

CALENDAR

May 1	- Elementary Activity: Clay - Elementary Cross-Country Run #3
May 2	District Project Showcase 6:30 – 8:30 pm (Vernon Rec)
May 3	District Project Showcase 10 am – 2 pm (Vernon Rec)
May 5	Red Dress Day
May 7	- National Child and Youth Mental Health Day - Teacher Appreciation Day
May 8	Elementary Activity: Rail Trail
May 13	Professional Development Day
May 15	- Elementary Activity: Allan Brooks - Public Board Meeting
May 20	Victoria Day
May 22	Elementary Activity: Clay
May 29	SD22 Indigenous Grad
May 30	vLearn Elementary Zone Track and Field Meet
Upcoming Dates	- June 5: Elementary Student Showcase - June 11: Year End Celebration - June 10 – 14: Grad Assessments - June 17: vLearn Grad

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Spring has Sprung!

The beauty of the season surrounds us. The hills are blooming with the Arrowleaf Balsamroot. Did you know that Indigenous communities use this plant for a variety of purposes, including food and medicine.

This is an exciting and busy time for our learning community. We have high school students competing on the SD22 Mountain Bike team, and elementary students participating in track and field, cross country running and in the vLearn chess club. Thank you to our staff for supporting these opportunities.

This can be a challenging time of year as students are working hard to complete their courses for the 2023-24 school year. We appreciate your support and encouragement to help our students successfully complete their courses.

INFORMATION

Secondary Families:

- Learning Updates were released in MyEd BC on April 23rd. Please check your child's progress and reach out to their teacher if you have any questions.
- All online course work is to be completed by **June 19**.
- If your student is in Grades 10 – 12, please ensure they have completed all required graduation assessments. The last exam period for the year is June 10 – 14. Students in Grade 10/11 should have completed Numeracy 10 and Literacy 10 exams, and Grade 12 students should have completed Literacy 12.

On Tuesday, May 7 it is National Child and Youth Mental Health Day. Join expert [Kim Barthel](#) for an online event to discuss how to build relationships and have caring, connected conversations with your children. See more information [HERE](#). Or join in the community services showcase hosted locally at VSS. Info [HERE](#).

Congratulations to the vLearn Chess Team (Milo, Arianna, Alec, Addie, and Emerson) who placed 14th of 21 teams at the District Chess Tournament! Congrats to Ethan who placed 4th at the 2nd DND Cross-Country Run!

Also, a big thank you to our elementary students who honoured Earth month in April with a community clean-up!

Check some recent work from Ms. Sonja's Grade 5/6/7 class [HERE](#)!

RED DRESS DAY

Red Dress Day, also known as the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirit People, is observed on May 5th. The day honours and brings awareness to the thousands of Indigenous women, girls and two-spirit people who have been subject to disproportionate violence in Canada. Red Dress Day was inspired by Métis artist Jaime Black's REDress Project installation, in which she hung empty, red dresses to represent the missing and murdered women. Red dresses have become symbolic of the crisis because of her installation. Learn more [HERE](#).



OUR STUDENTS



FROM THE PAC

Hello vLearn families! The end of the school year is fast approaching, and the PAC is busy working with the teachers to organize some fun and food for the Year End Celebration, which will be combined with the last elementary activity day on Tuesday, June 11th. Our wonderful teachers will supervise from 10am-Noon, and then parents and caregivers take over for the duration of the celebration (Noon-2pm). Watch your emails for an RSVP form which will ask for who is attending from your family and food preferences.

The logo contest has wrapped up, congratulations Sam Ogasawara on your winning design!

[Visit here to order your full-time students' free t-shirt.](#)

There is also an option for parents and caregivers to order their own t-shirt or hoodie (for a cost).

******Please be sure to order your swag by MAY 10th, 2024.** The order form will be live until the end of this day.

Some important dates:

~May 22nd is the last PAC general meeting (besides the AGM). Held in the Fulton School Ice Palace during activity day time. Watch for an email sent out by May 8th that will have links to our current financials, the meeting agenda, a nomination form for council positions opening up next year, and proposed changes and additions to the constitution and by-laws.

~May 29th is our PAC Annual General Meeting. This will be a short one as we will only be voting on the nominations for Council positions and presenting the annual financial report.

~June 5th is our Elementary Student Showcase, stay and check it out!

~June 11th is our vLearn School Year End Celebration. All grades and their families are welcome.

REMINDER to bring in any Nature's Fare receipts, as the company gives us back 3%, which the PAC then puts towards activities, events, lessons and contests. We have also joined a program with Butcher Boys grocery store, so if you have any receipts from there, please bring them too!

The PAC can be reached at pacvlearn@gmail.com. We'd love to hear your feedback, suggestions, and concerns.