

VALLEY VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Valley View Family Newsletter September 12th, 2025

Dear Valley View Families,

We have a quick staffing update. Until further notice, we are pleased to announce that Colleen Furlotte will continue fulfilling the role as Valley View's ISW (Indigenous Support Worker) on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays. We also welcome Educational Assistants Leah Densmore, Jessica Addison (Wednesdays) and Tianna Naswell to our support team.

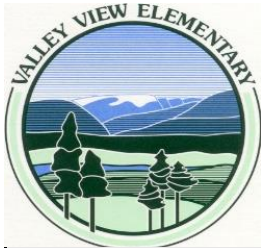
Are you interested in coaching this year or being a ref for basketball?

If so, please contact Michelle Mowbray. Coming up: Cross Country running starting October 1st for grades 4-7, Triple Ball (volleyball) later this fall and basketball after the winter break. Any parents of interested participants are encouraged to get their paperwork done early in the year to avoid delays.

Here are a few items for your consideration in the upcoming weeks:

Consent Week is September 15–19 across Comox Valley Schools. This week is an opportunity for students and staff to explore consent as respect, boundaries, and communication in all relationships. Throughout the week we'll share age-appropriate learning and activities from schools across the district.

Mon, Sept 15	
Tue, Sept 16	PAC meeting 6:30 pm in the library. All are welcome! Please see attached letter!
Wed, Sept 17	
Thurs, Sept 18	
Fri, Sept 19	Meet the teacher – morning meet & greet 8:00 – 8:35 *parking will be tricky Terry Fox Run 1:30pm
Mon, Sept 22	



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Tue, Sept 23	
Wed, Sept 24	
Thurs, Sept 25	Tour de Rock Cops for Cancer will stop by our school at 8:43. The upper two drop off lanes will be closed.
Fri, Sept 26	

1. Start-up Forms:

Families may notice that students were not sent home with a large package of start-up forms.

Our school has embarked on a project to make forms electronic. It is our goal to reduce paper consumption, reduce the risk of losing forms containing sensitive information, reduce the duplication of information, make some administrative tasks less paper intensive, and help make processes for families more seamless.

Visit the [Clevr](#) website here to fill in your forms. Accounts have been created for families already registered in our school using the parent e-mail addresses in our system. When you arrive at the Clevr website, if you used Clevr last year, you can use the same login. If you have forgotten your password, are new to our school, or haven't used Clevr before, just select "Forgot password" to begin the process.

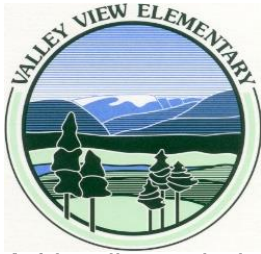
If you are new to our school, the CASL (Canadian Anti-Span Legislation) form will be sent home with your child as this cannot be completed electronically.

If you need help, the School District has created a [helpful manual](#) for your use. If you run into login problems, please contact your school.

2. Breakfast program: Nutritious breakfast foods are available for students in the green pod each morning **between 8:15 - 8:35**. When students are done eating, they will return outside to wait with their classmates for the first bell.

3. Hungry students can pick up fresh snacks at the office any time of the day. Students can ask at the office for additional food items if they do not have a lunch. Our hot lunch Fridays will start later this fall.

4. Friday, September 19th from 8:00 am to 8:35 am Morning Meet and Greet the Teacher. You are welcome to meet your child's teacher and look around the classroom.



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A friendly reminder that if you wish to discuss details particular to your child, please make an appointment with your child's teacher. We look forward to seeing you!

5. Traffic: It's busy before and after school in the Valley View parking lot. Please drive slowly and find a parking spot rather than waiting in the drive through lane if holding up traffic. Consider meeting your child at different meeting spots away from the school on neighboring streets or at Isfeld school.

6. Volunteers: It's that time of the year again! We are looking for volunteers to help with our breakfast and foods program among other volunteer opportunities at Valley View. Please contact our VP, Yolanda Lehton if you're interested.

Yolanda.lehton@sd71.bc.ca

Cross Country races start October 1st for students in grades 4 to 7. Parent volunteer drivers are needed for these events and will not proceed if we don't have enough drivers.

