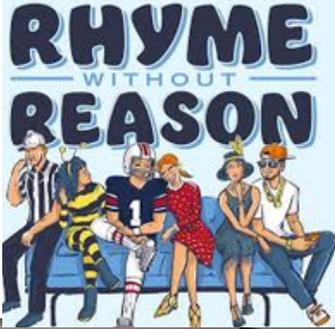


VALLEY VIEW ELEMENTARY WEEK AT A GLANCE



Safe and Active Schools
Final open house

Thursday, March 12, 5-7 p.m.

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Valley View Elementary School

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Highlights

Mark your calendars, don't delay,
Rhyme for No Reason Spirit Day!

Wear your rhymes and have some fun,
A silly verse for everyone!

Rock and Roll Forever is on its way,
Join the fun March 18th, next Wednesday.

Come at 1:00 p.m. for the afternoon show,
No tickets needed—just come and go!

Or at 6:30 p.m. when the evening begins,
Two tickets per family will be sent home to get in.

We can't wait to sing, dance, and play,
And share this rockin' show with you hurray! 🎸

Before the music starts to thrill,
We need some help to build our Blackstone grill!

If you've got tools and time to spare,
Parent volunteers—we'd love you there.

Your helping hands would mean a lot,
To get our new grill ready and hot! 🛠️🍔

Work hard, be kind, and do your best each day,
Have a wonderful week in every way! 🌟

Upcoming Events

Monday March 9

- Pulled Pork with coleslaw
- Div. 16 WIP Field Trip

Tuesday March 10

- BLT Wrap
- Div. 14 WIP Field Trip
- Budget Conversations at the SBO 6pm

Wednesday March 11

- Chicken Teriyaki with Rice
- Rhyme for No Reason Spirit Day

Thursday March 12

- Pizza Day
- Safe and Active Schools Open House Puntledge Park School 5-7pm

Friday March 13

- Mac and Cheese
- Pi Day!

Upcoming dates to note:

- Pi Day Math fun day Friday, March 13
- 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
- Spelling Bee Thursday April 9
- Beach Day and School National Indigenous People's Day Friday, June 19th - Airforce Beach
- Grade 7 Recognition Tuesday, June 23rd



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:

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

Any tops / jackets w/ BLING (Little Richard)



City of Courtenay

City of Courtenay hosting a second open house to discuss support of students walking and cycling

The City of Courtenay and School District 71 have partnered for many years to improve transportation and school safety. During the 2025-26 school year, the City and the School District have taken a significant step forward towards safer travel for students with the refreshed **Safe and Active Schools (SAS) program**. The two-year program includes a range of activities such as open houses, school walkabouts with students, parents and administration, online surveys and development of school travel plans with recommended actions for each participating school.

The Safe and Active Schools program is intended to improve the safety of students in Courtenay as well as increase the numbers of students and families using active, sustainable modes of transportation to travel to and from school - including walking, cycling and rolling. The program supports several City-wide goals set out in the City of Courtenay's Official Community Plan and the Transportation Master Plan.

Since launching the program last fall, numerous engagement activities have taken place. From this extensive feedback—more than 600 suggested actions—a shortlist of proposed interventions has been developed.

These proposed improvements will be shared at the spring 2026 open house as well as through an online community survey distributed through the participating schools. Several early actions have already been completed, including changes in signals timing to improve the visibility of pedestrians, as well as new pavement markings near schools and a new pedestrian crossing.

“Courtenay's Safe and Active Schools program continues to make meaningful progress thanks to the tremendous input we've received from students, families, and school communities,” said Mayor Bob Wells.

“Early actions are already underway, and we're taking important steps toward safer routes, healthier habits and more sustainable travel for our students.”

The first three elementary schools participating in the program for the 2025-26 school year are École Puntledge Park Elementary School, Courtenay Elementary School and Valley View Elementary School. In the following years, the City will engage with up to three schools per year to identify and address barriers to active school travel.

