

## **Strawberry Vale Happenings for March 12<sup>th</sup> to March 16<sup>th</sup>**

### **Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**

- Fire Drill 10:10 am

### **Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**

- Skating field trip for Divisions 5 and 14
- Division 11 field trip to Berwick House 10:10-11:20 am
- Run Club at lunch break for Kindergarten to Grade 5 students
- Rugby practice after school 3:00-4:00 pm

### **Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**

- Speaking Our Truth - Monique Gray Smith, Author  
Presentation for Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 in the gym  
9:00-10:15 am

### **Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

- Skating field trip for Divisions 2, 10 and 13
- Rugby practice after school today

### **Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**

- Report cards home today
- Last day of school before Spring Break. School re-opens on  
Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> 8:40 am - 2:48 pm

### **Music Updates:**



**Rehearsals:** We continue to rehearse each day for our upcoming performances. Our songs are solidifying, our dances are coming together, and our student actors are becoming more and more comfortable with

their roles each day. Please continue to encourage your student(s) and support them through this process. Mr. Martin and Ms. Parlee are delighted to work with these students each day and are looking forward to what will truly be a wonderful whole school production. Cast members will need to be off their scripts by the end of Spring Break. Please encourage them to learn their dialogue lines at home.

### **Hello parents with students in Kindergarten to Grade 3:**

Please note your students will be performing in the AristoCats musical as a whole grade (split into two different shows) on April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. In order to alleviate some pressure in finding the costumes, you can be on the lookout for the requirements outlined below based on grade level.

The goal for the show is that there's some uniformity so it's important that the clothes/costumes have no logos present and avoid non-animal colours like pink, blue, red, yellow, etc.

### **Costume Requirements:**

- Kindergarten and Grade 1 students to be in "dog-colour" clothing, i.e. browns and black
- Grade 2's will be the geese in white, beige or light grey clothing
- Grade 3's will be in "cat-colour" clothing, i.e. browns, and black

It's going to be a great show!

Thanks for your attention to these details.

### **Sports Updates:**

**Rugby:** We are now beginning our Rugby season. Practices begin March 6 and will take place each Tuesday and Thursday after school from 3:00pm – 4:00pm. Mr. Martin and Mr. Du Toit (parent) will be training the team this year. The season will culminate with a jamboree at Gordon Head Middle School on Friday, May 12. If your student is interested and missed the meeting yesterday, please email Mr. Martin for more details. (Forms are available in the office)

All the best,

Matthew Martin

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## **Strings Updates:**

Wednesday, March 14

The Strawberry Vale String students are invited to perform in the Family of Schools concert at Colquitz Middle School. Students should arrive by 5:20 for the concert that will begin at 6:00. Students are asked to wear their concert dress consisting of a white top and black skirt or slacks, black socks and black shoes. Admission is by donation.

Monday, April 23

The students are invited to perform at Berwick House, 4680 Elk Lake Drive (not 4062 Shelbourne St. as previously mentioned), at 7:00 pm. They will perform for Mr. Pablo Diemecke, formerly the Concertmaster of the Victoria Symphony Orchestra. Mr. Diemecke will offer helpful comments to the students that will help with their performance practice. Parents are welcome to observe the performance and master-class, which will be approximately 75 minutes in length.

Tuesday, May 15

The students are invited to participate in "Orchestra Finale", a concert involving many of the School District #61 Strings classes. The concert will begin at 7 pm. and will take place in the UVic. McKinnon Gymnasium. Students should arrive for tuning and a warm-up by 6:30 pm. Admission is by donation and all family members are invited to attend!

Karen Whyte  
Strings Teacher

## **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. Orders must be received by Wednesday April 4<sup>th</sup>



**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.)



**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.)

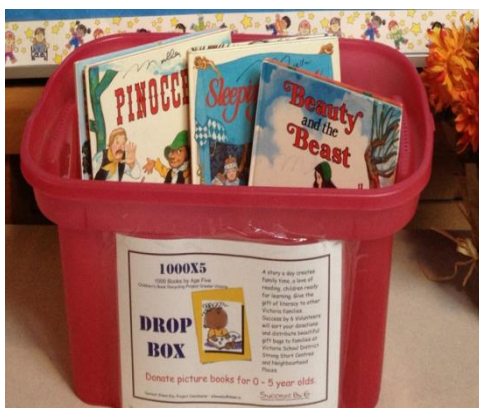


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1000 Books by Age Five

Children'

s Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria



Have you found the pink bin in the hallway by the school office?  
 We thank you for your donations of books for babies and preschoolers. This last week, 12 volunteers cleaned, labelled, and gift bagged books for Songhees Preschool, Victoria Native Friendship Centre and several Best Babies programs – in total over 700 books.

**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	<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>

**March 2018** No PAC Meeting this month.

Mar.16 Report Cards Home/Last Day of School before Spring Break  
**Mar. 19-April 3 Schools Closed for Spring Break and Easter**

**April 2018**

**Apr. 4 School Reopens**  
 Apr. 11 6:30 PAC Meeting in staff lounge  
**Apr.20 Professional Development Day - School Closed**  
 April 25/26 Whole School Musical 1:00 and 7:00 pm performances

**May 2018**

May 3-8 Book Fair

May 9 6:30 pm PAC Meeting: AGM  
May 10 Class and Whole School Photos  
May 16 Rainbow Day  
May 17 Grade 5 Transition Day  
May 17 Welcome to Kindergarten Orientation  
**May 18 Professional Day: School Closed**  
**May 21 Victoria Day: School Closed**  
**May 22 Professional Day - School Closed**  
May 25 Bike Safety Checks 8:15 - 8:45 on the basketball court  
May 28-Jun 1 Bike to School Week

## June 2018

June 1 Aboriginal Day  
June 8 PAC Fun Day 1-2:30 pm  
June 13 6:30 pm PAC Meeting in staff lounge  
June 15 Outdoor Nature Day  
June 27 Grade 5 Recognition Ceremony 11:00  
June 28 1:00 Final Assembly 2:48 Dismissal/Last Day of  
School/Report Cards go Home  
**June 29 Admin Day for Staff: School not in session**