

Valley View Week at a Glance for the week of September 28th

There was great excitement around the school last week with the visit from the Tour de Rock – Cops for Cancer riders and the Terry Fox assembly and run on Friday. Thank you for all the generous donations to support cancer research. All funds raised at the school will be split equally between the two charities. Last week our grade threes also began their first of six weekly skating lessons with the CVRD Learn to Skate program.

This week we begin X-Country season for grades 3-7, with practice during second recess on Monday and the first district meet on Thursday at Puntledge Park Elementary. Any interested students can pick up the permission forms from the office. We will be recognizing Truth and Reconciliation this week with a visit from our Ni'noxsola – Elder in Residence, Ramona Johnson, reading with our Indigenous students on Monday, Orange Shirt Day on Tuesday, the National Truth and Reconciliation Day holiday on Wednesday, and ongoing in class activities and lessons all week. Watch for our indigenous art in the front hall late in the week. Don't forget Photo Day on Friday.

Thank you,

Mr. Mayert and Mrs. Langan

Dates to Remember

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

Thursday, October 1st – X-country meet at Puntledge Park Elementary

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

Wednesday, October 28th – Photo Retakes

Thursday, October 29th - PAC Halloween Dance

PAC

The first PAC meeting of the year will be on September 28th at 6:30pm In the library. All parents are welcome. Please also help with our coupon booklet fundraiser if you can. Our first Pac event of the year will be the Halloween Family dance on October 29th.

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.

Cross Country Race Schedule 2026 (Grades 3-7)

All races start at 3:30pm

Thursday, October 1 – Ecole Puntledge Park Elementary (they will have a concession)

Wednesday, October 7 – Huband Park Elementary

Wednesday, October 14 – Brooklyn Elementary

Wednesday October 21 – CV Exhibition Grounds (across from Vanier Secondary)

Wednesday October 28 – CV Exhibition Grounds (across from Vanier Secondary)

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.

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](#).

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.