School communities participated in providing input for the development of tailored, school specific travel plans. This process involves identifying existing barriers to safe and active travel at each school. Following this, a series of recommended actions will be proposed to address these concerns and presented to Courtenay Council.

The City is hosting an open house on March 12, 2026 in the École Puntledge Park Elementary School gymnasium from 5-7 p.m. Attendees will be given an update on the overall project progress, provided a summary of the community input received to date, and have the opportunity to share their thoughts on the recommended actions developed from this community engagement. Following the open house and feedback given through a survey for participating schools, the final list of recommended actions and their priority will be developed based upon the feedback received. A final SAS Report for each school will be produced this spring, with implementation intended to occur over the coming years.

To learn more about the Safe and Active School program and to confirm attendance at the open house, please visit the program website: <https://www.courtenay.ca/safe-and-active-school>

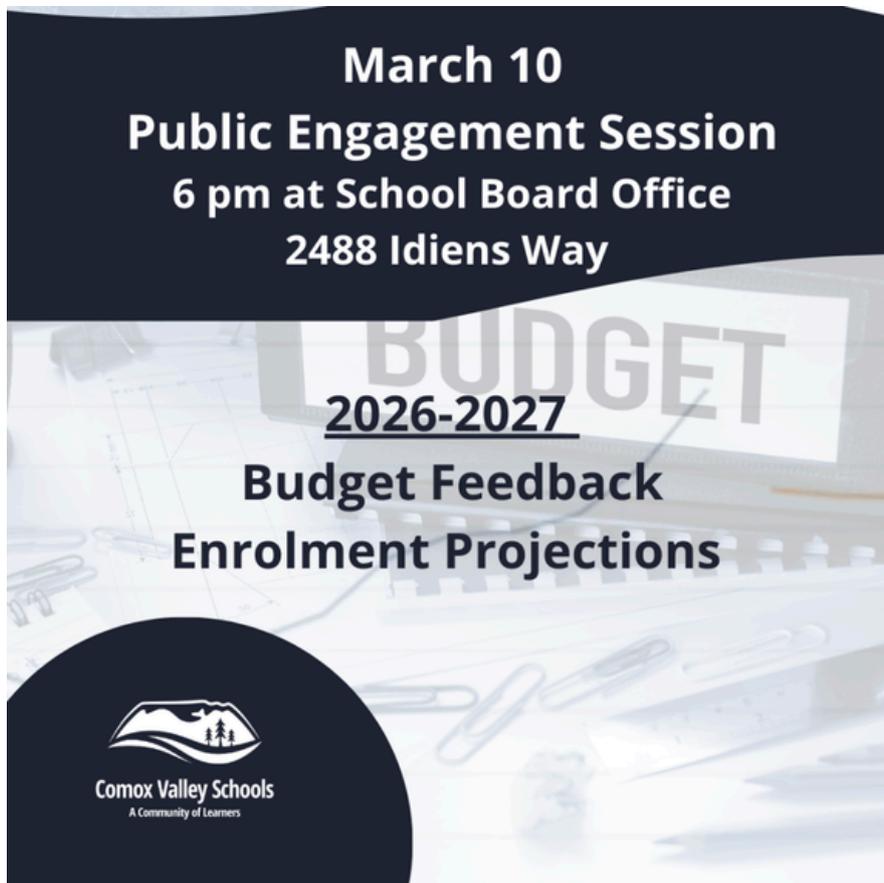
Comox Valley Schools is inviting families, staff, students, and community members to share feedback on the proposed school calendars for the next three years.

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!

