

Valley View Week at a Glance for the week of October 5th

As we move into October we have a full (and sunny) week of classes before the Thanksgiving Holiday weekend. It was great to see all the work that went into recognizing Truth and Reconciliation last week. We had a visit from our Elder in Residence, our feather art project was displayed in the hall, orange rocks were painted and placed in the gardens with messages of hope, and students and staff took part in Orange shirt day. These were in addition to the ongoing lessons and learning in the classrooms around Truth and Reconciliation. This week our staff will review the findings of the district's Indigenous Equity scan at our staff meeting and will work towards shifting into action towards making change.

Thank you,

Mr. Mayert and Mrs. Langan

Dates to Remember

Wednesday, October 7th - Cross Country @Huband

Thursday, October 8th - Grade 3 Ice Skating Program

Monday, October 12th - Thanksgiving -No School

Wednesday, October 14th - Cross Country @ Brooklyn

Monday, October 19th - PAC Meeting

Friday, October 23rd - Provincial Professional Development Day

Wednesday, October 28th – Photo Retakes

Thursday, October 29th - PAC Halloween Dance

World Teachers' Day – October 5th is World Teachers' Day and we are very grateful for the skilled, dedicated, and hard-working teaching professionals at Valley View. Every day, they strive to make a positive difference in the lives of our students. Thank you teachers!

Cross-Country Running – Cross-Country running will continue this week with practices Tuesday and Thursday during second recess. The next race will be Wednesday, October 7th. Students from grades 3-7 may still to join the team.

Valley View Elementary Universal Lunch Program

Our October orders are open at <https://munchalunch.com>. This 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.

PAC

Our first big Pac event of the year will be the Halloween Family dance on October 29th. Our next meeting is on October 19th @ 6:30pm in the library.

School Supplies (K-7)

A reminder that 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)

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

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](#).