

Valley View Lunch Program

Valley View's Universal Lunch Program continues this year. Lunches start Monday, September 14th. Please see the FAQ below from Ms Amber for more info. To order go to www.munchalunch.com/schools/valleyview

Cancer Research Fundraising

This month we are fundraising to support Cancer research. This will include a visit from the Tour de Rock Cops for Cancer Riders on September 24th at 8:50am and our Valley View Terry Fox Run on September 25th. Please consider sending your child with a "Toonie for Terry" through the classroom or the office. All funds raised will be split equally between the two charities.

Non-Instructional Day – Monday, September 21st – No school for students on Monday, September 21st for our first Non-Instructional Day of the school year.

Safer Schools Together

As part of Safer Schools Together's on-going work through the Ministry of Education and Childcare's erase strategy, we are pleased to announce COMPLIMENTARY student and family sessions coming up again this school year.

Student sessions on "Establishing Safe, Caring and Respectful Digital Communities", as well as "Establishing Respectful Relationships and Consent in Our Communities" are for students in grades 5-12. Please note this is a 60 minute session, with different days and times to accommodate different bell schedules. These are for educators to watch with their classes. All student sessions can be found [HERE](#).

As well, the family sessions are recommended for Parents/Caregivers/Grandparents and youth aged 10 and up. All our sessions can be found [HERE](#) – Please note the first session is Tuesday, September 15th.

Emergency Preparedness in SD 71

Please take a moment make yourself familiar with our district emergency preparedness procedures:

<https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/emergency-preparedness/>

School Supplies (K-7)

School supplies have been purchased and centralized through each classroom and will cost \$50 per student. This is payable at the office by cash or cheque, while e-transfer is preferred at valleyview@sd71.bc.ca. Please be sure to write "School Supplies 26-27" and your child's name in the notes. Parents are expected to provide a backpack, lunch kit and water bottle. Valley View water bottles are available for purchase at the office for \$2 each. Families requiring financial assistance to pay for school supplies may contact any staff member. We have also had a donation of 200 backpacks to the school, so if your child needs a backpack, please connect with the office.

School / Bell / Recess Schedules

8:35am – Start of school day (bell)

11:00am – Morning recess (bell)

11:30am – End of morning recess (bell)

1:00pm – Afternoon recess (bell)

1:30pm - End of afternoon recess (bell)

2:30 – End of school day (bell)

Parent Volunteers and Drivers- Thank you for volunteering at the school. Many of our programs and student experiences wouldn't happen without the support of our wonderful parent and community volunteers:

a) Criminal Record Check: all volunteers (classroom, coaching, drivers for field trips, etc...) must complete a criminal record check before starting. If you have done this during the previous 3 school years, your criminal record check is likely still valid. Office staff will contact any expired or expiring CR checks.

b) Drivers Abstracts and Insurance Documents: Please note that all driver abstracts, insurance and driver's licence documents are shredded at the end of every school year and therefore must be resubmitted every school year.

Please click on the following link for more information: [Volunteers and drivers from our school's website](#).

PAC

The first PAC meeting of the year will be on September 28th at 6:30pm In the library everyone is welcome.

School Office Hours - The school office is open every day the week (Monday-Friday) from 8:00am – 3:15pm.

Dates to Remember

Monday, September 21st – Non-Instructional Day

Thursday, September 24th – Tour De Rock

Friday, September 25th – Terry Fox Run-please make sure students are dressed to run

Monday, September 28th – PAC Meeting at 6:30pm in the library, all are welcome

Tuesday, September 29th – Truth and Reconciliation + Orange Shirt Day

Wednesday, September 30th – No School – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Friday, October 2nd – Student Photo Day – class photos will be taken in the spring

Wednesday, October 28th – Photo Retakes

Valley View Elementary Universal Lunch Program FAQ

What is a Universal Lunch Program?

A universal lunch program ensures all students have 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 will it work at Valley View Elementary?

Monthly menus will be posted online through <https://munchalunch.com> around the 20th of the previous month. Families can log into their existing MunchaLunch account (or create a new one), 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 or Tamara Langan

How does Pay-What-You-Can work?

Payments are anonymous. All orders are processed together, and we only see the total amount collected for the school - 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.

If you would like support or help navigating this part, please contact:

Tamara Langan either through email, tamara.langan@sd71.bc.ca or phone, 250.207.7461

Do I have to pay with a credit card?

Yes. At this time, the website only accepts 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. This is a new process for some of you and we're here to help!

If you need any help at all navigating the website at all or have any questions, please send me an email at amber.johansen@sd71.bc.ca.

Thank you!

Amber J

Happy Lunch Lady