Parent volunteers at our school require a **criminal record check** (good for 5 years) and a volunteer agreement. Please ensure this **paperwork is complete**. Driving paperwork is also required if you wish to help drive students. All the forms and info can be found at: <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/valley-view-elementary/volunteer-driving/>

7. Water Bottles: Please ensure your child has a water bottle at school. We have water filling stations. Plastic bottles with our school logo can be purchased at the office for \$4 each.

8. Tour de Rock, Cops for Cancer – fundraiser for childhood cancer. See attached info sheet. Our school is fundraising for this and for Terry Fox. The collective amount raised by Sept. 25 will determine the school wide prize later in October.

They will be visiting our school Sept. 25th at 8:43 so the upper drop off lanes will be closed at 8:40 for this special event.

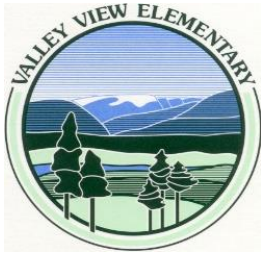
\$1000 extra recess for the whole school

\$2000 silly staff competition (willing staff only) at an assembly

\$3000 freezies for all

Donations can be made online at this

link: https://support.cancer.ca/site/TR/CopsforCancer/COPS_NW_even_?team_id=536687&pg=team&fr_id=30364



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We'll also collect tnoonies for Terry until Sept. 25th.

9. Student Attendance Procedure

Please notify the office regarding absences, preferably before the 8:39 am bell.

Families can use our safe arrival program called School Messenger. You can create an account using the app or access School Messenger through the website which will allow parents to report student absences/lates without having to call or email the school. Visit <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca/#/home> and sign up for an account. Furthermore, families will receive direct notifications from the app of any communications from the district.

Please note: When you are signing up for an account, you must register with the email address you provided on the verification forms at the beginning of the year. If you wish to use a different email address, please contact the school to update this information in our system.

If you do not report your child's absence/late, you will receive a system generated email and phone call, where you will be able to excuse your child(ren) with the reason by selecting the appropriate option.

This feature makes it an efficient system for us however if need be you can still e-mail vvaway@sd71.bc.ca or call the school at **250-897-0343** to report an absence. Students arriving late to school are to check in at the office. Otherwise, they will be marked as absent and we will attempt to contact you.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

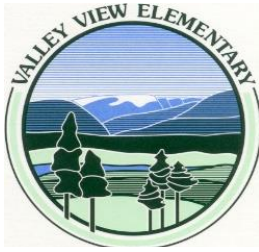
PAC update: Please join us for our first PAC meeting of the year Tuesday, September 16th at 6:30 pm in the library. All are welcome!

Our first fundraiser of the year selling coupon books has started. Thanks for your support. (See attached).

DPAC – District Parent Advisory Committee News:

Understanding Individual Education Plans (IEPs) for Parents & Caregivers

Join Comox Valley Schools Inclusive Education and SD 71 DPAC for an important session to help parents and caregivers better understand Individual Education Plans (IEPs)



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📅 Thursday, September 25th

🕒 6:30 – 8:00 pm

📍 2488 Idiens Way, Courtenay

💻 Zoom option available

👶 Free childcare option available

This session will provide families with tools and knowledge to support their children's learning journeys.

✅ Registration is required.

✉ To register or learn more, email: dpac@sd71.bc.ca

Comox Valley Spirit Walk

September 30th

to recognize the National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

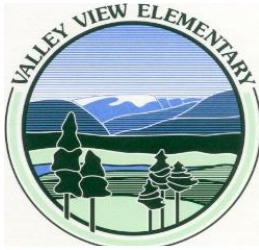
"In orange shirts and ribbon skirts, moccasins and a feather, we embrace the spirits of the ancestors, and we all walk together."

At 10am we will walk as a community from Harmston Park down 5th Street to Lewis Park
Everyone is Welcome.

We respectfully acknowledge that the land we gather on is Unceded Traditional Territory of the Komoks First Nation, the Traditional Keepers of this land.

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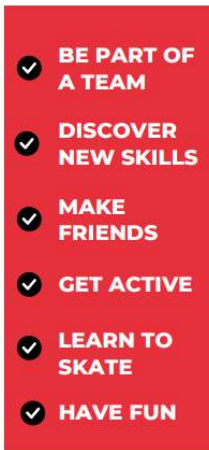
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Wishing you a wonderful weekend,

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Principal – Valley View Elementary