

VALLEY VIEW ELEMENTARY WEEK AT A GLANCE



Celebrate Literacy Week Together!

Highlights

Literacy week activities have started with our **Book BINGO Challenge** that runs from Jan 19-Feb 6. Students complete the BINGO by reading at home and having their parents sign the sheet. For every 5 in a row, they can choose a prize from Ms. Archambault in the library. A blackout earns you a yummy donut!

Monday is the **Caught Ya! Reading Contest** that runs until Sunday Feb 1. Catch your kid(s) reading anywhere outside of school and send me a picture to enter them in a contest for awesome prizes!

Tuesday is **Practical Literacy Day** so read a recipe or play a game together.

Wednesday is **Indigenous Literacy Day** where we focus on Indigenous books and authors.

Thursday is **Buddy Reading Day** and we are welcoming all kinds of special guests to read to our classes.

Friday is **DEAR and PJ Day** which means students will need to drop everything and read throughout the day when the announcements come on. Plus you get to wear cozy PJs!

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Upcoming Events

Monday Jan 26

- Literacy week *Caught ya!* contest starts
- 2:30pm Girls basketball practice
- Book BINGO continues

Tuesday Jan 27

- 2:30pm Boys basketball practice
- Practical Literacy Day

Wednesday Jan 28

- Girls Home Basketball Game vs Cumberland
- Boys Away Basketball Game @ Cumberland
- Indigenous Literacy Day

Thursday Jan 29

- Buddy Reading Day
- Feb Lunch Menu open for ordering
- 2:30pm Girls basketball practice

Friday Jan 30

- DEAR and PJ Day
- Friday Jan 30th - monthly assembly at 10:45am
- 2:30pm Boys basketball practice

Upcoming dates to note:

- Monday Feb 16th - Family Day, no school
- Tuesday Feb 17th - Pro-D Day, no school for students



Comox Valley Schools
Kindergarten & Program Registration
2026/2027 School Year
Opens Soon!

Neighbourhood Kindergarten

- Registration opens January 20, 2026
- **Most families will register at their neighbourhood school

Other Programs

- French Immersion – Ecole Robb Road and Ecole Puntledge Park
- Montessori – Queneesh and Courtenay
- Indigenous K/1 – Aspen Park and Ecole Puntledge Park
- ENTER K-7 – Aspen Park
- Pathways Learning Community K-5 – Airport Elementary
- **Expressions of Interest Open January 13-16

Late French Immersion

- Ecole Puntledge Park
- **Expression of Interest open Jan. 26-30

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 COMOXVALLEYSCHOOLS.CA/STUDENT-REGISTRATION


Comox Valley Schools
 A Community of Learners

Kindergarten Registration begins Tues Jan 20th

Starting Tuesday, January 20th, please register your child for Kindergarten for September 2026 by clicking the online registration form: www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/student-registration

For detailed information regarding Kindergarten registration, as well as programs of choice information, please see the poster attached as well as our district website:

<https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/kindergarten-registration/>

While most, if not all, students living in a school's local catchment will be accommodated at that school, they cannot be guaranteed placement in the catchment area school and may be required to go to the nearest school having space available.



Valley View Elementary

Feeding Futures Universal Lunch Program

January 2026



A NEW UNIVERSAL LUNCH PROGRAM IS HERE!

Starting January 19, 2026, a universal lunch program will be available at Valley View Elementary, giving every student the opportunity for nourishing lunch, every school day, regardless of their ability to pay.

Lunches are a suggested price of \$4 each. With support from provincial Feeding Futures funding, we are offering a pay-what-you can model. This means you can pay the full balance, nothing, or anything in between, whatever works for your family.

Please welcome Amber Johansen who has been hired by Comox Valley Schools to coordinate Valley View's lunch program!

What is a Universal Lunch Program?

A universal lunch program ensures all students have equitable access to nourishing food, supporting better learning outcomes, focus, and overall well-being. By offering meals to all students, the program reduces stigma, encourages students to try new foods, and promotes food equity across the school community

How does pay-what-you-can work?

Payments are anonymous. All orders are processed together, and we only see the total amount collected – not individual payment amounts. While recovering food costs will support the long term sustainability of the program, the amount you choose to pay is entirely at your discretion.

How will it work at Valley View?

Monthly menus will be posted online around the middle of the previous month. (For January 2026, online ordering will open on Monday January 12). Families will create a Munch a Lunch account, select the meals their student would like, make a payment at their discretion, and that's it! Meals will be delivered directly to students in their classrooms on the days they've ordered.

If you need support to place an order, please contact Amber Johansen – amber.johansen@sd71.bc.ca

Do I have to pay with a credit card?

Yes, currently, we can only accept online orders paid by credit card. If using a credit card is a barrier, you can select \$0.00 as your payment amount. Cash or cheque donations can be made separately, but they won't be connected to your account or lunch order.

Questions?

Email Amber Johansen at amber.johansen@sd71.bc.ca

How do I place an order?

