

## **Strawberry Vale Happenings for April 16<sup>th</sup> to April 20<sup>th</sup>**

### **Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**

- Division 3 field trip to UVic 8:40 am - 11:50 am
- Division 6 field trip to UVic 11:50 am - 2:30 pm
- \*\*\* No Cross Country Meet afterschool today
- Strings perform at Berwick House tonight at 7:00 pm  
(more info below)

### **Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**

- Don't forget to send in your ticket request forms for the musical
- Rugby practice after school today
- Cross Country practice at lunch recess today

### **Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

- Cross Country practise at lunch recess

### **Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

- CAST 1 rehearsal in the morning
- PISE here in morning for Divisions 5, 8, 6, 7 and 9
- CAST 2 rehearsal in the afternoon
- Rugby practice after school today
- Cross Country practise at lunch recess

### **Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**

- **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY: No School for Students**

## **Musical 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:**

**A notice has gone home today in which some letters have indicated the wrong colours - The correct colors are indicated below:**

- **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**
- **Stage Crew - all black clothing (pants and shoes) - Strawberry Vale provides t-shirts for stage crew!**

It's going to be a great show!

Thanks for your attention to these details.

### **AristoCats ticket information:**

Our spring musical is fast approaching. Ticket information letters have been sent home with all students. As well, we have attached the letter to this email and it is also posted on the school website.

Families of main cast members! Please buy tickets for the show your student is **Cast in**, not based on their division. If you have any questions, please email Mr. Martin for confirmation of which cast you should purchase tickets for!

Space is limited, particularly for the evening shows. Please consider attending an afternoon performance if possible. There is a limit of 4 tickets per family.

Tickets will be sent home with students on Thursday, April 19th and any requests for extra tickets will be filled after that.

Thank you!

### **Spring Cross-Country**

Practices will be on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Runners are expected to attend at least two practices per week.

The TENTATIVE dates for the Spring Cross-Country meets are:

**Monday, April 23** - Clover Point

**Monday, April 30** - Lambrick Park

**Monday, May 7** - Clover Point

**Races begin at 3:45**

Mrs. George and Mrs. Mead

## **Sports Updates:**

**Rugby:** We have now begun our Rugby season. Practices take place each Tuesday and Thursday after school from 3:00pm – 4:15pm. 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 11<sup>th</sup>**. If your student is interested, please e-mail Mr. Martin.

Mr. Martin now has in new mouth guards if you have not yet purchased one. Should your student need one, they can see Mr. Martin. The cost is \$5. Limit is one per student.

Reminder that mouth guards should be on at all practices.

A couple of games have been set up for Tuesday May 1<sup>st</sup> to be played at Strawberry Vale and Tuesday May 8<sup>th</sup> to be played at McKenzie elementary.

All the best,

Matthew Martin

Strawberry Vale Elementary Music  
Island Ukuleles, Assistant Director  
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## **Strings Updates:**

### **Monday, April 16 (new date)**

The students are invited to perform at **Berwick House, 4680 Elk Lake Drive**, 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

## **Russell Books book fair:**

Our **3rd annual Russell Books** book fair is quickly approaching for **May 3-8th**. We are very excited to display a wide variety of new and used books, both for children and adult readers!

The fair will run during lunch and after school until 4:00, everyone welcome for all four days. Students will have the opportunity to visit with their classes during school the first two days. We will have **extended after school hours** until 5:00 on Friday May 4th for parents of out of school care children.

We are now seeking our volunteers! We need parent helpers for set-up and take down of the book display and cashiers to sell books and stationary items during the fair. Please visit our Signup Genius webpage to find a time that works for you!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4cada928a2f58-3rdannual>

## **Rosedale Park**

Saanich is finally going to replace the aged playground equipment at Rosedale Park, and is looking for community input. There is a short online survey, where we can vote on what type of play structures we'd like to see there. The survey is open until May 1st. Every opinion counts; let's make our voices heard!

<http://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/parks-recreation-culture/parks/projects-in-saanich-parks/active-projects/rosedale-park-playground-replacement.html>



## **Strawberry Vale Mural Project**

The **Strawberry Vale Mural Project** is coming along beautifully. Our very own Dean & Francisco have been busy painting the two 4x8 panels (see progress above) and expect to be finished by the end of the school year.

Students contributed ideas for the mural back in the Fall and did some mural-inspired sketching in the Winter. Mr. Richey will be visiting each class this Spring to lead students in some mural-inspired watercolour painting. Later this year, we will hold an unveiling event and gallery walk where we'll get a chance to view the completed mural and all the related student artwork.

Check out the Mural Project Progress at:

<http://www.yourschoollibrary.net/strawberry-vale-mural-project.html>

## **Raising Digitally Responsible Youth:**

In partnership with the Ministry of Education, Safer Schools Together and the British Columbia Superintendents Association, we are offering an evening for parents of all school aged children on Raising Digitally Responsible Youth. This event will be held at the Reynolds Theatre on May 1<sup>st</sup> from 7 to 9 pm. A flyer is attached for our parent community which includes a registration link; seats are limited to those who register through this link.

## **Community News Strawberry Vale Fastball:**

Learn to Play fastball clinics at Rosedale Park this season. Registration for LTP is open now. Register your children at [www.strawberryvalefastball.com](http://www.strawberryvalefastball.com) under the registration link or you can contact Wes Jantzen or Pam Schon at the following email: [wmjptg@shaw.ca](mailto:wmjptg@shaw.ca)

These clinics are basically for the age group of 5-9 year olds both girls and boys.

Cheers

Wes Jantzen  
Strawberry Vale Fastball

# 1000X5

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](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>

### April 2018

**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 Fun Lunch day! Forms will be sent home soon

June 13 6:30 pm PAC Meeting in staff lounge

June 15 Outdoor Nature Day

June 27 Grade 5 Recognition Ceremony **time change to 10:15**

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**