

## **Strawberry Vale Happenings for April 24<sup>th</sup> to April 28<sup>th</sup>**

### **Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**

- Island Ukulele Performance 9:00-10:00 am
- The first Track and Field practice in the front field from 3:00-4:00

### **Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**

- Fire Drill 10:10 am
- Division 10 field trip to Berwick House 10:10-11:20 am
- PISE
- Run Club at Noon
- Dance Club at Noon
- Rugby Game vs SMUS 3:00 pm at Strawberry Vale

### **Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**

- Run Club at 8:10 am
- Division 5 field trip to Shaw Ocean Discovery Center/Mineral World 8:45-2:30
- Division 8 field trip to Elk Lake/Beaver Lake 8:40-12:00

### **Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**

- Choir at Noon
- Grade 4 Emergency Program 12:45-1:45/1:45-2:45

### **Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**

- Stages Performing for Whole School 1:00 in the gym
- Rugby Practice 3:00-4:00
- Parent letter regarding student placement requests for next year due today

## **Toy Guns on the Playground**

It has been brought to my attention that toy guns are being brought to school and played with on our property.

Please ensure that your child does not bring a toy gun to school. This is of any make (plastic, wooden, nerf) and must be left at home.

Thank you. Cindy Sanderson, Principal.



## community projects

A Message from the Grade 3's in Div. 5:  
We are doing social responsibility projects about things we want to change in our community. We want to tell you that we have made Action Plans to make a positive

difference!

### **Poverty:**

We are trying to stop homelessness. We are going to have a lemonade and cookies stand to raise money for Our Place. If everyone donates \$2, you might save someone's life.

### **Bees & Butterflies:**

What if bees and butterflies die? We are going to plant flowers that bees and butterflies like in the school garden.

### **Animals:**

We are concerned about pets not having enough food, shelter or kindness.

We are going to raise money for the SPCA by making donation jars for stores in our neighbourhood.



### **Garbage/Pollution:**

We are concerned Division 5 students. We are worried about littering and pollution at our school. We are going to make posters, do announcements and present at an assembly to ask people to help the Earth in any way they can. This is the garbage we found one day around the school grounds, in the picture.

## **Track Program 2017**

Today we had a sign-up for students who wish to participate in track and field this year. We would like to have our first practice on **Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**. We plan to practice every Monday after school (and possibly a couple of Wednesdays) in preparation for the district track meet which will be held on **Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**. This is an all-day event and details will follow as we move closer to the date. Your child has indicated his/her desire to be involved and therefore the attached form needs to be returned to the office as soon as possible.

### **Practice Times**

Runners will be practicing on Mondays from 3-4 pm on the front field. As we get closer to the District Track Meet, we would like to take the runners to a formal track (hopefully PISE by Camosun College) so that they can have this experience prior to the meet. Students will need to wear shorts or track pants, t-shirt, runners with adequate arch support and a water bottle.

A big thank you goes out in advance to Day Deans-Buchan, Linda Solbakken, Kathy Mead, Ann George and Erin Gilmour for coaching the students!

A team effort involves athletes, coaches and supportive parents. Thank you, in advance, for your help.



**1000**  
**X5**

## 1000 Books by Age Five Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria

### Did you know?

- Books in the home for preschoolers are 70% more effective than parents' education level at predicting school success.
- Preschoolers in middle class homes have an average of 15 books/age level.
- Preschoolers in homes with fewer resources have an average of 2 books/age level.

**Take your extra baby and preschooler books to the pink bin in the hallway by the school office? Help change a child's future.**

## **Community News:**

**OLD-TIME FIDDLE DANCES** - music by Daniel Lapp and the Youth Old-Time Fiddle Dance Band

Friday April 21 & Friday May 26 @ Strawberry Vale Hall (11 High St. at Burnside Rd W.)

Tickets at Door: \$5 (Individual), \$15 (Family)

Time: Doors – 7pm. Dancing – 7:30-9:30pm

All ages, no experience necessary; Goodies and snacks by donation; Dances taught on the spot

Our Community Dances are based on those held on the Canadian Prairies over the past 120 years. Come dance to Polkas, Waltzes, Schottisches and a variety of fun-filled novelty dances suitable for the whole family.

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1543610082333665/>

Contact: [oldtimefiddledance@gmail.com](mailto:oldtimefiddledance@gmail.com)

## **Ready, Set, Learn Community Dinner**

Our district is partnering with the **Victoria Early Years Centre** to offer a Ready, Set, Learn Community Dinner.

It will be held at Saanich Neighbourhood Place (in Pearkes Rec Centre) on Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00.

The event is open for families with three-and-four-year-olds. The theme is Learning through Play.

We would appreciate your help in spreading the word. Katie Hamilton will also be promoting this event for us.

Here is a link to download the promotional flyer:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4BtCHeCHqOWenVDREY1S3h3ZU0/view?usp=sharing>

For the April 25<sup>th</sup> event, the Early Years Centre will offer a free dinner for families between 5:00 and 6:00. For the remainder of

the evening, families can visit stations with early year's professionals. These stations will have activities for preschoolers as well as information for parents to take with them. You are welcome to attend if you can. We have two SD61 kindergarten teachers, two of our StrongStart facilitators, and two of our SLPs running tables, along with many of our community partners (Science Venture, Island Health, Greater Victoria Public Library, Kids Have Stress Too, Victoria Native Friendship Centre, Saanich Neighbourhood Place, to name a few).

## **Saanich Summer Camps:**

Saanich summer camps guide just became available for viewing online on the Saanich website at: <http://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/parks-recreation-culture/active-living-guide.html>

The direct link to the Summer Camp publication itself is:  
<http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/a5319c2a#/a5319c2a/1>

Note that as of today people are only able to read through the publication at this time for advance planning purposes. Registration for Saanich Summer Camps opens at 6:00 a.m. on Wednesday April 12. We encourage people to read through the publication ahead of time and select their preferences. They will then have all the information they need to be ready to register online or in person or telephone on April 12 - as the most popular spaces fill quickly.

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***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](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:

#### May 2017

May 5 Favourite Person Day /Qoola Day

May 10 6:30 pm PAC Meeting: AGM

May 11 Class and Whole School Photos

May 17 Rainbow Day

May 18 Grade 5 Transition Day

**May 19 Professional Day: School Closed**

**May 22 Victoria Day: School Closed**

**May 23 Professional Day - School Closed**

May 25-26 Bike Safety Checks 8:15 - 8:45 on the basketball court

May 25 Welcome to Kindergarten Orientation

May 29-Jun 2 Bike to School Week

#### June 2017

June 1 Aboriginal Day

June 9 Spring Fair 4:00-7:00 pm

June 14 6:30 pm PAC Meeting in staff lounge

June 23 Beach Day

June 28 Grade 5 Recognition Ceremony 11:00

June 29 Last Day of School / 1:00 Final Assembly 2:48 Dismissal  
Report Cards go Home

**June 30 Admin Day for Staff: School not in session**