

# VALLEY VIEW ELEMENTARY WEEK AT A GLANCE



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## Valley View Elementary School

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## Highlights

Thank you to everyone who participated in Pink Shirt Day on Wednesday. Our students looked fantastic in their pink as we gathered for a special assembly focused on kindness and inclusion. We were thrilled to welcome guest Associate Superintendent Joe Heslip, who helped make the event both meaningful and memorable. We are proud of the way our students continue to carry the message of kindness with them each and every day.

Our Purdy's Chocolatier fundraiser is officially underway. Orders are due by Wednesday, March 4th — don't miss out!

Congratulations to our Girls and Boys basketball teams for their hard work and determination at the regional tournament. They gave a valiant effort and represented our school with pride. A heartfelt thank you to our coaches, teacher volunteers, and parent drivers for their time and commitment throughout the season.

We are also proud to share that our Battle of the Books team placed second in the district competition on Wednesday. Their teamwork, and enthusiasm for reading truly paid off.

Mark your calendars for Rock and Roll Forever on Wednesday, March 18th. Join us for our afternoon performance at 1:00 p.m. (no tickets required) or our evening show at 6:30 p.m. (two tickets per family will be sent home). We can't wait to share this high-energy celebration of music with our school community.

## Upcoming Events

### Monday Feb 23

- Meatball Subs
- Purdy's Fundraiser - Get your Easter Treats!

### Tuesday Feb 24

- Chicken Ranch Wrap

### Wednesday Feb 25

- Fajita Bowl

### Thursday Feb 26

- Pizza Day

### Friday Feb 27

- Chili with rice

### Upcoming dates to note:

- Pi Day Math fun day Friday, March 13
- Purdy's Fundraiser Ends Wednesday! March 4th
- PAC meeting Tuesday March 17 6:30pm
- Musical Wednesday, March 18 1pm and 6:30pm
- Month end assembly March 20 10:45am
- Spring Break March 21 - April 6
- Return to school Tues April 7th

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another great week ahead!

## ROCK AND ROLL FOREVER SHOW INFO:

Two shows: Wed, March 18th at 1:00pm

- No tickets required. Encourage family, grandparents & friends to come to this show, because only two tickets per family are allocated in the evening.

Evening Show: 6:30pm

Tickets Required! 2 tickets per family will be sent home with students

\*\* Students get DROPPED OFF to designated classrooms at 6:00pm \*\*

Gym begins loading with classes at 6:20

Show starts promptly at 6:30

Show done by 7:00 ( students back to classes for parent pickup )

Students gone by 7:15

### WHAT TO WEAR FOR K- 4/5 GROUPS:

No Colour Coordinating this year - Wahoo!!!

JEANS and... Plain WHITE T-shirts! Voila, that's it!!( T's with Graphics can be worn backwards or inside out! ) I have a decent amount of extra white shirts ( approx. 20 ), so please let me know if you need a few for kids that may not remember or have them!

### COSTUME HELP!!

ISO: Leather jacket ( Elvis )

Any dark smaller sized suit jackets / ties ( The Beatles )

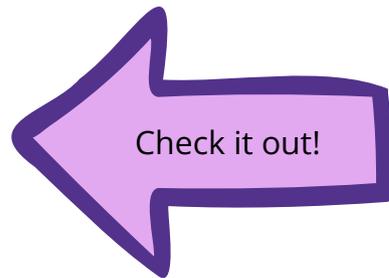
Any tops / jackets w/ BLING ( Little Richard )



## Welcome to Valley View Elementary - Easter

VALLEY VIEW ELEMENTARY | Campaign ID: #000026108

Thank you for supporting Valley View Elementary this Easter.



<https://fundraising.purdys.com/campaign/000026108>

# 10 : 08 : 55 : 25

Days Hours Minutes Seconds

These are only a few of the many yummy items available!

### Canada's favourite chocolates since 1907

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|                                       |                                 |                            |  |   |
| Assorted Chocolate Favourites , 32 pc | Hopping Bunnies Gift Tin, 20 pc | Bunny Bag, 210 g           | Foiled Milk Chocolate Hazelnut Eggs, 250 g | Foiled Milk Chocolate Peanut Butter Eggs, 250 g |
| \$48.00                               | \$35.00                         | \$22.00                    | \$22.00                                    | \$22.00   |
| <a href="#">ADD TO BAG</a>            | <a href="#">ADD TO BAG</a>      | <a href="#">ADD TO BAG</a> | <a href="#">ADD TO BAG</a>                 | <a href="#">ADD TO BAG</a>                      |



