

VALLEY VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Valley View Family Newsletter January 24th, 2025

Dear Valley View Families,

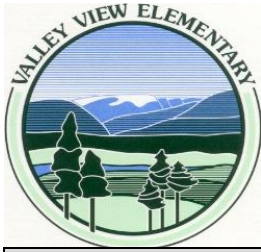
Div 10 students along with Ms Lehton have raised funds to sponsor a FREE family skate on Saturday, January 25th at the Vanier arena #2. Entry and rentals are **free**. Stars on Ice! Dress like a movie star. Receive free popcorn on your way out. See the attached poster. You may consider bringing your own bike or hockey helmet. Hope to see you there! **3:00-5:00pm**

Are you an enthusiastic storyteller? We are looking for two more book readers for the books at bedtime family literacy event on Thursday night. Please email yolanda.lehton@sd71.bc.ca if you are interested in volunteering for this great event.

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

Literacy week!

Mon, Jan 27	Literacy Week Kick Off! Caught Ya! Reading-send a photo of your child(ren) reading to yolanda.lehton@sd71.bc.ca - enter for a prize! Gr 6/7 Girls Basketball practice lunch recess Grade 6 boys practice until 3:30
Tue, Jan 28	Salad bar for the red pod (Montess,Carmicheal, Strain, Davidge, Custer, Bridges) Practical Literacy Day – read a recipe, look at a map or play a number game
Wed, Jan 29	Chess club Grade 7 boys BB (Team Scott) game at Valley View and Grade 6/7 girls BB game at Airport Grade 6/7 Open gym for basketball lunch recess Indigenous Literacy – learn about your family origins together
Thurs, Jan 30	Soup & bun for all (Alphabet Veggie Soup)



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	6-7 pm Books at Bedtime family event– See attached schedule Gr 6/7 girls practice lunch recess and after school until 3:30
Fri, Jan 31	Hot lunch – QF Leadership club MPR – 11:45 Pyjamas and D.E.A.R. day (Drop Everything And Read)
Mon, Feb 3	Gr 6/7 Girls Basketball practice lunch recess Grade 6 boys basketball game at Robb Road.
Tue, Feb 4	Salad bar for all students – Greek Salad Theme
Wed, Feb 5	Chess club Grade 7 boys BB (Team Scott and Dugas) game at Valley View and Grade 6/7 girls BB game at Gaglardi Grade 6/7 Open gym for basketball lunch recess
Thurs, Feb 6	Soup & bun for all Gr 6/7 girls practice lunch recess and after school until 3:30 Coldest Night of the year bake sale afterschool
Fri, Feb 7	Hot lunch – Panago Leadership club MPR – 11:45 Lunar New Year Celebrations Reading BINGOs due to the library today

Friendly reminder: no school for students on Monday, February 17th (family day) and no school on Tuesday, February 18th for a professional development day.



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Kindergarten registration for the 2025-2026 school year:

Valley View School:

- Registration Opens: **Tuesday, January 21 at 6 p.m.**
- How to Register: Online at www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/student-registration
- Details: Parents should register their children through the website above for their current neighbourhood catchment school. While most students will be accommodated at their local school, placement cannot be guaranteed and may require attending the nearest school with available space. For other programs, please consult the SD71 website.
<https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/>

District News:

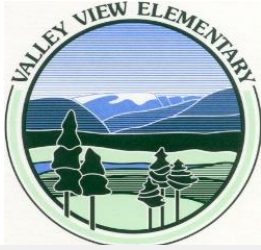
Important School Emergency Information – Updated

Comox Valley Schools has updated its information about emergency procedures and protocols. We encourage all families to review the updated information to help be prepared for potential school emergencies. For details, visit [Comox Valley Schools - Emergency Information](#). Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Exciting New Primary Learning Community coming to Airport Elementary School

Comox Valley Schools is excited to announce the launch of an innovative educational program at Airport Elementary School called the **Primary Learning Community (K-3)** for the 2025-2026 school year. This new dynamic program offers a unique blended learning experience that integrates school, place, and home-based environments to foster holistic development in young learners. The program is open to learners from throughout the district and offers several unique features for participating students. You can learn more here: <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Airport-Elementary-Primary-Learning-Community.pdf>

Information Session & Enrollment Details:



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Families interested in this exciting new program are encouraged to join the **Information Zoom Session** on **Wednesday, January 29, from 7:00–8:00 p.m.** To attend, please register using [this link](#). The Zoom link will be emailed the day before the session.

