

Strawberry Vale Happenings for January 22nd to January 26th

Monday, January 22nd

- AristoCats auditions at lunch recess for grade 4 and 5 students until Jan.25th
- Cyber Talks with Constable Rhyley (our School Liaison Officer) will be meeting in Grades 4 and 5 discussing On-line Safety and Cyber Bullying.
Divisions 1 and 4 from 8:50 am-9:30am and Divisions 2, 3 and 5 from 9:35am-10:15am

Tuesday, January 23rd

- Run Club at lunch break for Kindergarten to Grade 5 students
- Skating field trip for divisions 4 and 13
- Lockdown drill at 10:45 am today
- AristoCats auditions at lunch recess for grade 4 and 5 students until Jan.25th
- Swim club 3:15 at Commonwealth
- Division 11 field trip to Berwick House 10:10 am -11:20 am

Wednesday, January 24th

- AristoCats auditions at lunch recess for grade 4 and 5 students until Jan.25th - sign-up sheet posted on the Music room door

Thursday, January 25th

- Skating field trip for Divisions 2 and 3
- Final AristoCats audition today at lunch recess for grade 4 and 5 students

Friday, January 26th

- PJ day today - come to school in your pajamas!
- Pizza lunch for all who pre-ordered



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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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.

Give a Heart Food Bank Drive **Helping Families in our Community**

Each year Divisions 13 and 4 visit the Food Bank. During these visits we have learned that Food Banks get overwhelmed with donations at Christmas but that they always need things for Spring Break and for the summer. So, we decided we wanted to help them with these two times of the year.

Division 4 is organizing a Food Bank Drive. We will be starting next week and will be collecting your donations until the week of Valentine's.

During our first week we will be collecting toiletries: toilet paper; paper towel; Kleenex; q-tips; shampoo; conditioner; soap; deodorant; baby powder; diapers; toothpaste; toothbrushes etc.

We really appreciate anything you are able to provide. We will be coming around to classrooms each morning to collect your donations or you can leave them in our display area outside our classroom by the Seaquarium.

Thank you from,
Division 4

The Levidrome Challenge

I am not sure if you have been following the levidrome campaign or not, but it is pretty amazing and is catching on as a learning language tool.

If you aren't familiar, a 5 year old boy from Victoria named Levi who was obsessed with palindromes was driving in a car with his mum when they

pulled up to a stop sign. He noticed that Stop spells Pots backwards. As it turns out, there is no word in the dictionary for this linguistic phenomenon. He, being 5, wanted to name it after himself so he started calling these words 'levidromes'. Webster's and Oxford told him that to get a word into the dictionary it needs to be used a lot.

Strawberry Vale has a "levidrome" challenge as well!


Check it out!:

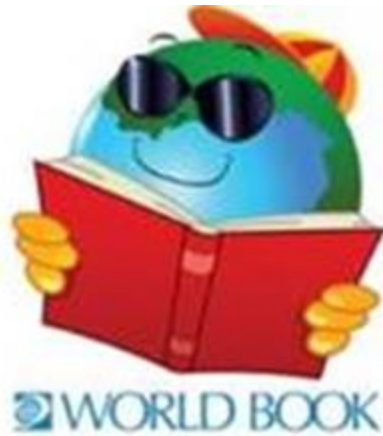
<http://www.yourschoollibrary.net/levidrome.html>

At school, Mr. Richey has started a contest and posted a bulletin board entitled: ***The Levidrome Challenge***. For the next several weeks he will be collecting your levidromes and posting them on this board. After several weeks of collecting your levidromes, Mr. Richey will tally up all the submissions and award a **prize--a \$20 gift certificate to the next book fair**--to the student who comes up with the most levidromes! Will you be the school levidrome champion? Start hunting down those levidromes today!

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 e-books for e-kids</p>	<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.

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

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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.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**

March 2018 No PAC Meeting this month.

Mar. 2 Hat Day
Mar.5&7 Ukuleles Unlimited
Mar. 8 Student Led Conferences 2:00-6:00:
Whole School Early Dismissal @ 11:50 am
Mar.16 Report Cards Home/Last Day School before Spring Break
Mar. 19-April 3 Schools Closed for Spring Break and Easter