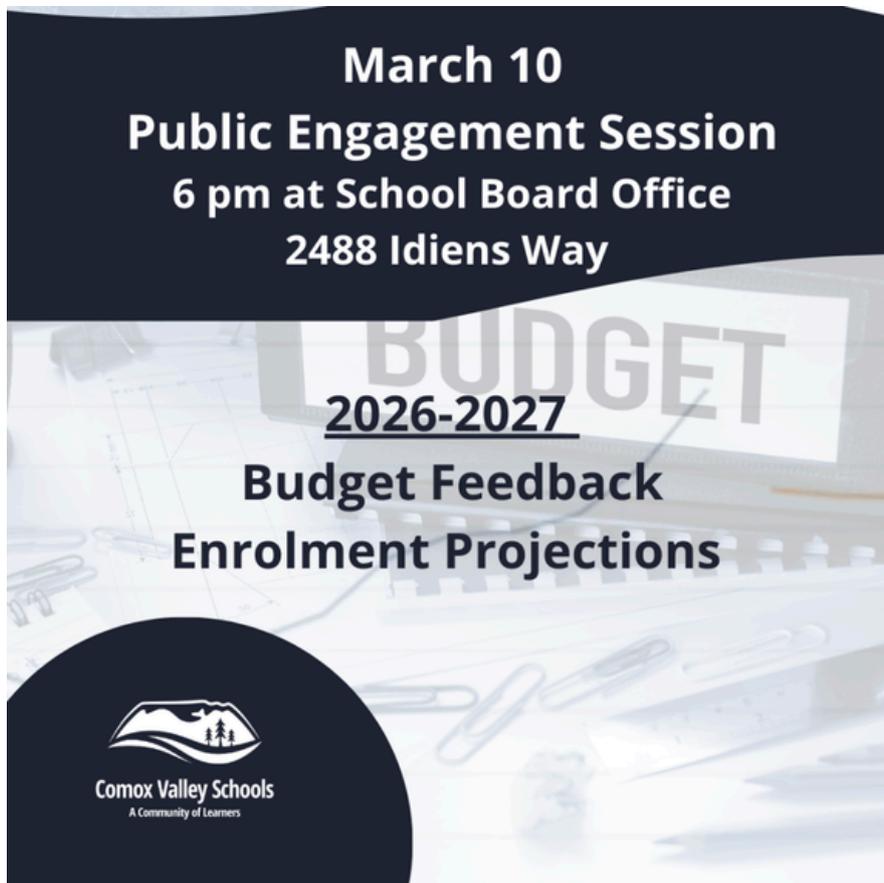
**Comox Valley Schools is inviting families, staff, students, and community members to share feedback on the proposed school calendars for the next three years.**

**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.**



**Budget Conversations Underway – Be in the Room**

Comox Valley Schools is inviting families and staff from across our school community to attend a public engagement session focused on planning for the year ahead.

The session will provide an overview of the feedback we've received about the district's preliminary budget for the upcoming school year, along with information about enrolment projections and their potential implications. Participants will have an opportunity to learn more about these topics and share feedback. Over 500 people responded to our recent budget survey – thank you!

