

MARCH 2021  
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# THE VES BUZZ

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## VES MONTHLY MESSAGE

The groundhog did NOT see his shadow, so we are looking into the eyes of an early Spring this year! March is a very fast month for us all at VES, as we only have 3 weeks of school and then we have a Spring Break/Easter weekend combination this year. April will bring us a few celebration days: *National Kindergarten Day*, *Inside Out for Autism Day*, and 2 delicious hot lunch dates! Student led conferences will happen at the end of April, so be sure to connect with your child's teacher to arrange a time.

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

- MAR 5— PRIMARY REPORT CARD DAY
- MAR 8— 'INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY'
- MAR 11— PAC HOT LUNCH SOUP FROM ABERNATHY'S
- MAR 14— TIME CHANGE: SPRING FORWARD
- MAR 17— 'ST. PATRICK'S DAY'
- MAR 18: LEARNING REPORT GO HOME
- MAR 20— 'SPRING EQUINOX'
- MAR 22 — APRIL 1— SPRING BREAK
- APR 2— APR 5— EASTER WEEKEND

*International Women's Day (March 8)* is a day that is celebrated annually, to empower women across the age spectrum to have the confidence to stand up to the inequalities of our world. It is a day to embrace change and to learn to be that force. I encourage you to take a moment with your children to learn about this day, the amazing achievements women have accomplished and the strong powerful women behind them. Let's build each other up by recognizing all women for their strengths and accomplishments.

Time change occurs March 15th! Remember to 'spring' ahead and set your clocks for one hour forward. This means we lose an hour of sleep but we gain an hour of daylight in the evenings. Time to start switching out of hibernation mode and into spring mode. Hopefully we can all enjoy the extra and much needed sunshine. May we make the best of these up coming longer days!

March 20th marks the beginning of true 'spring' with the Spring Equinox falling on this day. This day in our hemisphere marks the period in time when the sun is directly above the equator meaning day and night are of equal length. The days will begin to become longer and with the increased sunlight our soils will begin to warm up from this point onward. When we return to school in April we can begin to think about planting for our garden boxes and planning our summer harvest.

Enjoy your much needed and well deserved Spring Break. It is not going to look the same as last years break, and for that I am very thankful. However, it will look drastically different from every other Spring Break in the history of our school. *No vacations out of country. No unnecessary travel. No play dates or sleep overs. No indoor gatherings.....*as you know, the list goes on. But these aren't put into place lightly, nor are they meant to take away our rights and freedoms. They are put into place to keep us safe; because, we are safe at home over the break, not stuck at home over the break.

-VES admin team.

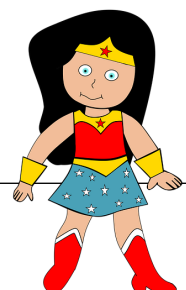
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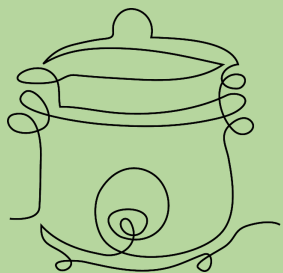
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○ Hot Lunch  
March 22 - April 1: Spring Break

"WE ALL HAVE A 'WONDER WOMEN' INSIDE OF US"— UNKNOWN

HAPPY INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY.





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](mailto:valemountpac@hotmail.com), or by calling the school office at 250-566-4427; cash or credit card accepted.

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

**Apr 15 2021:** Chili from *The Best Western* (*ordering cut off is April 5 2021*)

**Apr 29 2021:** Pizza from  *Scooter's* (*ordering cut off is April 19 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...

APRIL

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April 2: Good Friday  
 April 5: Easter Monday  
 April 23: Non Instructional Day    ○ Hot Lunch

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May 24: Victoria Day

AFter SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

EVERY TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

"GET FIT WITH G"  
 2:30-3:45PM



**Please make sure your child/children are dressed properly for the 'winter weather.'**



Please join us in saying a warm welcome to Ms. R. Lerch who will be joining our school again in Ms. Tegart's class for her last teaching practicum.



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

Registration must be completed EITHER through our online form available through the SD57 webpage, or by coming into the school. Staff at the school are available to assist with accessing the online form if needed. *Required documentation is needed to finalize the registration.*

**Online registration is now open!**

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS ARE:

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