

Strawberry Vale Happenings for January 15th to January 19th

Monday, January 15th

- Have you handed in your fun lunch pizza form?

Tuesday, January 16th

- Dance Club at noon today in the gym
- Run Club at lunch break for Kindergarten to Grade 5 students
- Skating field trip for divisions 1 and 9
- Swim club 3:15 at Commonwealth

Wednesday, January 17th

- Floor hockey in the gym at lunch recess
- Division 2 field trip to RBC Museum 9:15-2:30
- PAC meeting at 6:30 pm in the staff lounge: Everyone welcome!

Thursday, January 18th

- Skating field trip for Divisions 7 and 10
- Ready Set Learn for 3-4 year olds in the gym from 10:45-11:45 am
- AristoCats auditions at lunch recess for grade 4 and 5 students until Jan 25th - signup sheet is on the music room door

Friday, January 19th

- AristoCats auditions continue at lunch recess for grade 4 and 5 students until Jan 25th



AristoCats Update:

The Aristocats! Strawberry Vale students and staff will be collaborating to create a wonderful recreation of the 1970 Disney film, The Aristocats.

Grade 4 and 5 students will have the opportunity to audition for main cast roles as well as stage crew roles (audition materials have been made available). The remaining students, including those in grades K - 3 will comprise our whole school choir and individual classes will be performing in parts of the show.

It will take great teamwork from our staff and parent volunteers! A number of items will be needed to help make this show successful. Let Mr. Martin know if you would be interested in helping us put on this production in any way.

All the best,

Matthew Martin

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Ready, Set, Learn Open House

Help your preschooler get ready for school.
An Open House
For three and four year olds
and their parents in the Strawberry Vale gym

Thursday, January 18th, 2018
10:45 – 11:45

Information evening for new kindergarten families

The district hosts an information evening for new kindergarten families each January.

This year's session will be held on Wednesday, January 17 from 6:30-8:30 at SJ Willis.

A poster is attached and more information can be found on the SD61 website.

Kindergarten Registration January 29th to February 2nd, for 2018/19 school year:

Kindergarten registration for children who will turn 5 by December 31, 2018 (date of birth 2013) takes place January 29th to February 2nd. Please let the office know (or e-mail me, 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!

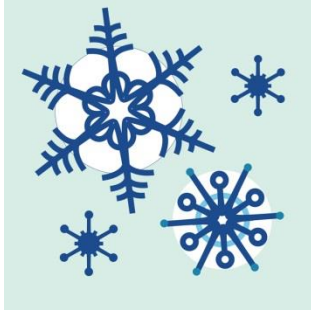
Please bring the following when you register your child for kindergarten: Proof of Citizenship (Birth Certificate, Passport or Landed Immigrant Status for your child and Care Card), proof of residency in our catchment documentation needed: Purchase or Rental agreement of your home, home owners or rental insurance or BC vehicle insurance.



A big THANK YOU to everyone who came out to donate and or volunteer at this year's PAC Bottle Drive & Tree Chipping Event.

All together we raised **\$1,376.55!** Well done Strawberry Vale!





Inclement Weather

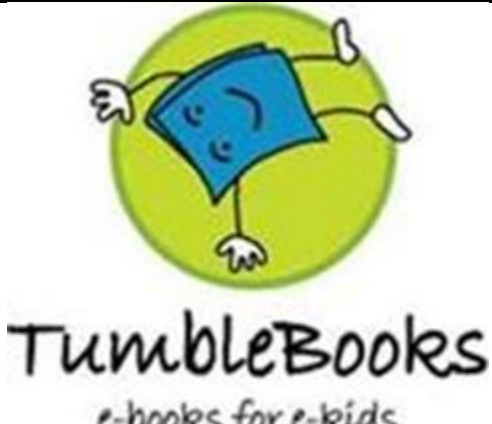
We are now approaching the season when inclement weather may affect the safety and welfare of students. In particular, snowy weather has the potential to cause school closure or some School District 61 services to be suspended.

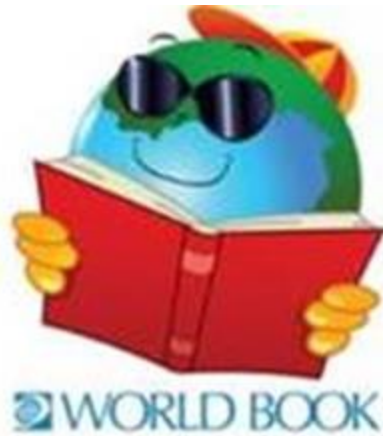
During inclement weather, information about schools will be updated continuously on the Greater Victoria School District 61 website at <http://www.sd61.bc.ca/>.

Within the Greater Victoria School District, the Superintendent of Schools will provide media outlets with information about the status of our facilities and transportation services by 6:30 a.m.

Dear Students & Parents/Guardians

In addition to the school's library collection, you have access to some excellent online resources. Go to our library homepage at www.yourschoollibrary.net to find links to all of the sites described below *and more*. Please note, connection to these sites from school should be automatic. At-home use may require usernames and passwords, which are provided here. Keep this sheet in a safe place for future reference!

	<p>TumbleBooks is an online library of beloved picture books, read-along novels, non-fiction resources, videos, games, and more. This is a great addition to your daily home reading routine.</p> <p>Username: <u>svale</u> / Password: <u>books</u></p>
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World Book Online replaces those dusty encyclopedias with an easy to use and regularly updated source of information on every topic under the sun. There are three different age-appropriate levels to choose from and lots of bonus features.

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Novelist is a book browsing tool that helps you find books similar to those you've already read or that one that match your interests. Not only will Novelist recommend books to you, but it will tell you whether or not these books are available through our school library or the public library. It's fantastic!

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Explora is a robust search engine that draws on a vast database of newspapers, magazine articles, and images. A great tool for research projects.

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KnowBC.com is home to the fantastic *Encyclopedia of British Columbia*. Get to know the stories of our home province with this and several other fantastic resources that highlight the people, places, and events that shaped BC.

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National Geographic Kids is packed with short but informative videos, online books and magazines about the plants, animals, and weird but true facts about the world around us.

Username: 61sves / **Password:** sd61



Learn360 is a great site where, staff, students, and parents can stream and/or download educational movies, legally and for free!

Username: 50015P / **Password:** bcs

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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 pink drop box in

the hallway by the school office. All very young children benefit from being read to – help make that a reality for more. Thank you for being part of the 150,000 books donated over the last eight years.

Child Alert Attendance: 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:

January 2018

Jan. 17 6:30 pm PAC meeting in staff lounge
Jan. 18 Ready Set Learn
Jan. 26 PJ Day
Jan. 29-Feb. 2 Kindergarten Registration Week

February 2018

Feb. 12 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. 15-23 District Wide K-12 Student Transfer Process
Feb. 15-20 Scholastic Book Fair
Feb. 21 6:30 pm PAC Meeting in staff lounge
Feb. 22 Family Movie Night 6:30 pm Gr.K-2
Feb. 23 Professional Day: Schools closed
Feb. 28 **Pink Shirt Day**