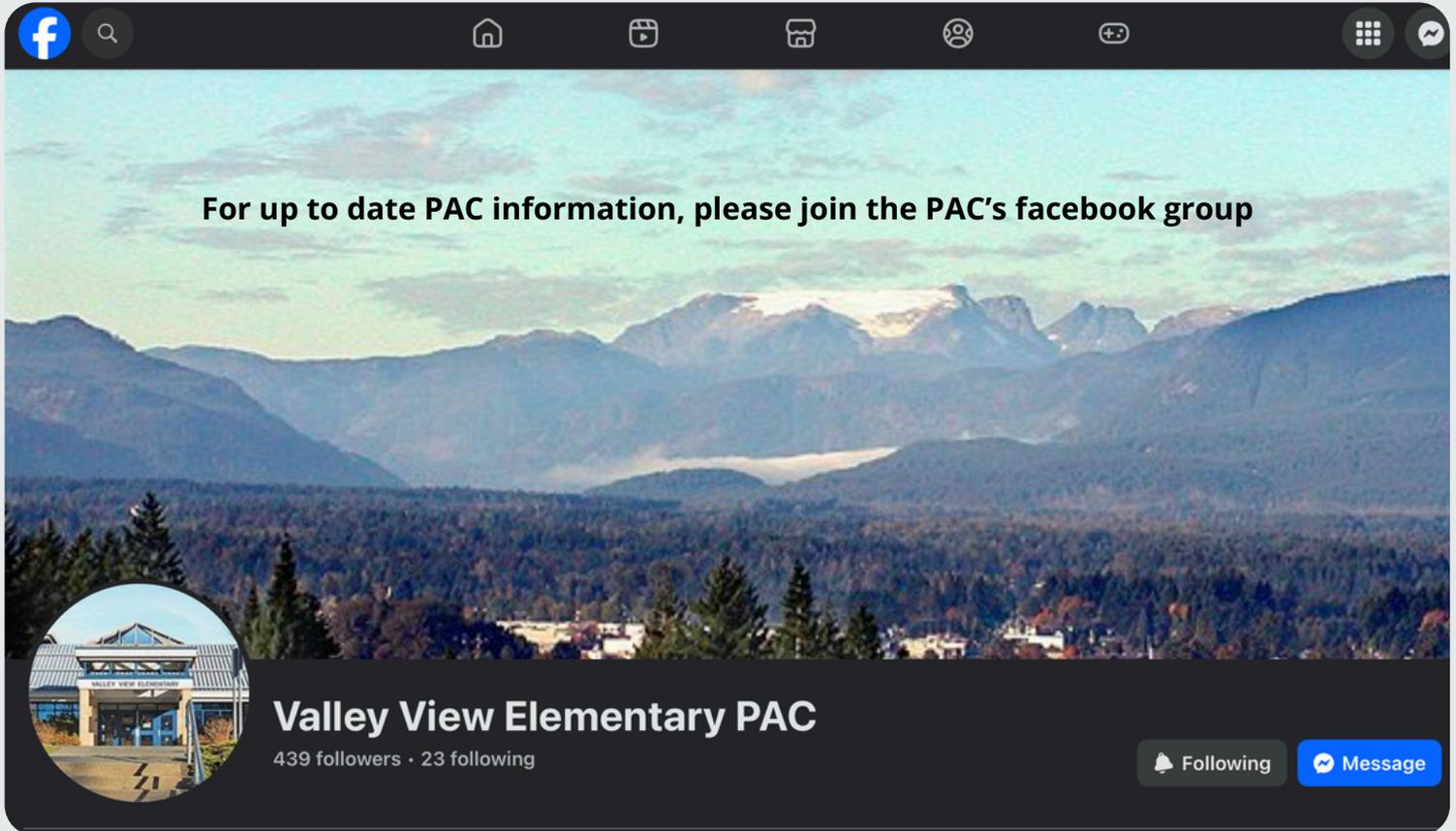
Public engagement session details:

Date: Tuesday, March 10, Time: 6:00 pm

Location: School Board Office, 2488 Idiens Way, Courtenay

Community input plays an important role in the budget development process, and families and staff are encouraged to attend, ask questions, and share their perspectives. We hope to see you there.

# Parent Advisory Committee News



Next PAC meeting:  
Tues March 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm

Every parent/guardian is  
welcome to attend the  
PAC meetings

Childminding and Pizza at  
the next meeting!



## 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](http://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.

# seen

THE FILM



Official Selection  
**ILLUMINATE**  
Film Festival  
2025

MELBOURNE  
OFFICIAL  
SELECTION  
2025

Director's Choice Award  
**ILLUMINATE**  
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SEEN is an award winning feature documentary about the transformative power of personal healing for parents. Through the unfiltered and authentic narratives of real parents and science-backed insight, it shows how addressing trauma and attachment can reshape parenting and support healthy child brain development. A compelling, hopeful call to self-reflection, connection, and generational change.

## FREE SCREENINGS

Friday, March 13th at 12:00 pm and 6:30 pm  
Stan Hagen Theatre at NIC  
2300 Ryan Road, Courtenay, BC

Movie is 1h 15 mins, pre recorded Q&A lasting 30 mins will be shown after a 5 min intermission.  
\*Childminding available for the 12:00 pm showing, with drop off being at 11:45. Spaces are limited:  
email [childcare@cvocda.ca](mailto:childcare@cvocda.ca) to inquire about a spot.

Thank you NIC  
for the  
generous  
support!



Scan to  
Register  
or go to



[comoxvalleyseenthefilm.eventbrite.ca](https://comoxvalleyseenthefilm.eventbrite.ca)



COMOX VALLEY SCHOOLS  
PRESENTS

# BEETLEJUICE JR.

Music & Lyrics by

**EDDIE  
PERFECT**

Book by

**SCOTT & ANTHONY  
BROWN & KING**

Based on the GEFFEN COMPANY PICTURE, with a story by  
**MICHAEL MCDOWELL & LARRY WILSON**

March 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 at 7:00 PM  
March 14 at 2:00 PM

**GP Vanier Secondary**

4830 Headquarters Rd, Courtenay, BC

- DIRECTOR -  
**LORI MAZEY**

- MUSICAL DIRECTOR -  
**REGAN LIVINGSTONE**

- CHOREOGRAPHER -  
**JENNIFER WALSH**

TICKETS  
**\$20**



<https://events.sd71.bc.ca/musical/>

District Musical | March 10-14 | GP Vanier Secondary School

The ghost-with-the-most takes centre stage in Beetlejuice Junior, an irreverent musical comedy adapted for schools from the Broadway hit Beetlejuice, inspired by Tim Burton's dearly beloved film.

