

VALLEY VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Valley View Family Newsletter December 7th, 2025

Happy December Families,

This is a busy month for a variety of service-learning opportunities as well as reporting for teachers. If your family or students would like support with any of the school activities, please feel free to reach out to the school office by phone or email (valleyview@sd71.bc.ca) at any time. We hope everyone has an enjoyable last two weeks of December.

The hamper program we usually participate in has experienced a hiccup and we are not collecting items for hampers this year however... We have decided to have a food drive instead. We know the CV Food Bank is in desperate need of food and funds, so we are collecting food and funds on **Friday, Dec 12th**. **We hope to Fill the Truck Friday!** We will collect food all week with the goal of filling Ms. Lehton's truck on Friday afternoon. The class with the most cans/packages of food will win chocolate chip cookies for everyone! We will also be collecting cash donations, or you can donate to the foodbank directly: donate@comoxvalleyfoodbank.ca Or on their website: <https://comoxvalleyfoodbank.ca/donate/>

The EDAS program or Everyone Deserves a Smile is a fantastic program that assembles and delivers care packages to community members in need. This year you can also make a financial donation with the link below that will go towards purchasing the items needed for the care packages. Donations can be made until Wednesday, Dec 10th. Please see the details below for more information.

The Snowball Dance is coming up soon and pre-orders for pizza is open for only one week until this Friday Dec 12th. The event is from 5-7 so make it a family dinner event and order a pizza! Please see the description and poster below.

Lastly, the grade 7 parents have started an account at the bottle depot for donations towards the student's year end trip to Camp Homewood. When you return your bottles this season, consider donating the deposits using either the QR code below or using the account: Valley View Elementary Grade 7 grad fundraiser. Thanks!

Have a lovely week!

Yolanda Lehton, Acting Principal

PAC updates:

Snowball Dance

Wednesday December 17th

5:00pm-7:00pm



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Pre-order your pizza by December 12th.

There will be facepainting, a photo booth, and lots of dancing. Candy bags, glow sticks, glow wands, and rings will be available for purchase. There will be a limited amount of pizza by the slice and water available as well.

We are also looking for volunteers for the Snowball Dance and parents can sign up through this link <https://volunteersignup.org/FF9PB>

Upcoming dates of note:

EDAS donation drive – on until Dec 10th – wool or part wool socks, toques and scarves

Friday, Dec 12th - Cozy Cabin Flannel Friday

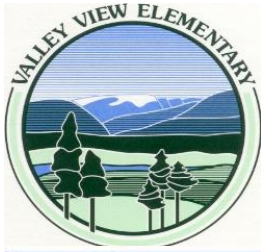
Friday, Dec 12th – Fill the Truck for the Food Bank!

Tuesday, Dec 16th – Tinsel Tuesday

Wednesday, Dec 17 – Snowball Dance 5:00-7:00

Friday, Dec 19th - Festive Friday

Friday, Dec 19 – Month End assembly and sing-a-long 10:45am, last day before Winter Break



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SNOWBALL DANCE

17
DECEMBER

5:00-7:00 PM

FOOD - MUSIC - DANCE - FACE PAINTING

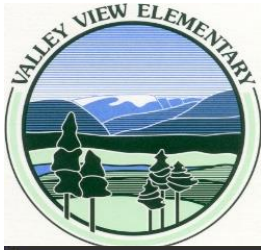
*Family Event - Students must be accompanied
by parents/guardians*

**Pre-Order Your Pizza Until
Dec. 12th!**



Cash Sales:

- glow sticks, wands and rings
- candy bags
- pizza by the slice (limited)
- photo booth (\$10)



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GRADE 7 CAMP HOMEWOOD

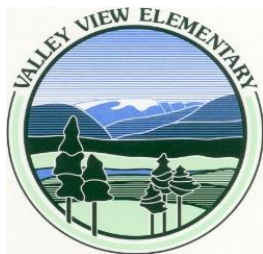
RETURN-IT BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

THE NEXT TIME YOU ARE DONATING
BOTTLES AND CANS, PLEASE CONSIDER
DONATING THEM TO OUR FUNDRAISER FOR
CAMP HOMEWOOD! PLEASE SCAN THE QR
CODE! THANK YOU FOR THE SUPPORT!

★ YOU CAN ALSO RETURN BOTTLES IN
PERSON: ASK TO DONATE TO THE
VALLEY VIEW ELEMENTARY GRADE 7
GRAD FUNDRAISER!

★ SCAN THIS QR CODE AND USE THE
RETURN IT APP!





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Dear Comox Valley Schools Community,

We are pleased to invite you to participate in this year's **Everybody Deserves a Smile (EDAS)** student-led donation drive, running from **November 14 to December 10**.

This year, students from **22 schools** across our district are deeply engaged in learning about **empathy, compassion, and social responsibility**, while working together to support those in need.

Through their efforts, 1,500 care packages will be created and delivered—1,200 locally to 20 Comox Valley support agencies, with 29 support agencies supported in total this holiday season. The dedication, creativity, and heart shown across our schools has been truly inspiring, and we are deeply grateful.

We Are Collecting:

- Wool or part-wool socks
- Toques
- Scarves (*greatest need*)
- Sizes needed: Adult men & non-binary (XL), women (medium)

Two Ways to Donate:

1) In-Person Drop-Off

Many school sites are serving as donation drop locations.

Please see the **attached EDAS poster** with full details and feel free to share it with your students, families, and school communities.

Community Drop-Off Locations:

Comox

- Comox Community Centre
- Comox Regional Library
- RE/MAX Ocean Pacific Realty

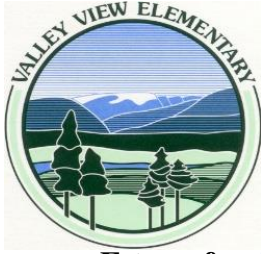
Courtenay

- Courtenay Vancouver Island Regional Library
- Uptown Yarns
- Evergreen Club at the Florence Filberg Centre
- RE/MAX Ocean Pacific Realty
- Studio IPF: Inner Pursuit Fitness

Cumberland

- Cumberland Regional Library

2) Financial Donations



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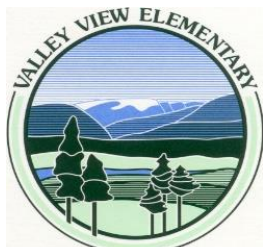
- **E-transfer:** Donate2ComoxValley@edas.ca
- **Cheques payable to:** EDAS or Everybody Deserves a Smile

Thank you for the vital role you play in supporting **student leadership, kindness, and community connection.**

With heartfelt gratitude,

The EDAS Project District Team

Everybody Deserves a Smile (EDAS)



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SANTA'S WORKSHOP

IS NOW MAKING APPOINTMENTS

FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED OF GIFTS THIS

CHRISTMAS

FOR THEIR CHILDREN

AGES NEWBORN TO 15 YEARS

CALL 250-871-7273

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

NOVEMBER HOURS: 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

DECEMBER HOURS: 9:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

OR VISIT THE WORKSHOP

2967 Kilpatrick Ave, Courtenay

(The old Mr.Pets)



Our Boundaries are
Oyster River to the north
And Cook Creek to the South



LAST SHOPPING DAY: **December 19th 2025**

