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### Valley View Family Newsletter February 14th, 2025

Dear Valley View Families,

As always, we have many educational and exciting activities happening at Valley View Elementary. Wednesday evening, Ms Raposo and the Valley View choir performed beautifully at the District Showcase at Vanier. Last week we celebrated and learned about Lunar New Year with the Lion parade, red shirts, and treats for all. This week, we welcomed a presenter from Science World, an endangered species animal biologist who talked to students about various topics related to nature, animals and the environment. This month we are learning about Black History, having presentations on Inclusivity and SOGI issues for Grades 4-7 and celebrating Kindness Week the last week of February. Our grade 7 leadership club will be leading this initiative.

We are also looking for some helpers for our **Pink Shirt Day** Pancakes. **We need volunteers from 7:30 am to noon on Wednesday, Feb 26**<sup>th</sup> **to do a range of jobs from cooking pancakes to cutting fruit and washing dishes.** Our theme is Growing in Kindness and we would love you to help our little people connect with our community of kindness. Please email <u>volanda.lehton@sd71.bc.ca</u> if you are able to volunteer for all or part of the event. Thanks!

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

#### Next 2 weeks at a glance:

Mon, Feb 17	No School – Enjoy Family day
Tue, Feb 18	No School – Pro-d day for staff
	Grade 7 boys basketball practice in gym from 2:30-3:30
Wed, Feb 19	Chess club
	Grade 6 boys play at Royston (leave at 2:25)
	Grade 7 boys BB Team Dugas at Brooklyn School
	Grade 6/7 girls BB game – Grade 7 girls at Valley View
	Grade 6/7 Open gym for basketball lunch recess



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Thurs, Feb 20	Soup & bun for all
Fri, Feb 21	Hot lunch School Spelling bee (grades 4-7) starting at 9:00am. Students are encouraged to wear <mark>yellow.</mark> Grade 6 boys play BB at Robb Road Leadership club MPR – 11:45

# Valley View Kindness week – Leadership club students are planning kindness challenges -stay tuned

Mon, Feb 24	"Get Real" presentations for grades 4-7 Themes: inclusivity and SOGI
	Grade 6 boys play at ERR for basketball jamboree
Tue, Feb 25	PAC meeting 6:30 library
	Salad bar for all
Wed, Feb 26	Chess club
	Pink shirt day - Anti-bullying day! Pancakes for all classes in
	MPR. Please let us know if you can volunteer.
	Deadline to order hot lunch
	Girls' basketball regionals 12:00 – 5:00 – more info to come
Thurs, Feb 27	Soup & bun for all
	Boys' grade 7 basketball regionals 12:00 – 5:00 more info to come
Fri, Feb 28	Hot lunch
	Leadership club MPR – 11:45



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#### School news:

**Books for Brains** - We are collaborating with this wonderful local bookstore to support our school library through the purchase of books that have been chosen by our Teacher Librarian. You can call Books for Brains, stop in or check them out online to sponsor a book for our library. We are hoping to fill our whole wish list so check out the list and sponsor a book today. Thank you!

Wish list: https://books4brains.ca/gift-registry/a63\_XAvvDnk

#### Upcoming dates:

District Spelling bee finals - March 4th

PAC Fundraiser: Paper order forms will be sent home next week.





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## Community News:

## Establishing Safe, Caring, & Respectful Digital Communities

Family sessions to support families and caregivers in navigating the digital world. This session covers all things digital, from how to be a good digital citizen, the criminal consequences of cyberbullying, and how to report and receive support in cases of sexting/sextortion.

Some of the most prominent concerns currently surrounding use of social media platforms, smartphones, and artificial intelligence will be discussed.

Remote sessions (60 minutes long) Feb 26, March 12, April 8, May 7. Click on the link for information and to register. <u>https://pages.saferschoolstogether.com/erase-family-session</u>

#### Golf for All at Crown Isle

Spring is just around the corner and the golf course will soon be calling.... Crown Isle Golf Resort & Community is excited to be hosting Valley View Elementary students again in May this year.

Are you interested in playing the lifelong game of sport? Are you the next Nelly Korda or Lydia Ko? What about Rory McIlroy or Xander Schauffele? Let's get you started at Crown Isle. Crown Isle's Junior Development Programs have options to begin as early as age 6. So, whether you are in Grade 1 or Grade 7, we have something for everyone. Our golf lessons are on Wednesday Nights starting in April. If you are just looking to try golf with no strings attached, we also have Junior Night at the Park on Monday Nights beginning May 26th. We have lessons and golf camps for all ages and skill levels.

For more information check us out at <u>www.crownisle.com</u> or send Adrien Wright an email <u>awright@crownisle.ca</u>

Wishing you a pleasant family day long weekend,

#### Michelle Mowbray - Principal – Valley View Elementary

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