- Go to www.munchalunch.com/schools/valleyview to create an account.
- Click 'Register Here'
- Add each of your children and their classes (teacher name)
- Go through each menu day, making sure to 'Add' your selections to your cart.
- Click 'Finished' then 'Next' then 'Yes, this is correct' then 'Checkout'
- Complete the pay what you can page and submit your order



"Food insecurity can be silent, universal meals take away the stigma, allowing all children to have access regardless of socioeconomic status"
– Dr. Kimberly Montez

Court is in Session



The teams played very well against Airport School in their first games. There was great communication, fair play and super teamwork! Well done students and coaches

The practices are going to be more consistent now with the girls on Monday and Thursday afterschool and the boys practicing on Tuesday and Fridays afterschool. Both teams have games every Wednesday.

This week we play against Cumberland with the girls at home and the boys at Cumberland.

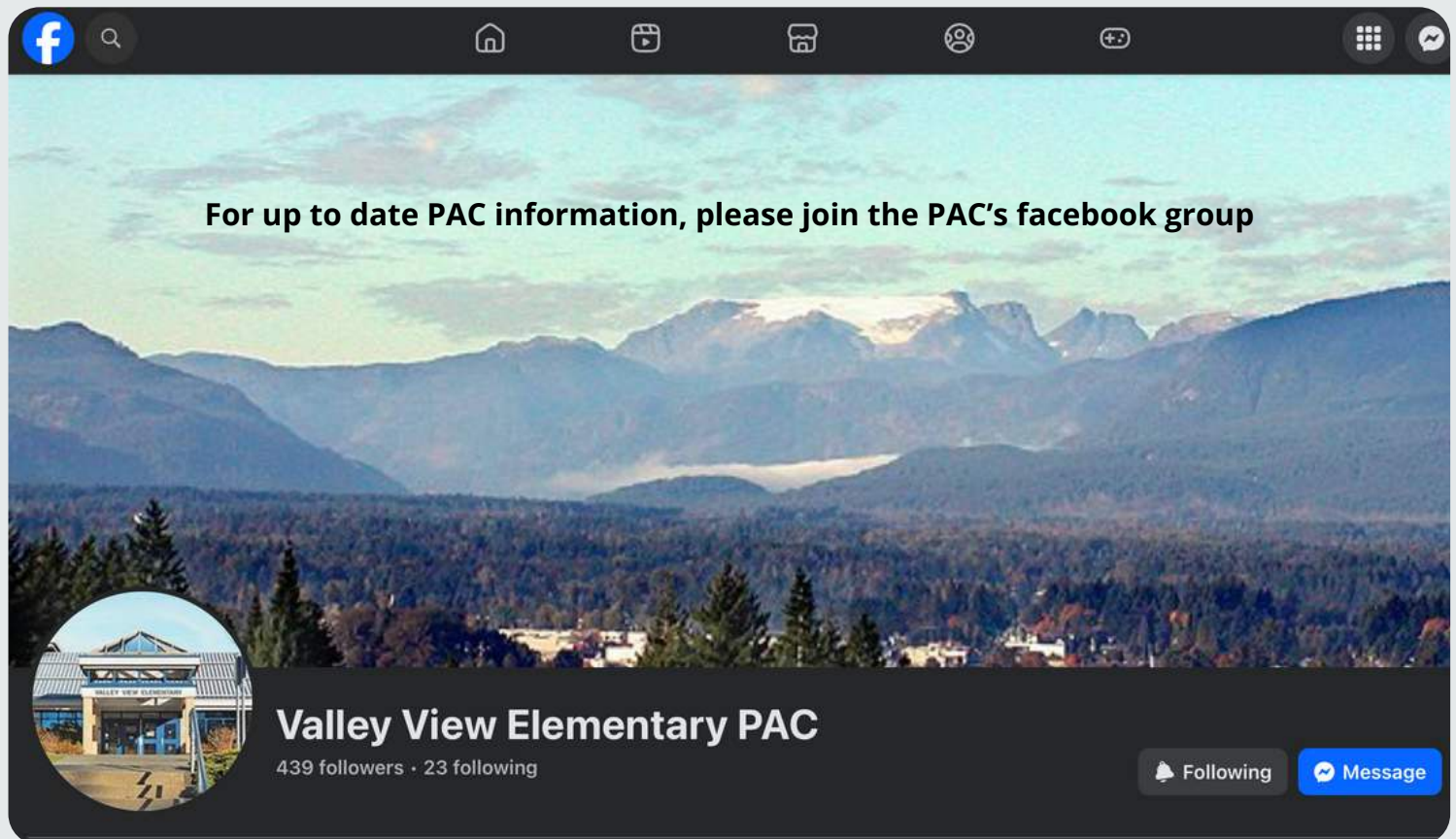
The teacher sponsors for the girls team is Ms. Monita canda.montia@sd71.bc.ca and for the boys is Ms. Lehton yolanda.lehton@sd71.bc.ca feel free to contact them if you have any questions.

