

VALLEY VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Valley View Family Newsletter November 29th, 2025

Well, that was a busy month! We had a great month end assembly yesterday including celebrating our student and staff bucket fillers, the EDAS program, winter reading challenge and our house challenge. If you are following the house challenge, it is now Snow Tigers 2-1 over the Bengal Tigers, but it was a close one again with the cup stacking challenge. Both teams were very creative but a last second tower tumble for the Bengals saw the Snows with the tie breaker.

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. Thank you so much for your donations.

The countdown to winter break reading challenge is on now and students can enter the challenge with every 'just right' book they read or 50 pages of a chapter book. Ballots are in the library and draws will start daily on Wednesday. Happy reading!

Upcoming theme days in December; every Friday is a spirit day! Friday, Dec 5th is pajama day, Dec 12th is cozy cabin flannel Friday and Dec 19th is Festive Friday! One more thrown in there for good measure... Tuesday, Dec 16th is Tinsel Tuesday. Better get your wardrobe organized!

A school minutes time change is coming but unfortunately not much of a sleep in... After careful calculating the school district has determined that we can go back to an 8:40 start for the rest of the year. We had to add a minute to make all our instructional time each year, so we were previously starting at 8:39. Starting on Monday, the second bell will ring at 8:40am.

Have a lovely week!

Yolanda Lehton, Acting Principal

PAC updates:

Purdy's fundraiser is out now. Order online and skip the mall! Check out the link below and the flier in the attachment

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1191804-135051>

The Snowball Dance is coming on Wednesday, Dec 17th. We will be sending information out soon for pre-orders of pizza and you can look forward to a winter photo booth, food and fun times!



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Upcoming dates of note:

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

Leadership bake sale – Thursday and Friday Dec 4th and 5th at 2:30

Friday, Dec 5th – Pajama Day

Friday, Dec 12th - Cozy Cabin Flannel Friday

Tuesday, Dec 16th – Tinsel Tuesday

Wednesday, Dec 17 – Snowball Dance 5:30-7:30

Friday, Dec 19th - Festive Friday

Friday, Dec 19 – Month End assembly and last day before Winter Break

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

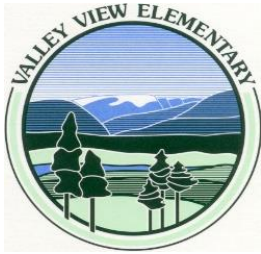
Many school sites are serving as donation drop locations.

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



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- 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

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

This year's project is proudly hosted by **École Puntledge Park Elementary**, in partnership with our 22 school communities across Comox Valley Schools and beyond. We are incredibly proud of the students and staff who are contributing their time, energy, and hearts to this meaningful work.

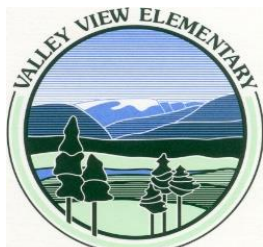
Thank you for the vital role you play in supporting **student leadership, kindness, and community connection.**

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)

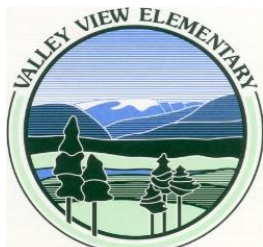


Our Boundaries are
Oyster River to the north
And Cook Creek to the South



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





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Tuesdays
5:00 - 6:30 pm
FREE!

Oct 28

Strategies to Support Neurodiverse Kids;
Lindsay & Brandon from CVCDA

Nov 4

Nature Based Family Activities for Self-Regulation;
Jenn Johnson, ECE & Strong Start Facilitator

Nov 18

Adjusting to Parenthood - Support for New and Expecting Parents; Rosalie (RN), Public Health

Nov 25

Become the Parent You Always Wanted to Be Using the Positive Intelligence® Framework;
Linda from Be Thriving Moms

Dec 2

Injury Prevention and Child Safety;
Olivia Aguiar (PhD), Public Health



**PARENT
SPEAKER
SERIES**



**TOWN OF COMOX
RECREATION**

COMOX COMMUNITY CENTRE | 250-339-2255
info@comox.ca | comox.ca/recreation



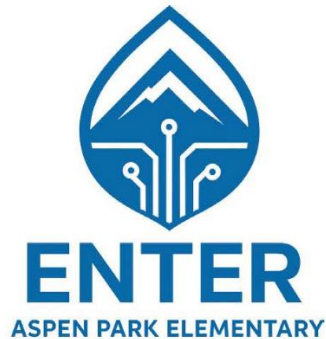
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Engineering, New Technology, Exploration, and Robotics Program

Why ENTER?

The ENTER Program provides students with the opportunity to:

- ✓ Learn through hands-on, experiential projects that connect directly to the BC Curriculum.
- ✓ Develop critical and creative thinking, problem-solving, and collaboration skills.
- ✓ Engage in innovative learning that reflects the technologies and challenges of today's world.
- ✓ Build confidence, curiosity, and a lifelong love of learning.
- ✓ Participate in a flexible learning environment that values exploration, movement, and social interaction.

Kindergarten to Grade 7



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