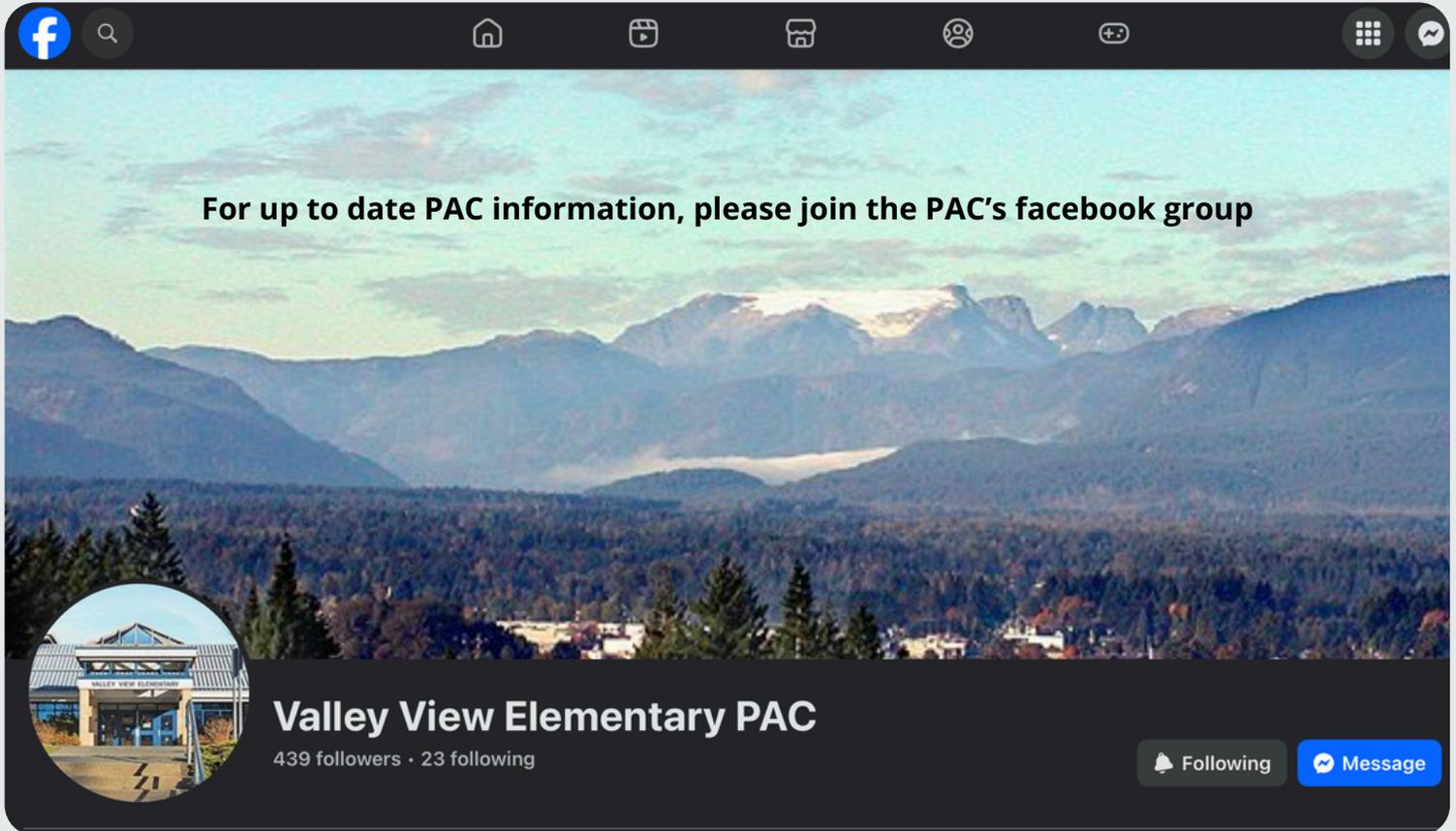
Public engagement session details:

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 17th @ 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

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.

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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 to inquire about a spot.

Thank you NIC
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generous
support!



Scan to
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or go to



comoxvalleyseenthefilm.eventbrite.ca



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PRESENTS

BEETLEJUICE JR.

Music & Lyrics by

**EDDIE
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Book by

**SCOTT & ANTHONY
BROWN & KING**

Based on the GEFGEN 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 for more information. He will forward you all the information you need to get started.

March lunch ordering is open now!

Ordering is ongoing throughout the month and will cut off 48 hrs before meal dates.

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

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

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!

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