights:

Total Sales: \$3,288.05

Product taken from Book fair for library: \$1,593.55

Book fair credit for Mr. Richey to use to buy books for library in future: \$852.76

The students are going to be very excited to see all those great books hitting the shelves over the next few weeks.

Congratulations to the following four students who won the "Where in Canada" contest by random draw for a \$10 gift certificate to the book fair

Anabel Div 7

Caleb Div 13

Laela Div 10

Eli Div 12

Our winning teacher by random draw for a \$20 gift certificate to the fair is Mrs. Tregear

The winner of the family door prize draw is Charli in Div 3, who has won \$25 for herself and also for her teacher, Mrs. Brookes!

Family Movie Night Rescheduled!

GREAT NEWS! We have rescheduled Family Movie Night to Friday, March 10th. Doors will open at 6:00PM and movie starts at 6:30PM. The feature movie is **Trolls**.

Come dressed in your PJ's and bring your pillows and blankets. We will have pizza, drinks and prize popcorn for sale.

VOLUNTEERS:

We still have 10 volunteer slots that we need to fill, especially in the concession. You can sign-up

at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0948a4aa2ea3fe3-family>

If you previously signed up and can no longer volunteer, please remove yourself from the signup or email pacsve@gmail.com (and we can update your volunteer info).

Spring Fair Planning:

Our Spring Fair is scheduled for June 9th and planning needs to begin. This event is one of the children's favourite and is by far our largest fundraiser. Our first Spring Fair information meeting is on March 10th at 6:30. Families will be watching the movie and we are hoping most parents will be able to join us for an overview of the roles at the Spring Fair. More information to follow.

Many thanks,
Kristina

Mother's Day Flower Baskets

The Mother's Day flower basket fundraiser is here! This year we will be offering a variety of hanging baskets and mixed pots from Holland Nurseries. Please return the order form with payment to the office or to your child's classroom teacher. Hard-copies of the order forms are going home with students either today or Monday (an electronic copy is attached). Please return forms by Thursday, March 10th. Flowers are to be picked-up on Thursday, May 4th.



12” Premium Mix Basket Sun/Shade

There is no better way to say “I love you” to Mom on Mother’s Day than to show up with a beautiful 12” premium hanging basket. These baskets come in a green pot and the best flowering and trailing plants available. Add some colour to your life with this top-selling item!

(Note: Basket arrangements are chosen by the greenhouse. They will choose the best available on your delivery day.)



10” Mix Basket Sun/Shade

The 10” mix basket is a great choice for the 12” but might be better for patios or entrance-w

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8” Mixed Pot Sun/Shade

Complete your patio with one of these 8” mixed planters. Each planter contains a nice assortment of premium annuals.

(Note: The best available planters will be chosen at the time of shipping.)



10” Strawberry Basket

Enjoy beautiful strawberries right from your hanging basket or planter. Enjoy these juicy strawberries summer long and in your strawberry baskets with wh

(Note: Plants are not shipped in their full mature stage.)

Volunteer Lice Check Co-ordinator needed:

We want to thank all the parents and other family members of students at the school that volunteer to conduct school-wide lice checks. Regrettably, we no longer have a lice check coordinator, so the school-wide lice checks are unable to take place until a new coordinator is identified. If you are interested in this position, please send an email to pacsve@gmail.com

In the interim, we encourage families to check their children's hair on a regular basis. If you find nits or lice, please contact the school immediately. We will do our best to secure volunteers to spot check classes when active cases of nits/lice are identified.

For more information on how to check and treat cases of lice please contact your local health unit. For convenience, here is a link to the Saanich Public Health Unit:

http://www.viha.ca/locations/health_units/saanich_health_unit.htm

Community News:

Mental Health Evening extravaganza

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Thursday, March 9

Where: Quadra Elementary

6:00-7:30 Presentations

7:30-8:00 Open tables and Questions

Peter Monk, Children and Youth Mental Health team leader, and Quadra School are pleased to present an evening of information by experts and parents on children's mental health. Topics include: depression, anxiety, attention deficit, and conduct.

Experts will present on each topic for 10-15 minutes, followed by a 5 minute follow-up by parents who have children living these experiences. Many community organizations, such as the Friends Society, and the Single Parent Resource Center, will be present to share their role in the community during an open table sharing time directly after the presentations. Peter Monk and his team from CYMH will stay afterwards to answer questions that people may have. Free babysitting will be available for younger children. Tickets are free, but as space is limited, they must be reserved.

Presentations are mainly aimed at K-5, but may be of interest to middle school parents as well.

Please use the following link to reserve your tickets:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/mental-health-information-extravaganza-tickets-31738783556>



Smiles 4 Canada

Does your child require expensive orthodontic treatment that you are not able to afford? Smiles 4 Canada program facilitates the orthodontic treatment for deserving young Canadians who would otherwise not be able to afford treatment.

Applicants to the program must be under 14 years old. Patients who are accepted for treatment through the program will be treated by a local participating orthodontist.

Patients' families are only required to pay an administrative fee and the cost of the complete course of treatment is covered. A link to the program: <http://smiles4canada.ca/>

Child Alert: Attention Parents!! 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

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:

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. 10 Family Movie Night

Mar.17 Report Cards Home St. Patrick's Day Wear Green today

Mar. 20-31 Schools Closed for Spring Break

April 2017

Apr. 3 School Reopens

Apr. 7 Whole School Lice Check

Apr. 12 6:30 PAC Meeting in staff lounge

Apr.14&17 School Closed: Good Friday/Easter Monday

Apr. 21 Earth Day – wear Blue and Green today/Family Eco-Literacy Day