

Strawberry Vale Happenings for February 12th to February 16th

Monday, February 12th

- **FAMILY DAY: School Closed**

Tuesday, February 13th

- Skating field trip for Divisions 6 and 8
- Run Club at lunch break for Kindergarten to Grade 5 students
- Swim club 3:15 at Commonwealth
- All AristoCat cast members rehearsal at lunch recess
- Afterschool Basketball game at McKenzie elementary leaving at 2:50



Wednesday, February 14th

- Dress in **RED**, WHITE and **PINK** today to celebrate Valentines day!
- Division 9 field trip to Victoria Gymnastics 12:30-2:20 pm
- Chemanius Theatre visiting Division 2 today
- All AristoCat cast members rehearsal at lunch recess

Thursday, February 15^h

- **ALL STUDENTS dismissed at 11:50 am today.** Student Led Conferences today for Divisions 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13 and 14.
- Scholastic Book Fair starts today and runs until Tuesday.
- K-12 Transfer Process begins today until February 23rd

Friday, February 16th

- WITS talks with Constable Ryley for Kindergarten - Grade 3 today
- AristoCat cast members rehearsal: Dogs, Alley's, Aristo's, Gabbles, O'Malley at lunch recess

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. Our food bank collection is well underway and we will be collecting your donations until the week of Valentine's.

This week's focus - snacks kids love (week 3)

Examples: chips, cheezies, fruit cups, granola bars, juice boxes, Goldfish crackers, cookies, fruit roll ups, GoGo Squeez, popcorn, rice Krispie squares, etc

Please always check the date to ensure it doesn't expire within six months of the donation. Please only send in foods your family would enjoy eating.

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 the classrooms by the Seaquarium.

Thank you from,
Division 4

CARS 3 FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

- Come dressed in your PJ's and bring along your pillows and blankets to the SVE gym for family movie night on **Thursday, Feb 22nd**
- **Doors open at 5:30 pm and movie begins at 6:00 pm.**
***Please note the earlier time to accommodate families with younger children.
- The kindie to Grade 2 students will vote on a movie and the feature movie will be announced next week

- No need to make dinner because there will be drinks (juice and water), prize popcorn (find a gold coin in your popcorn and win a prize), and pizza for sale.
- There is a suggested donation of \$2/person
- ***Students of all ages are welcome to attend***

MOVIE NIGHT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Movie night is only two weeks away and we need 30 volunteers. We would really appreciate your help with setup or at the door or in the concession. Sign-up at the following link:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0948A4AA2EA3FE3-family2

You can also email pacsve@gmail.com to sign-up!

Strawberry Vale Fun Lunch Program

Once again, the school has decided to partner with the Thrifty Foods Food Truck to provide a hot, wholesome lunch for our children on
Friday, March 2nd.

For **\$5.00** per lunch (order form attached), this includes both the main dish and a dessert. ***Please note \$2.00 from each lunch will come back to our PAC to help with the school's fundraising.***

The choice for this Fun Lunch is:

Main Dish - Creamy Cheddar Mac & Cheese (approximate 150 gram serving)

Dessert - Beanie Chocolate Brownie (approximate 60 gram serving)

(note: this is the same lunch option as for our November Fun Lunch)

An important thing to remember is that there can be no substitutions for these choices, if your child has allergies or dislikes please consider this before ordering.

Please complete the attached form CAREFULLY and return it to the school with payment by **February 19, 2018.** (Please make cheques out to **Strawberry Vale PAC**) If you have any questions about the Fun Lunch Program, please contact Leanne Kopp at 250- 213-7939 or email koppleanne@gmail.com.

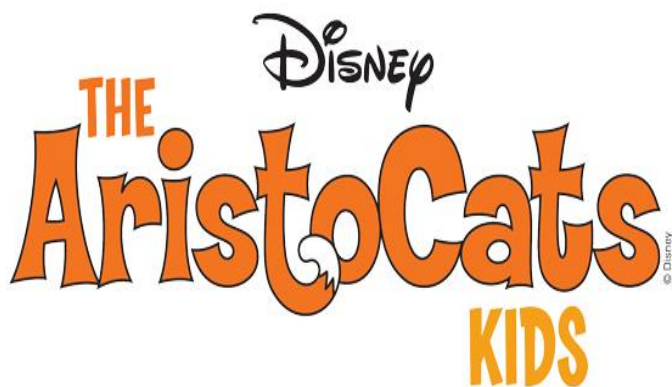
No student will be denied access to the program due to financial difficulty. Please contact myself or Mrs. Sanderson for confidential assistance.

