

Strawberry Vale Happenings for January 21st to January 25th

Monday, January 21st

- Strings in the gym 2:50-4:00
- Divisions 3 and 12 skating at Pearkes 9:30-11:00 am

Tuesday, January 22nd

- Basketball practice 3:00-4:00 pm

Wednesday, January 23rd

- Strings in the gym 2:50-4:00

Thursday, January 24th

- Ready Set Learn for 3 and 4 year olds in the gym 10:45-11:45 am
- Division 1 and 7 skating at Pearkes 9:00-10:45 am
- Basketball practice 3:00-4:00 pm

Friday, January 25th

- PJ Day - come to school in your favourite PJs
- Pizza Lunch for those who pre-ordered

Kindergarten Registration January 28th to February 1st 2019 for the 2019/2020 school year:

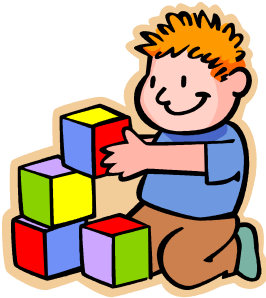
Kindergarten registration for children born in 2014 and who will turn 5 by December 31, 2019 are eligible to begin kindergarten in September 2019. Kindergarten registration starts Monday January 28th to Friday February 1st. Please let the office know (or e-mail me, cnoakes@sd61.bc.ca) if there will be 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 your child's age and citizenship status (birth certificate, passport, landed immigrant authorization). Parents of children who

are not Canadian Citizens or Landed Immigrants must phone 250-592-6871 prior to registering.

- Your child's BC Care Card
- Two items from the following list to confirm your home address (purchase or rental agreement, property tax statement, home owners insurance, BC vehicle insurance, income tax statement, bank or credit card statement)



Strawberry Vale - Ready, Set, Learn Open House

Help your preschooler get ready for school. **An Open House** for three and four year olds and their parents

Thursday, January 24th, 2019

10:45 – 11:45

in the Strawberry Vale school gym.

We are looking forward to meeting you and your child.

School District 61 important dates for Registration & Transfers:

Important SD61 Dates - **Registration & Transfers:**

<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/parent-student-resources/registration/registration-transfer-dates/>

If you could also include Information on **Late French Immersion Registration:**

<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/parent-student-resources/registration/late-french-immersion/>

SD61 Middle School Information Nights

Colquitz February 07 7:00pm - 8:00 pm
Glanford January 29 7:00pm - 8:30 pm



Your School Library



-Cover to Cover-
Matching Game

Many students have been enjoying a skill testing library game. Some have even won a prize! Ask your child about the *Cover to Cover* game posted in the hallway. Each week this month, Mr. Richey will draw a few lucky winners from those who have correctly matched a pair of *front and back covers* from the bulletin board. A few grand prize winners, drawn from those with the greatest number of correct entries, will be announced in February. Look carefully, good luck, and have fun! Learn more at www.yourschoollibrary.net



As a follow up to last year's mural project, Mr. Richey has been working with students to identify the things about Strawberry Vale School that matter most to *them*. This past Fall, students brainstormed ideas and created self-portraits. This Winter, they will share their Strawberry Vale experiences through photography and poetry...all in an effort to add to our school's incredible history! Learn more about our school's history at www.yourschoollibrary.net and stay tuned for project updates!

Here are some reminders and flags for upcoming events and activities at our school. Welcome to 2019!

VCPAC (Victoria Confederation of PACs) has provided SVE PAC with a free ticket (\$75 value) to attend the [2019 Vancouver Island Parent Conference](#) on March 2 from 8:30 – 4:00 which is an awesome parenting information event with various speakers on various issues. Please let us know if you are interested in going by emailing



pacsve@gmail.com before January 21 and we'll draw a name from a hat. The winner agrees to provide a one-page (or equivalent) summary of what they found interesting.



Family Movie Night for our Kindergarten to Grade 2 students (although all are welcome) will be at 5:30pm (doors open at 5:00pm) on February 22 (instead of 6:30 as noted in some materials) so that we all get home at a reasonable hour. 😊



Spring Fair (June 7) planning has started! There are many roles from small to big for this important event so email pacsve@gmail.com if you are interested in being part of the team planning the event.

Spring Fair



One of the most popular activities at the Spring Fair coming up is the **Bag Bonanza station**. We will have a collection of gift bags set up with a surprise inside. The students can use their game tickets to choose their favorite bag and they get to keep the surprise. We usually 'sell out' of the hundreds of bags that we have available. *Did you know at the last few Spring Fairs we have 'sold' over 400 bags!*

If you are over run with Christmas extras or see items on sale please consider donating them to the Spring fair! We are looking for gift bags of any size and theme as well as new or gently used gifts that your children would be happy to take home such as:

- Art supplies
- Colouring items
- Puzzles
- Small toys
- Books

We will have tote bins set up in the school office ready for your donations. Thank you from the Spring Fair organizing team

Watch for information coming soon on our collection of SILENT AUCTION donations.

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 7-12!**

Watch for your book fair **FLYER** coming home soon. Please fill out your family draw ballot and return to your teacher for a chance to win \$25 for both student and teacher!

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!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0548aaac28a0fe3-scholastic>

Or contact the book fair team directly at svebookfair@gmail.com



Parking Lot Etiquette:

Let's talk about Strawberry Vale parking lot etiquette. Please be polite, **drive slowly**, do NOT park in the round-about, try parking down by the pre-school or in the back parking lot to avoid bottle necks, do not block our neighbour's driveways. It has been brought to our attention that cars are double parking in the back parking lot, so that other parents can't leave! Please be respectful of others. Our police liaison officer will be monitoring the parking lots.

Remember to walk on the sidewalks and grass not on the road.

Please respect our safety patrollers and their stop signs.

Please drive slowly through the school parking lot at ALL times. Our main concern is keeping our kids safe. Thank you.

Community News:



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1,000 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 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 172,000 books donated over the last eight years.

Child Alert: 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 2019

- Jan.24 Ready*Set*Learn 10:45-11:45 am
Jan.25 PJ Day/Fun Lunch
Jan. 28-Feb.1 Kindergarten Registration Week 8:00 - 3:00 daily

February 2019

- Feb.7-12 Scholastic Book Fair
Feb.13 6:30 pm PAC Meeting in the staff lounge
Feb. 14 Red, White & Pink Day
Feb. 15 Professional Day: Schools closed
Feb. 18 Family Day: Schools Closed
Feb.19-25 District Wide K-12 Student Transfer Process
Feb. 21 Student Led Conferences Noon- 6:00
Whole School Early Dismissal @ 11:50
Feb. 22 Family Movie Night **5:30 pm** (new start time!)
Feb. 27 **Pink Shirt Day**

March 2019 **No PAC Meeting this month.**

- Mar.1 Hat Day
Mar.6 Victoria Sings (Choir)
Mar. 7 Student Led Conferences Noon-6:00:
Whole School Early Dismissal @ 11:50 am
Mar.15 Report Cards Home/Last Day School before Spring Break

Mar. 18-29 Schools Closed for Spring Break