Elementary Grade 6/7 Basketball Schedule 2026				
BOYS SCHEDULE			GIRLS SCHEDULE	
Week	Home	Away	Home	Away
Week 1 January 21	Aspen Park	Cumberland	Cumberland	Aspen Park
	Brooklyn	Robb Road	Robb Road	Brooklyn
	Puntledge Park	Huband Park	Huband Park	Puntledge Park
	Miracle Beach	Lake Trail	Lake Trail	Au Coeur-de-L'Ile
	Queneesh	Au Coeur-de-L'Ile	Gagardi	Queneesh
	Valley View	Airport	Airport	Valley View
Week 2 January 28	Airport	Queneesh	Queneesh	Airport
	Cumberland	Valley View	Valley View	Cumberland
	Puntledge Park	Miracle Beach	Gagardi	Puntledge Park
	Huband Park	Au Coeur-de-L'Ile	Au Coeur-de-L'Ile	Huband Park
	Robb Road	Aspen Park	Aspen Park	Robb Road
	Lake Trail	Brooklyn	Brooklyn	Lake Trail
Week 3 February 4	Valley View	Queneesh	Queneesh	Valley View
	Miracle Beach	Airport	Airport	Gagardi
	Puntledge Park	Au Coeur-de-L'Ile	Au Coeur-de-L'Ile	Puntledge Park
	Huband Park	Brooklyn	Brooklyn	Huband Park
	Robb Road	Cumberland	Cumberland	Robb Road
	Aspen Park	Lake Trail	Lake Trail	Aspen Park
Week 4 February 11	Miracle Beach	Valley View	Puntledge Park	Queneesh
	Au Coeur-de-L'Ile	Robb Road	Robb Road	Au Coeur-de-L'Ile
	Queneesh	Puntledge Park	Valley View	Gagardi
	Airport	Aspen Park	Aspen Park	Airport
	Brooklyn	Cumberland	Cumberland	Brooklyn
	Lake Trail	Huband Park	Huband Park	Lake Trail
Week 5 February 18	Queneesh	Huband Park	Huband Park	Queneesh
	Au Coeur-de-L'Ile	Miracle Beach	Gagardi	Au Coeur-de-L'Ile
	Lake Trail	Puntledge Park	Puntledge Park	Lake Trail
	Aspen Park	Brooklyn	Brooklyn	Aspen Park
	Cumberland	Airport	Airport	Cumberland
	Robb Road	Valley View	Valley View	Robb Road

Here are the general guidelines for game play:

- All district players must adhere to the [District Student Code of Conduct](#)
- Participation and love of sports is more important than the score of the game!
- All players should be played equally
- Home teams provide a referee for the game
- Games times are 3:00 - 4:00 except at LT and Coeur de L'Ile which start at 3:15
- Games are played with size 6 balls and 10 foot hoops
- Half court defense only
- No ZONE defenses allowed

Parent Advisory Committee News



Next PAC meeting:
Tues Feb 24th @ 6:30pm

Every parent/guardian is
welcome to attend the
PAC meetings

Come join us!

Camp Homewood Return-It Bottle Fundraiser

- Please continue donating your beverage containers using either the QR code and Return-It app, or the account: [Valley View Elementary Grade 7 grad fundraiser](#).



The grade 7's [thank](#) you for your support!



THE LATE FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM ACCEPTS STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED GRADE 5 AT A NEIGHBOURHOOD, ENGLISH SCHOOL. AS THEY ENTER GRADES 6 AND 7 AT ÉCOLE PUNTLEDGE PARK, THEY STUDY FRENCH, IN AN IMMERSION SETTING. THESE STUDENTS JOIN THEIR EARLY IMMERSION COUNTERPARTS IN GRADE 8 TO STUDY AN IDENTICAL PROGRAM, AS ALL FRENCH IMMERSION STUDENTS TRANSITION TO MARK R. ISFELD SECONDARY.

WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO AN OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION SESSION AT PUNTLEDGE ON THURSDAY, JAN 22 FROM 6:00 TO 7:00 PM. YOU WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO LEARN ABOUT THE PROGRAM BENEFITS, MEET THE LFI GRADE 6 TEACHER AND ASK QUESTIONS.

THE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR LATE FRENCH IMMERSION IS OPEN FROM JAN 26TH UNTIL JAN 30TH AT 6PM, USING A LOTTERY SYSTEM. SIBLINGS OF CURRENT STUDENTS IN FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAMS WILL HAVE PRIORITY IF THEY ARE REGISTERED BEFORE THE END OF THIS WINDOW. PLEASE SEE SD71'S REGISTRATION PAGE TO FIND THE COMING YEAR'S EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM FOR LATE FRENCH IMMERSION.

[HTTPS://WWW.COMOXVALLEYSCHOOLS.CA/LATE-FRENCH-IMMERSION/](https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/late-french-immersion/)