

VALLEY VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Valley View Family Newsletter February 7th, 2025

Dear Valley View Families,

Happy February! Thank you so much for supporting your students through family literacy month and our week of activities. We will be announcing Caught Ya! And Book BINGO winners soon. We have one more literacy initiative that is still running strong, our partnership with Books for Brains in Comox. 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.

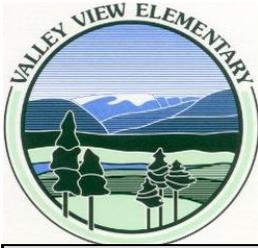
Wish list: https://books4brains.ca/gift-registry/a63_XAvvDnk

We are also looking for some helpers for our Pink Shirt Day Pancake Breakfast. **We need volunteers from 7:30 am to noon on Wednesday, Feb 26th 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 yolanda.lehton@sd71.bc.ca if you are able to volunteer for all or part of the event. Thanks!

Sledding is now closed for this snowfall as the snow has mostly melted and the grass and gravel are exposed. It was fun while it lasted. Thanks for keeping your sleds at home now.

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

Mon, Feb 10	Gr 6/7 Girls Basketball practice lunch recess Grade 6 boys basketball game at Nides Navigate
Tue, Feb 11	<i>Greek themed Salad bar for all students</i> Grade 7 boys basketball practice until 3:30
Wed, Feb 12	Chess club Grade 7 boys BB Team Scott - Cumberland



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	<p>Grade 6/7 girls BB game – Team A at Valley View</p> <p>Grade 6/7 Open gym for basketball lunch recess</p> <p>District Showcase Concert Choir performance at Vanier 6:00pm</p>
Thurs, Feb 13	<p>Soup & bun for all - Tteokguk Korean rice cake soup</p> <p>Hearing screening for Kindergarten</p> <p>Gr 6/7 girls practice lunch recess and after school until 3:30</p>
Fri, Feb 14	<p>Hot lunch</p> <p>Valentine's day – wear red or pink</p> <p>Leadership club MPR – 11:45</p>
Mon, Feb 17	No School -Family Day
Tue, Feb 18	No School – Pro-d day
Wed, Feb 19	<p>Chess club</p> <p>Grade 7 boys BB Team Dugas at Brooklyn School</p> <p>Grade 6/7 girls BB game – Grade 7 girls at Valley View</p> <p>Grade 6/7 Open gym for basketball lunch recess</p>
Thurs, Feb 20	<p>Soup & bun for all</p> <p>Gr 6/7 girls practice lunch recess and after school until 3:30</p>
Fri, Feb 21	<p>Hot lunch</p> <p>School Spelling bee (grades 4-7) all morning (Students encouraged to wear Yellow)</p> <p>Leadership club MPR – 11:45</p>

Upcoming dates:



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PAC meeting post-poned to Tuesday, Feb 25th at 6:30pm
Wednesday, February 26th – **Pink** shirt day and Pancakes for all
School Spelling bee (grade 4-7) February 21st
District Spelling bee finals – March 4th

Community News:

Establishing Safe, Caring, & Respectful Digital Communities

Family sessions to support families and caregivers in navigating the digital world.

Remote sessions Feb 4, 26, March 12, April 8, May 7. Click on the link for information and to register.

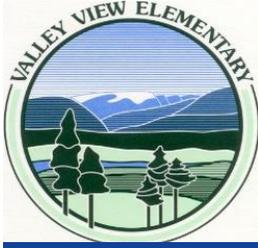
<https://pages.saferschoolstogether.com/erase-family-session>

SD 71 DPAC is excited to partner with the CDTA to bring parents an inspiring evening with **Patrisha and Martin Reader!**

 **Tuesday, February 18th**
 **7:00-8:30 PM**
 **Vanier Multipurpose Room**

Patrisha, a dedicated SD71 teacher of 35+ years, and her son Martin, a **2012 Olympian** and youth development coach, are passionate about helping young people unlock their potential. They'll share insights on fostering **resilience, confidence, and growth** in students.

Join us for an engaging discussion and learn how to support your child's **Excellence Within!** Plus, enjoy **coffee, tea, and door prizes** for those in attendance.



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THE EXCELLENCE Within

Both Patrisha Reader and her son, Martin Reader, are driven by a passion for helping youth become remarkable. They specialize in facilitating rich and empowering growth environments.

Come out and join us!

Get inspired to help your children with their, *'Excellence Within'*.



Patrisha Reader is a 35+ years teacher (K-7) in SD71 and a well-known, inspiring mentor. She is an expert in helping students and parents, dealing with the current challenges of today's classrooms.



Her son, Martin Reader, is a 2012 Olympian, and Canadian & Continental Volleyball champion. He's founded innovative coaching programs (youth and secondary level) to inspire youth and assist parents (awarded Canadian trainer of the year in 2016.)

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Community

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



*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/>