

VALLEY VIEW ELEMENTARY WEEK AT A GLANCE



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Valley View Elementary School

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Highlights

We hope everyone enjoyed a lovely and restful Family Day weekend filled with time to recharge and connect with loved ones. As we move further into February, there is so much to celebrate and look forward to!

Canada is proudly cheering on our athletes, who have already brought home 12 Olympic medals! Go Canada!!!

February is also Black History Month, a time for learning, reflection, and celebrating the rich contributions and achievements of Black Canadians throughout history and today.

Ramadan begins on February 17, and we extend warm wishes to all members of our community observing this special and meaningful time.

We're also excited for our Lunar New Year parade on February 18, a wonderful opportunity to celebrate culture and community together.

Don't forget that Pink Shirt Day is coming up on February 25 — a meaningful reminder of our commitment to kindness, inclusion, and standing up against bullying.

It's shaping up to be a vibrant and spirited month at our school!

Upcoming Events

Monday Feb 16

- Family Day - No School

Tuesday Feb 17

- Professional Development Day - No School

Wednesday Feb 18

- Girls home Basketball Game vs Robb Road
- Boys away Basketball Game @ Robb Road
- Sushi Bowl
- Lunar New Year Parade

Thursday Feb 19

- 2:30pm Girls basketball practice
- Pizza Day

Friday Feb 20

- Sloppy Joes

Upcoming dates to note:

- Lunar New Year Feb 17-Feb 23
- Ramadan Feb 17- Mar 19
- PAC meeting Tues., Feb 24 6:30pm library
- Pink Shirt Day and Month end Assembly Wed., Feb 25 10:45
- Rapids Rugby lessons for grades 4-7, Thurs., Feb 26

Comox Valley Schools is inviting families, staff, students, and community members to share feedback on the proposed school calendars for the next three years.

Draft calendars for the 2026–2027, 2027–2028, and 2028–2029 school years are now available for review. These calendars outline instructional days, professional development and non-instructional days, vacation periods, and statutory holidays, and must meet provincial instructional-hour requirements.

Your input helps ensure our calendars reflect the needs of our school community.
Feedback is open February 11 to March 14

Review the draft calendars and share your feedback here:
<https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/proposed-school-calendars-survey/>

Thank you for taking a few minutes to help shape future school years across Comox Valley Schools.

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A Community of Learners

PROPOSED SCHOOL YEAR CALENDARS
2026–2027, 2027–2028, 2028–2029
www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/proposed-school-calendars-survey

Feedback Open
Feb. 11 - Mar 14.

NOVEMBER 2026
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Aug. 5 B.C. Day
Sep. 7 Labour Day
Sep. 9 First Day of School
Sep. 21 Non-Instructional Day - Pro-D
Sep. 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
Oct. 10 Day of the Fallen Soldiers
Oct. 11 Non-Instructional Day - Provincial Pro-D
Nov. 11 Remembrance Day
Nov. 20 Elementary School Non-Instructional Day
Nov. 21 Break
Dec. 25 Day of the Living
Jan. 2 New Year's Day
Feb. 20 Work to School
Feb. 21 School Non-Instructional Day
Feb. 22 Family Day
Mar. 20 Non-Instructional Day - Pro-D
Mar. 23 Spring Break
Mar. 26 Good Friday
Mar. 29 Easter Monday
Mar. 30 First Day Back to School
Apr. 19 Non-Instructional Day - Pro-D
May 21 Non-Instructional Day - Indigenous Focus
May 24 Victoria Day
Jun. 29 Last Day of School
Jun. 30 Administrative Day (no classes, teachers attend)

Kindergarten Registration Continues

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

Court is in Session



As we head into the final week of basketball season, we want to take a moment to celebrate an incredible run for both teams. Thank you to our dedicated coaches, Luke and Taylor, for the time, energy, and passion you have poured into our students. A special thank you as well to our teacher sponsor, Ms. Monita, for your ongoing support and commitment throughout the season. Your leadership and encouragement have made a lasting impact on our players. We are so grateful for everything you've done to make this season such a success! 🏀

Our basketball teams continue to impress us with their exceptional play and commitment to one another. They are showcasing beautiful teamwork through crisp passing, confident shooting, and outstanding sportsmanship on every play. With awesome shots on net and unwavering drive and enthusiasm from the first whistle to the last, both teams are giving it their all each game. Well done to our dedicated students and coaches for representing our school with such pride!

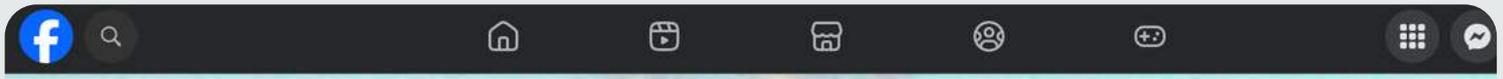
This week for their final games, the girls will play against Robb Road at home, while the boys head to Robb Road. Good luck to both teams! 🏀

Elementary Grade 6/7 Basketball Schedule 2026				
Week	BOYS SCHEDULE		GIRLS SCHEDULE	
	Home	Away	Home	Away
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
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
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
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
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



For up to date PAC information, please join the PAC's facebook group



Valley View Elementary PAC
439 followers · 23 following

Following Message

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!

February lunch ordering continues to be open for orders!
Please connect with Ms Langan for any help you need with ordering.



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.

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



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

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

BECOME A BASEBALL UMPIRE IN 2026. Make some money on evenings and weekends. Be in charge. Learn the game of Baseball. We are looking for responsible, eager grade 6-12 students (and adults) to become umpires.

Registration is now open for the 2026 season ([BCBUA Registration](#) | [BC BASEBALL UMPIRES ASSOCIATION](#)). Contact Nick Moore at ncmoore4@shaw.ca for more information. He will forward you all the information you need to get started.

In-Person Events

Community Events

Connect & Learn | for Parents & Caregivers

Parenting When Our Kids Can't Go To School

Sometimes mental health challenges keep our kids from going to school. Parenting when our kids won't (or can't) go to school is hard. Discover how focusing on our relationship with our child can help, and where we can find support.



Details

Learn from John Solano, Registered Clinical Counsellor, and Kathy Buhler, a parent with lived experience.

This video presentation will be followed by a facilitated discussion by the Family Peer Support Workers in the Comox Valley.

LOCATION:

Mark Isfeld Secondary (Multipurpose Room)

DATE: Wednesday, February 18, 2026

TIME: 6:30 – 8:00 PM

COST: Free

Questions?

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For more information, go to familysmart.ca/events



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familysmart.ca/events



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