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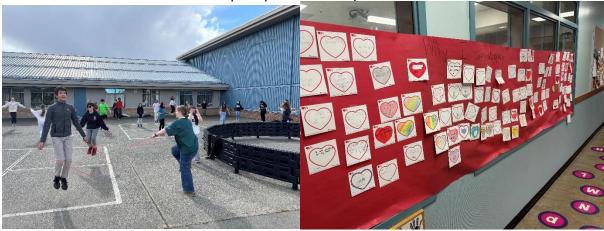
#### Valley View Family Newsletter March 14th, 2025

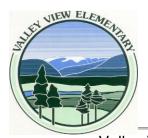
Dear Valley View Families,

Thank you to all the families who attended our spring musical, "My Town, My World". We are so proud of our school community for this beautiful production. A special thank to Ms Raposo, our talented music teacher, for orchestrating this creative endeavor along with dedicated staff and students!

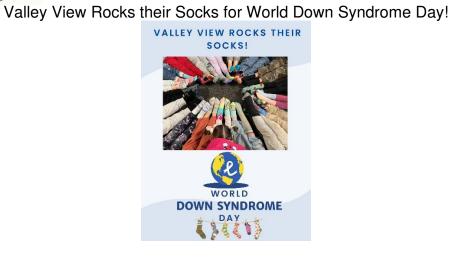


### Jump Rope for Heart photos:





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Here are a few items for your consideration for the two weeks following spring break:

Mon, March 31	Back to school!
	Leadership club
Tue, April 1	Salad bar for all
	Last day to order Purdy's chocolates!
Wed, April 2	Chess club
	World Autism Day – wear bright colours
Thurs, April 3	Soup & bun for all
	Isfeld musical presentation in the gym 1:00
Fri, April 4	Hot lunch

Mon, April 7	Leadership club
Tue, April 8	Salad bar for all
Wed, April 9	Chess club



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Thurs, April 10	Soup & bun for all
	Isfeld presentation for grade 7 students MPR 1:30-2:30 "What to expect in grade 8"
	Family Movie Night (PAC fundraiser) Doors open 5:45 see attachment
Fri, April 11	Hot lunch
	Class photos

#### Upcoming dates:

April 22-24 Cycling skills – Div 9, 10, 11, 12 April 29<sup>th</sup> – Professor Wow- Art Start School presentation 9:15am May 5<sup>th</sup> – Track and field jamboree (no district event this year)

#### PAC News:

\*We're looking for new people to join us! If anyone is interested in getting more involved in the PAC on any level, please chat with us at a meeting or email valleyviewpac@gmail.com

Our next meeting: April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the library. Elections will take place.

### Family Movie Night! PAC fundraiser

Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> Doors open 5:45 Pm Movie starts at 6:00 Glow sticks, popcorn and candy bags for sale Pre-order your pizza at the hot lunch website: https://valleyviewpac.hotlunches.net/admin/

Parents must attend and supervise their children



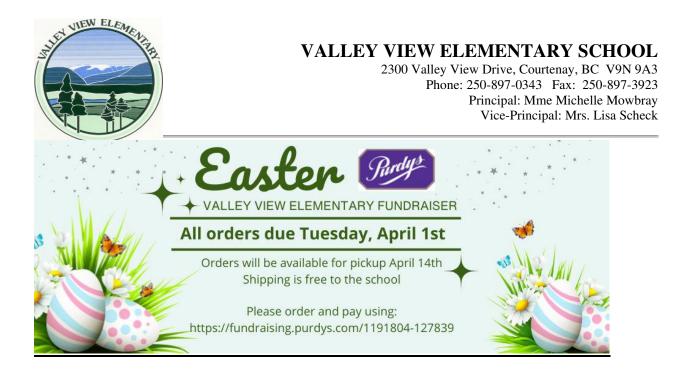
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### Purdy's chocolates:

Please note, if you have not already purchased from Purdy's, you will be asked to provide an email address and register to create an account. That way, the next time you order, it's even easier! Last day to order is April 1<sup>st</sup>!

https://fundraising.purdys.com/1325339-127839



### District News:

Comox Valley Schools is committed to fostering a safe and supportive learning environment for all. The Gender-Based Violence Committee is seeking input to help improve how our schools prevent and respond to sexual harassment, sexual assault, and other forms of gender-based violence.

We invite students, staff, and families to share their thoughts through an anonymous survey. Your feedback will help shape the policies, support systems, and culture of safety in our schools.

Take the survey here: https://form.simplesurvey.com/f/s.aspx?s=844AADC5-5C04-4EDA-AC65-D9FDE2771C5

This survey is completely confidential and provides an opportunity for your voice to be heard. Together, we can build a safer, more inclusive school community.



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# ANONYMOUS SURVEY FOR: PARENTS/CAREGIVERS, STAFF & STUDENTS YOUR VOICE MATTERS.

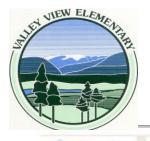
How can our schools better prevent and respond to sexual assault, sexual harassment, and other forms of gender-based violence among students?



GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (GBV) DESCRIBES ANY UNWANTED OR UNWELCOME BEHAVIOUR COMMITTED AGAINST SOMEONE BASED ON THEIR GENDER, GENDER IDENTITY, GENDER EXPRESSION, OR PERCIEVED GENDER.

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTS WOMEN & GIRLS, INDICENOUS PEOPLES, 2SLGBTQIA- FOLKS, RACIALIZED PEOPLE, AND FOLKS WITH DIVERSE ABILITIES.





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### **Community News:**

### **Topic: Explosive Behaviour in Teens: Strategies to Empower Families**

What: When our teens are showing up in explosive ways, we sometimes blame ourselves. Learn with us as a therapist explains some causes of explosive behaviour and some strategies that support parents and teens. This video presentation will be followed by a facilitated discussion with Comox Valley Family Peer Support Workers, Carolyn and Megan.
When: Wednesday, March 12 from 6:30-8:00pm
Where: Mark Isfeld Secondary (Multipurpose room)
Cost: Free
Register: For more information and to register, <u>click here</u>.



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#### **Coffee & Connection Morning Series:**

#### Topic: RESCHEDULED Self Care and Mindfulness When Parenting

**What**: An informal drop-in group for parents/caregivers interested in connecting with other parents about child/youth mental health topics while enjoying some coffee and snacks. Taking good care of ourselves when caring for our kids can be hard, especially when our kids have mental health challenges. Let's talk about ways we can practise self-care and mindfulness when parenting.

Where: Lewis Centre, Craft Room A, 489 Old Island Hwy When: Thurs, March 13 from 9:30-10:30 am

**Registration:** Click on the links above to register or simply drop-in that morning. **Cost**: Free.

\*\*\*Childminding is not included as part of this event but the Lewis Centre does have childminding available during this time for \$3.15/child. Please email Michelle Mowbray if you need assistance with this.

#### **Carolyn McCarthy**, (she/her) Family Peer Support Worker - Integrated Child and Youth Team Comox Valley <u>www.familysmart.ca</u>

250-890-2391 click here to book an appointment with me www.familysmart.ca

Wishing you a pleasant spring break,

### Michelle Mowbray - Principal – Valley View Elementary

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