The **Expression of Interest** to participate in the program will be open from **Tuesday, February 4th to Friday, February 7.**

ENTER Program Registration and Open House

Registration for ENTER and ENTER 2 will open on Feb. 1st and close on Feb. 28th.

There will also be an open house for ENTER at Aspen Park where families can attend to find out more info on the program, see the classroom space and ask any questions they might have on **Wednesday, Feb. 5th at 6 pm at Aspen Park.**

What is ENTER? (Grades 6-7) The eCademy of New Technology, Engineering and Robotics (**ENTER**) is a fast-paced, hands-on learning environment with a focus on how things work. You can learn more here: <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/enter-programs/> **If you have questions contact:**

ENTER program Dwayne Mills Dwayne.Mills@sd71.bc.ca

ENTER2 program Laura Roberts Laura.Roberts@sd71.bc.ca

Community News:

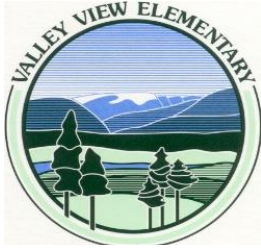
I (Carolyn McCarthy) am excited to share with you that we will be offering two back to back [Circle of Security Parenting Programs](#) this Winter/Spring for **families with kids starting kindergarten in the fall of 2025.**

Session 1:

Date: Weekly on Thursdays between Feb. 27 - April 10 (7 Weeks)

Time: 11:30am - 1:00pm

Location: Online via Zoom



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Cost: Free

Registration Deadline: Feb. 14, 2025

Register: For more information and to register, [click here](#).

Session 2:

Date: Weekly on Wednesdays between April 30 - June 19 (7 Weeks)

Time: 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Location: Online via Zoom

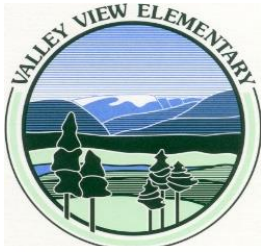
Cost: Free

Register: For more information and to register, [click here](#).

FamilySmart Connect and Learn Evening Event -- Topic: [For Families: A Conversation about Eating Disorders](#)

What: Knowing how to help our kids who are experiencing an eating disorder can be a terrifying, isolating and overwhelming experience. Learn about disordered eating, what to be aware of, the importance of connection, and strategies that help support recovery.

When: Wednesday, Feb. 5 from 6:30-8:00pm **Where:** Mark Isfeld Secondary (Multipurpose room) **Cost:** Free **Register:** For more information and to register, [click here](#).



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A Free 10 Week Program to Inspire Healthier BC Families in Courtenay!

Learn together about:

- Healthy Eating
- Physical Activity
- Screen time
- Sleep Routines
- Wellness



For families with at least one child ages 8-12 (One parent/caregiver must attend each week)

Online self-directed option is available for families outside of the age range

Program includes:

- Q&A's with health professionals
- A family cooking class
- Post program recreation credit based on attendance

Lewis Recreation Centre - Courtenay
Thursdays 6:00-8:00pm
February 6 - April 24, 2025
Generation Health Community funding is provided by the BC Ministry of Health



Scan QR Code or Click Here to Register and Learn More



generationhealth.ca/community

*All families who attend 8 of the 10 dates will receive a \$150 gift card to use on programs at Courtenay Recreation.

Wishing you a pleasant weekend,

Michelle Mowbray - Principal – Valley View Elementary

<https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/valley-view-elementary/>