Music Updates:

Ukuleles Unlimited: The School District supports a major bi-annual concert that celebrates ukuleles and music education. Strawberry Vale has been invited to send approximately 40 students to perform in massed numbers and their own pieces. Other schools, programs, and a special guest performer will also take part in the event. Approximately 500 students will participate overall. Our day and evening is Monday, February 26.

Strawberry Vale currently has approximately 140 students learning the ukulele in grades 3–5. In order to facilitate bringing students in a fair manner, a draw has been done from those students in grade 4 and 5 (grade 3's will have an opportunity two years down the road) and has included students in each class that has grade 4 or 5 students. Students that were drawn will have a letter arriving home today.

While I wish that I could arrange to take each student, it's simply not a possibility. Thanks for your understanding and support.



The Aristocats! We are in full swing of rehearsals now and the show is beginning to take shape. **We are in need of your help!!** Costuming, makeup artists, set design and painting, material sourcing, prop hunting, makeup, anything you can think of, we need your help! Thanks to those who have already

emailed Mr. Martin about supporting the show. If you can help in any of the ways listed above, please email Mr. Martin.

The Aristocats Class Costumes: If your student is in Grades Kindergarten to Grade 3, they will be performing in the musical as a whole grade (split into two different shows). We will be looking for Kindergarten

and Grade 1 students to be in "dog colour" clothing. Grade 2's will be in white clothing (as white geese), and Grade 3's will be in "cat colour" clothing. All clothes should have no logos present. If you can be on the lookout for your student(s) costumes over the next while, that will alleviate some pressure if it is left a bit late.

All the best,
Matthew Martin
Strawberry Vale Elementary Music
Island Ukuleles, Assistant Director
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C: 250-360-6401

Scholastic Book Fair

Our final **Scholastic Book Fair** of the year is quickly approaching! Be ready to visit the fair in the school library from **FEBRUARY 15th -20th** !

The Book Fair is an important fundraising event that allows our library to be stocked with hundreds of new books every year.

Students will have an opportunity to visit the Book Fair with their class "By Division" on the 15th and 16th. The Book Fair is open for "Everyone Welcome" at lunch and after school all four days. Extended hours until 5:00 will be held on the 16th.

When you visit the Book Fair, remember to enter our awesome contests to win gift certificates to the fair! Entry ballots are found on the last page of the Scholastic Book Fair flyer that will come home the week before the fair. Winners will be announced on the 20th and prizes must be claimed before the fair closes.

We are now looking for volunteers. If you are interested, please visit our Sign-Up Genius webpage to find a time that works for you!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4cada928a2f58-scholastic1>

Or contact Lisa Teschke at 250-381-5463 lisa.and.the.trio@gmail.com

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1000 Books by Age Five

Children's Book Recycling Project
Greater Victoria



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Preschool, Victoria Native Friendship Centre and several Best Babies programs – in total over 700 books.

you found the pink bin in the hallway
the school office?
thank you for your donations of books
babies and preschoolers. This last
week, 12 volunteers cleaned, labelled,
gift bagged books for Songhees

Thanks to you, next week we will do the same for other families.

Lost and Found Box:

Please keep checking for lost items. New items are added daily!! Small items (necklaces, rings, stuffies, toys etc.) found are kept in the office, larger items (clothing, shoes, hats etc) are kept in the large bin at the end of hallway near the front entrance. All the clothes and shoes are on display in the front foyer, please take a look!

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!



Strawberry Vale Co op Preschool

OPEN HOUSE: Sunday February 18th 2018
From 10am to 2pm
They will look forward to seeing you there!

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:

February 2018

Feb. 12 Family Day: Schools Closed

Feb. 14 Red, White & Pink Day

Feb. 15 Student Led Conferences 2:00- 6:00 : for Divisions 14, 13, 11, 10, 8, 7, 5,

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 earlier start at 5:30 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: for Divisions: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 12

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