Beetlejuice Junior tells the hauntingly comedic — and unexpectedly touching — story of Lydia Deetz, a strange and unusual teenager fascinated by the whole “being dead thing.” When Lydia moves into a new house, she quickly discovers it's already haunted by a recently deceased couple, Adam and Barbara Maitland, and a delightfully devious demon named Beetlejuice.

Hoping to help the Maitlands keep their home, Lydia summons Beetlejuice by calling his name three times.

What follows is a whirlwind of chaos, comedy, and musical mayhem as the double-crossing specter unleashes a Netherworld full of pandemonium.

Hosted this year by GP Vanier Secondary School, the district musical showcases the creativity, talent, and dedication of student performers from across Comox Valley Schools. With dynamic songs, bold characters, and laugh-out-loud moments, Beetlejuice Junior is a theatrical experience audiences of all ages will enjoy.

📅 Performance dates: March 10-14

🎟 Tickets: <https://events.sd71.bc.ca/musical/>

Tickets traditionally sell out — audiences are encouraged to purchase early.

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](mailto:ncmoore4@shaw.ca) for more information. He will forward you all the information you need to get started.

## 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!

BGC (formerly Boys and Girls Club) is facilitating Parenting Without Power Struggles (PWPS) starting Thursday, March 5 from 7:30 to 9 pm. PWPS is a free nine-week peer-support parenting program for parents and caregivers of youth under 14 years of age.

To Register or for more information contact: [parentingprograms@bgccvi.com](mailto:parentingprograms@bgccvi.com) or call Ted at 250-338-7141

## parenting without power struggles

Navigate the pre-teen years with confidence and connection.  
Empower yourself to be the best possible parent for your youth!

**THURSDAYS from 7:30–9 pm**  
9-week session starting  
March 5 to April 30

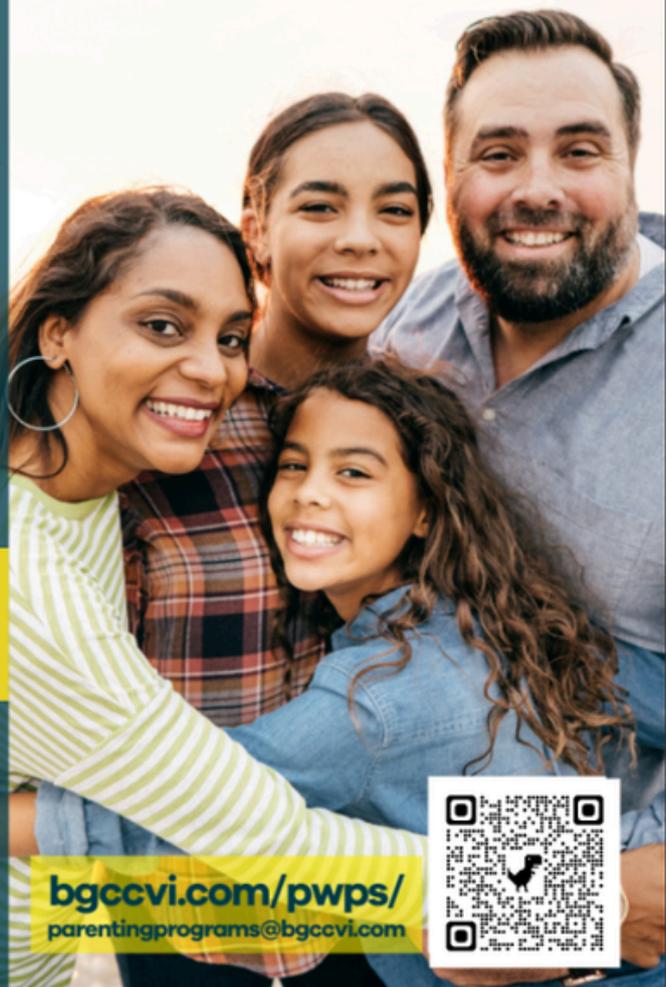
**Virtual Sessions**  
Accessible wherever you are!

**Registration Required**  
Reserve your space today!

[bgccvi.com/pwps/](http://bgccvi.com/pwps/)  
[parentingprograms@bgccvi.com](mailto:parentingprograms@bgccvi.com)



**Next Session  
starts March 5**



# March lunch ordering is open now!

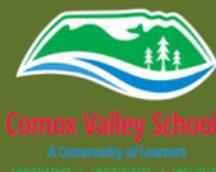
Please connect with Ms Langan if you would like help setting up an account for your child(ren).



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:amber.johansen@sd71.bc.ca)

### How do I place an order?

- Go to [www.munchalunch.com/schools/valleyview](http://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