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April 17, 2026 – Weekly Update

It's been a wonderfully busy and active week at our school! Our Grade 3 students have been making a splash during their swimming lessons, building confidence and important water safety skills. Classes also enjoyed special Earth Day field trips to Saxe Point and High Rock Park, taking time to explore and appreciate the natural beauty in our community. To top it all off, students will be coming together tonight for a fun-filled school dance, celebrating with music, movement, and plenty of smiles. It's been a fantastic week of learning, connection, and community spirit!

Looking Ahead
April 23 rd Medals Tour Assembly
April 24 th Digital Consent Due for Immunization Clinic (May 8 th) – kindergarten students only – more information below
April 27 th -30 th Scholastic Book Fair
April 27 th Walk-a-Thon envelopes due
April 30 th Early Dismissal (11:30 am) and Student Led Conferences (11:50 am - 6:00 pm)
May 4 th , 5 th , 6 th Capital Bikes

Information Items

Pick up and Drop Off

A friendly reminder to all drivers picking up students:

Please do not park on the yellow lines in the pull-through area. Vehicles stopped in these zones make it difficult for others to safely turn in from Wychbury and can create serious access issues for emergency vehicles if needed.

Additionally, **the pull-through is not a parking zone.** Drivers must remain with their vehicles at all times to help keep traffic moving smoothly and ensure everyone's safety.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school community safe and accessible.

Theatre de la 16ieme

On Friday, we were treated to a performance by the theater group **Theatre de la 16ieme**. They are the primary professional French-language theatre company in British Columbia. Founded in 1974 and based in Vancouver, the company is dedicated to enriching, inspiring, and bringing together diverse audiences through high-quality French performing arts.

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Théâtre la Seizième is known for its dynamic programming, which includes a mainstage season, productions for young audiences (including school tours), and creative workshops. With a strong focus on contemporary French theatre and new play development, their work often features English subtitles, making performances accessible to a wide range of audiences.

We are excited to celebrate organizations like Théâtre la Seizième that help foster cultural connection, creativity, and linguistic diversity within our community.



More community news on the next pages!

Digital Consent Introductory School Newsletter – Kindergarten



Kindergarten Immunizations

To make routine immunization more accessible to children, Island Health is offering school-based immunization clinics for students in kindergarten who are due for routine immunizations (excluding COVID-19 & influenza).

Only children who are due for routine immunization(s) will receive a letter through the school. If your child receives a letter, please complete the online digital consent tool by **April 24, 2026**. **Students will only be offered immunizations in a school-based clinic with the consent of a parent/guardian.** Immunizations will be provided at the school for kindergarten students on **May 08, 2026**.

An adult from your child's school, such as your child's teacher or teacher's assistant, or a public health nurse will be available to provide support to your child during their immunizations. If you would like to attend an appointment with your child, contact your local health unit to book an appointment.

Please ensure your child can recite their full name and date of birth, as the public health nurse will need to confirm this information with your child prior to providing immunizations.

Please contact the health unit at **250-519-5311** if you have any questions.



Check out the City of Victoria's [Community & Outdoor Recreation](#) programs for children and families. Many of these programs are multi-generational and provide an opportunity for children and caregivers to participate together.

Road Trip to Wildflowers at Devonian Park Depart from Crystal Pool 55177	Sat, Apr 18 9:30am-1pm 1 / \$16	Catch a ride on the City of Victoria's Recreation bus and then join a CRD Regional Parks naturalist to explore the colourful spring blooms at Devonian Regional Park. Learn to identify some common native wildflowers.
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<p><u>Guided Mushroom Walk</u> Depart from Crystal Pool 55568</p>	<p>Sat, Apr 25 9:30am-1pm 1 / \$40</p>	<p>Catch a ride on the City of Victoria's Recreation Bus and join mycology educator Elora Adamson for a walk through the woods in Francis/King Regional Park, stopping to observe and identify fungi along the way. Then visit the Nature House to explore interactive displays.</p>
<p><u>Look Closer! A Micro-Nature Walk</u> Depart from Crystal Pool 55570</p>	<p>Sat, Apr 25 1:30-4:30pm 1 / \$40</p>	<p>Catch a ride on the Recreation Bus to join a guided nature walk at Thetis Lake Regional Park. You will focus on the teeny tiny and often overlooked, exploring niche habitats hidden in plain sight. This walk will explore organisms of all kinds—plants, animals, fungi, and more! Learn how to notice the tiny, extraordinary life all around us!</p>
<p><u>Beginner Birding in Beacon Hill Park (míqən)</u> Parks System – Beacon Hill Park 55632</p>	<p>Sun, Apr 26 8am-10:30am 1 / \$20</p>	<p>Experience the spring migration spectacle at Beacon Hill Park in this gentle introduction to birding. This 2.5-hour guided walk is perfect for beginners and curious nature lovers ready to learn practical skills!</p>
<p><u>Road Trip to Birding at Esquimalt Lagoon</u> Depart from Crystal Pool 55678</p>	<p>Thu, May 14 8:15-11:30am 1 / \$30</p>	<p>Catch a ride on the City of Victoria's Recreation Bus to celebrate spring migration in the Birding Capital of Canada with a guided bird walk at one of the region's most iconic coastal hotspots. Join expert birders from Rocky Point Bird Observatory for a relaxed, informative morning exploring the rich habitats of Esquimalt Lagoon.</p>
<p><u>A Day with Birds of Prey</u> Depart from Crystal Pool 55334</p>	<p>Sun, May 24 9am-4pm 1 / \$65</p>	<p>Catch a ride on the Recreation Bus and visit the Raptor Centre in Duncan where we'll see a raptor flying demonstration and observe eagles, hawks, owls and falcons on a guided tour. After working up an appetite, we'll head to the Cook & Butcher for lunch. Cost includes transportation, admission, and a guided tour.</p>
<p><u>Botany Basics for Plant ID</u> Beacon Hill Park – Sports Hut 55961</p>	<p>Sun, May 31 10am-12pm 1 / \$25</p>	<p>Get your curiosity going, hone your observational skills, and become a plant detective! Come on out to Beacon Hill Park for this fun and informative workshop on</p>

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Ages 8+		using basic botany knowledge to improve your skills at noticing and identifying common plants of southern Vancouver Island including edible, ornamental, native, and introduced species.
Road Trip to Crab-tastic at Island View Beach Depart from Crystal Pool 55935	Sun, June 14 9:30-1pm 1 / \$16	Catch a ride on the City of Victoria's Recreation bus and then join a CRD Regional Parks naturalist for some intertidal observation. Red crabs, green crabs, purple crabs, hermit crabs - this beach has them all! Meet some of the crabs and their cousins that make Island View Beach their special home.





Educational Townhall

Spectrum Highschool

Thursday April 23, 2026

6:30 - 8:30 PM

AI & TECH IN EDUCATION

BENEFITS, RISKS, AND STUDENT RIGHTS

What Parents Need to Know

How AI & tech are used 

Protecting student rights 

How parents can engage 

SPEAKERS

- **OLINE TWISS**, Deputy Commissioner, BC OIPC
- **JOSH BARKS**, A/Director of IT & Learning, SD61
- **TOM AERTS**, Deputy Superintendent, SD61

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