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THE VES BUZZ

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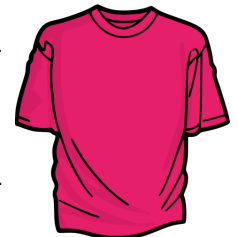
VES MONTHLY MESSAGE

If you have ever wondered why Groundhog Day became such a weirdly celebrated and slightly important-day-to-most-of-us-but-we-secretly-won't-admit-it, then read this. The Celts originally celebrated this 'mid point' day and then word got out and the European Christians started celebrating it as well. Only they stated that if it was sunny on this day there would be another 40 days of winter. When this tradition spread into Germany, the German's added that it was only if badgers saw their shadows then it would mean 40 more days of winter. When German's immigrated into Pennsylvania in 1887, they brought this tradition with them, but they used groundhogs instead of badgers. Presently, Groundhog Day in Pennsylvania is a big deal. They celebrate

with top hats, official proceedings and even their own language! So, even though you might be over the "Hallmark" holidays, I am sure you will still 'tune in' to see if the Pennsylvanian Groundhog saw his or her shadow...even if for just a smile of nostalgia and to calm your inner curiosity (I promise I won't tell!)

Parents, don't forget the first Friday of this month is a non-instructional day here at VES! No school for our kids. This is the last one before March break. During non-instructional days teachers use this time to pursue educational opportunities to broaden their skills to help children in our school. Bonus is that you get a 'get-outta-school-free' card! Use it wisely parents and students. 'Family Day' statutory holiday is coming up February 15 so don't forget this also means no school...for anyone. School will be closed for the day. We hope you can take this day and enjoy being together as a family unit, however that looks like for you.

Don't forget to wear your Pink Shirt on February 24 as this is Pink Shirt Day. We wear pink on this day to show our support for anti-bullying. The Pink Shirt Day became a huge movement across Canada and just goes to show that your actions, however small they may seem at the beginning, have a huge impact. If you or someone you know is being bullied, please reach out. Bullying is never okay and at VES we have a zero-tolerance policy.



February can seem like it goes on forever, however spring is just around the corner. Try to enjoy the last month or so of winter before the weather starts to warm up for good (although, January was an exceptionally warm month so maybe I should be saying enjoy the last few days of cold weather instead!) Let the cold crisp air bring us clear beautiful blue skies and clear nights made for stargazing. Once we hit March, we only have 3 weeks until Spring Break and Easter.

-VES admin team.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

FEB 2— GROUNDHOG DAY

FEB 5— NID: NO SCHOOL

FEB 11— PAC HOT LUNCH: SOUP FROM THE GATHERING TREE

FEB 14— VALENTINE'S DAY



FEB 15— FAMILY DAY STAT: NO SCHOOL

FEB 17— 100TH DAY!

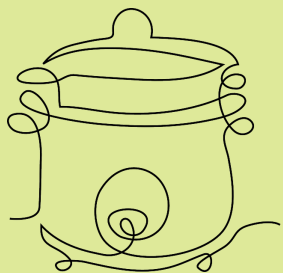
FEB 24— PINK SHIRT DAY

FEB 25— PAC HOT LUNCH: SOUP FROM THE CARIBOU GRILL



FOR THERE IS ALWAYS LIGHT, IF ONLY WE'RE BRAVE ENOUGH TO SEE IT, IF ONLY WE'RE BRAVE ENOUGH TO BE IT.

AMANDA GORMAN, NATIONAL YOUTH POET LAUREATE



Don't forget to order HOT LUNCH!!

Make sure you place your order for the upcoming hot lunches offered through our PAC. Fully supported by the following amazing restaurants!

Place your order online through *Munchalunch*, via email to valemountpac@hotmail.com, or by calling the school office at 250-566-4427; cash or credit card accepted.

Feb 11 2021: Hamburger Soup from The Gathering Tree (*ordering cut off is Feb 1 2021*)

Feb 25 2021: Beef Stew from The Caribou Grill (*ordering cut off is Feb 15 2021*)

Mar 11 2021: Chicken and Farmer Sausage Soup from Abernathy's (*ordering cut off is March 1 2021*)

School Bus- Carry On Items

For safety purposes, the Motor Vehicle Act does not permit equipment such as skateboards, rollerblades, hockey/football equipment or any other large luggage items on a regular school bus. All items other than schoolbooks must be of a size that can comfortably be carried on the passenger's lap and must not interfere with fellow passengers.

We are not permitted to travel with instruments stowed under seats, at the front of the bus, or in the aisles. Only musical instruments that fit safely on a students' lap or in their backpack may be transported by bus. Bus Students with large instruments should make alternate arrangements for the transport of their instruments.

Students shall ensure that they have nothing in their possession such as knives, matches, lighters, etc., that may cause injury to others. Animals are never allowed on the bus.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact the Transportation Department at 250-561-6802.

LOOK OUT FOR CHANGES! SEE DATES BELOW..

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○ Hot Lunch
 February 15: Family Day
 February 5: Non Instructional Day

MARCH

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○ Hot Lunch
 March 22 - April 1: Spring Break

TIME TO GET THINKING...

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2021/2022:



Children whose fifth birthday falls on or before **December 31, 2021** are eligible to enter Kindergarten in September 2021.

Registration must be completed through our online form, a link to the online form will be provided on this page once registration begins. Staff at the school are available to assist with accessing the online form if needed. Once the online application has been submitted, completed registration forms along with all required documents need to be submitted to the school to complete the registration.

Online registration opens JANUARY 26 2021!

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS ARE:

Birth Certificate original, Proof of address, Care Card or BC Services Card

