



VALLEY VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Valley View Family Newsletter November 29th, 2024

Dear Valley View Families,

We have a new staff member, Chef Ivan Cote who is helping to make amazing lunches for our students twice a week. We are having a soft start this month as we get organized for a regular schedule in the new year. This month, each class will have one free lunch on a Tuesday (see the schedule below) and then all students will be offered free soup and a bun on Thursdays.

All the meals will have vegan and GF options.

Tuesday's meal will be in a salad bar style with students having the option of adding veggies, protein, and dairy to their basic salad. This month will be a chicken ceasar salad with optional roasted chickpeas. Students will be offered salad greens, carrot sticks, cucumber slices, chicken or chick peas, feta cheese, parmesan cheese and either ceasar or lemon vinaigrette dressing.

If anyone is available to volunteer with distribution and clean-up any of these dates, please let us know! Yolanda.lehton@sd71.bc.ca

The classes will be offered a **free salad bar** lunch on these dates:

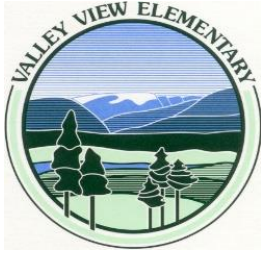
Tuesday, Dec 3 - **Blue Pod** - Div 4 Monita, Div 9 Caya, Div 11 Monks, Div 12 Gadicke, Div 13 McDonald

Tuesday, Dec 10 - **Green Pod** - Div 1 Grady, Div 2 Fowler, Div 7 Zimmer, Div 14 Wheeler, Div 16 Wulff

Tuesday, Dec 17 - **Red Pod** - Div 3 Carmichael, Div 5 Montess, Div 6 Custer, Div 8 Davidge, Div 10 Bridges, Div 15 Strain

Thursday, Dec 5, 12 and 17th - Carrot Soup and a bun available to all students





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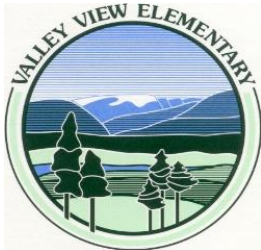
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Here are a few items for your consideration for the next 2 weeks:

Mon, Dec 2	Division 4 (Grade one) – selling fleece scarves. Buy 1, give one to EDAS (Everybody Deserves A Smile) \$5
Tue, Dec 3	Free salad bar for Div 4, 9, 11, 12, 13 See above for more info
Wed, Dec 4	EDAS donations are due (Adult sized toques, hats, socks, gloves) Intermediate chess club 11:45
Thurs, Dec 5	Carrot soup and buns for all students
Fri, Dec 6	Hold & secure then lock down drill For more info: https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/SchoolEmergencyProgramFeb2020.pdf School wide pyjama day! Hot lunch – The Curry Cottage
Mon, Dec 9	Ms Lehton and Div 10 – cupcake sale fundraiser \$2 each “Sweets for Skates” raising funds for a free community skate session
Tue, Dec 10	Green pod salad bar – Div 1, 2, 7, 14, 16
Wed, Dec 11	
Thurs, Dec 12	Carrot soup and a bun for all students Div 7 is hosting a lights walk 6-7pm. Families can meet at the corner of 10 th and Hobson, purchase a seasonal snack bag for \$4 and head down to Candy Cane Lane to check out the lights together. All students and families are invited to attend and this event supports MARS wildlife rescue.
Fri, Dec 13	Tobacco and Vapour presentations – Grades 5-7 Cozy Cabin Flannel Friday – wear your favorite flannel shirt



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Upcoming dates:

Comox Valley Volleyball December Camp is December 21st and 22nd at Highland School. The morning session is for grades 5-8 and the afternoon session is for grades 9-12. Please email Brian at bdstevens@hotmail.com for more information.

-Valley View Festive Fun Days in December:

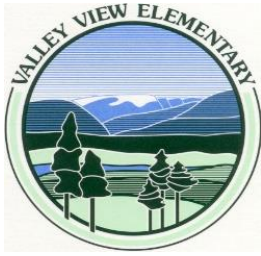
Valley View Festive Fun Days

Friday, December 6
School Wide Pyjama day!

Cozy Cabin Flannel
Friday, Dec 13
Wear your favorite flannel shirt or hoodie

Twinkle Tinsel
Tuesday, Dec. 17
Wear clothes with lights, sparkles or something shiny, metallic or sequins

Festive Friday
Dec. 20
It's the most wonderful time of the year! Wear your favorite holiday gear!



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-Wednesday, December 18 – Family Snowball Dance organized by our PAC and several staff members in lieu of the Winter concert.

Donations for the PAC fundraiser gratefully accepted at the door. Thank you!

5:00- 7:00 pm ☺

Pre-order pizza through the hot lunch link before Dec 13th.

<https://valleyviewpac.hotlunches.net>

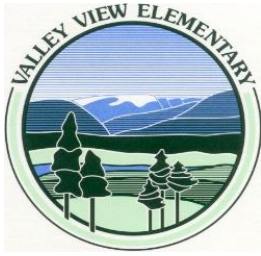
\$3 per slice or \$20 for a whole large pizza. Cheers, pepperoni or Hawaiian from Panago. (limited extras for sale on site).

Juice or water \$1.25

Glowsticks and treats for sale on site

*****Students MUST be accompanied and supervised by a parent/ guardian.*****





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Important information:

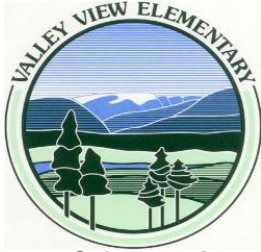
-Breakfast program & healthy snacks: Friendly reminder: healthy breakfast foods are available for students in the green pod every day from **8:15 - 8:35**. Fresh vegetables and fruit are always available at the office throughout the day.

-Fleece Scarf Sale - Division 4 class project – \$5 Buy one scarf give one scarf to EDAS
–Monday Dec 2



- EDAS – Everyone Deserves a Smile campaign is underway. Our school is collecting donations of: men and women's socks, men and women's gloves, toques and scarves. Donations can be dropped off at our school entrance by Dec. 4th.

-Christmas Hampers have arrived and teachers will be suggesting to students to bring an item to fill their bins for those in need for Christmas. Hampers will be picked up week of December 9th. Thank you for your support and generosity!



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- PAC fundraiser – West Coast Seeds – Plan for spring now!

<https://fundraising.westcoastseeds.com/pages/organizations/valleyview-elementary-pac>



District news:

At the public Board meeting on November 26, Comox Valley Schools officially approved new boundary catchment adjustments for four elementary schools:

- Airport Elementary
- Aspen Park Elementary
- Brooklyn Elementary
- Valley View Elementary

These changes will come into effect in time for Kindergarten registration in January for the next 2025-2026 school year. These changes do not impact any other schools. These adjustments will only apply to new enrollments starting in the 2025-2026 school year. Current students will remain unaffected by the changes. Please visit <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/catchment-updates/> for more information.

Wishing you a pleasant weekend,

Michelle Mowbray - Principal – Valley View Elementary

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