

Principal's Message

We've had a fantastic start to the New Year, and January was an adventurous month for vLearn students. They engaged in a variety of activities, including cross-country and downhill skiing, snowshoeing, squid dissections, and catapult builds! It's always inspiring to see students stepping out of their comfort zones, trying new things, and improving their existing skills. These experiences not only foster personal growth but also create lasting memories and build a strong sense of community among students.

As the semester comes to an end, many of our Academies have concluded for the year. However, we are thrilled to welcome students to the start of new programs, including the Golf Academy, Freestyle Academy, and Earthquest. These academies promise to offer exciting opportunities for students to explore new interests, develop their talents, and continue their journey of learning and discovery. We look forward to seeing the amazing achievements and experiences that lie ahead in these new ventures.

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8 – 12 Learning Updates

Middle and Secondary Years students will have their second (Q2) learning update published on February 6 in the MyEd Parent Portal. Please make sure you review your child's progress. Any courses your child was planning to complete on a semester basis, should now be complete.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Important February Dates

- **3:** SilverStar Ski Program
- **4:** SEL Program / Chess Club
- **5:** Elementary Activity Day @ vLearn - 5 Senses and Indigenous Drumming
- **6:** Q2 Learning Updates Posted / SEL Program
- **11:** SEL Program / Chess Club
- **12:** vLearn Activity Day - Jam Can Curling (Grades 4 - 6) @ Outdoor Rink or Metis Dot Art @ vLearn / Art from the Hearts Submission Due
- **13:** SEL Program / School Registration and Transfer Deadline
- **14: Provincial Professional Development Day (No school)**
- **17: Family Day! (No school)**
- **18:** SEL Program / Chess Club
- **19:** Elementary Activity Day - Metis Dot Art and Brown Bag All About Me @ vLearn / Regular Public Board Meeting
- **19:** SD22 Academy Information Night 6 - 7 pm @ Fulton
- **20:** SEL Program
- **25:** SEL Program / Chess Club
- **26:** Elementary Activity Day - Microscopes @ vLearn / Pink Shirt Day
- **27:** SEL Program
- **28:** Middle Years Spaghetti Bridge Competition at UBC-O



Parent Volunteers

Thank you for volunteering your time in our school! As a volunteer, you will need to provide us with an acceptable Criminal Record Check. This is available at no cost to you through the Ministry of Justice. Your completed e-CRC will be sent directly to the Principal via e-mail and then kept on file here at the school for a period of 5 years.

If you have already had an existing Criminal Record Check completed with another organization, please use the web link and access code below to complete a request to SHARE that criminal record check with us.

Online Link to apply for a Criminal Record Check:
<https://justice.gov.bc.ca/eCRC/>

Access Code: **8DKFWJBGE** (This access code is unique to vLearn and must be used in order for us to receive your completed e-CRC)



SCHOOL INFORMATION



vLearn
Academies

INFORMATION NIGHT



FULTON SECONDARY
FEBRUARY 19, 2025

SESSION 1 | 6:00 - 6:25 PM
SESSION 2 | 6:35 - 7:00 PM

Baseball - Room 104
Dance - Room 116
Earthquest - Room 117
Hockey (Session 1 only) - Room 108
Golf (Session 2 only) - Room 108
Alpine (Session 1 only) - Room 106
Freestyle (Session 2 only) - Room 106
Nordic - Room 107
Soccer - Room 118
Volleyball - Library
SWBA - Room 120

Expressions of Interest for 2025.26 Academy
Programs opens February 19 at 6 pm at
www.sd22.bc.ca/academies



Checkmate!

Chess club for elementary students will start February 4 and run until April. Practices are on Tuesday's from 1:30 - 2:30 pm. All levels of play and experience are welcome to drop in for any of the dates. Please connect with your classroom teacher if you have any questions!



New Student Registration and Transfer Requests

We are excited to welcome children born in 2020 to Kindergarten! Please ensure any new registrations or school transfer requests are submitted by the February 13, 2025 deadline. Details and paperwork are [HERE](#).



Online Learning Survey



We want your feedback! The Online Learning Survey is open until February 24! Your feedback will help guide us as we work to improve the online learning experience, both locally and across the province. The survey is ANONYMOUS and targets students and parents in grades 4, 7, and 10 - 12, however anyone can respond. Here is the [LINK](#).

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Art From the Heart

The Vernon Public Art Gallery is exhibiting their annual Elementary Art School show— **Art from the Heart**.

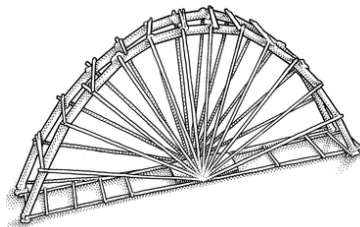
K – 7 vLearn students are encouraged to submit original student work to showcase their wonderful creativity. They can bring their work to the activity day on either February 5th or 12th. A maximum of 5 submissions from each class will be put forward to the art gallery. Please ensure art is labeled with student name on the BACK of the work along with orientation (top/bottom).

Art from the Heart will be exhibited at the VPAG from March 15–April 10, 2025.



Spaghetti Bridge

The 40th annual Spaghetti Bridge Building Contest will be held at Okanagan College, Kelowna Campus on Friday, Feb. 28, 2025. Ms. Marieke has invited Middle Years students to enter the Team Building competition. Deadline to apply is February 10.



SEL STEAM Groups

Ms. Shannon's SEL STEAM activities for elementary students are running throughout February on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Please touch base with her at scooper@sd22.bc.ca if your child would like to participate.

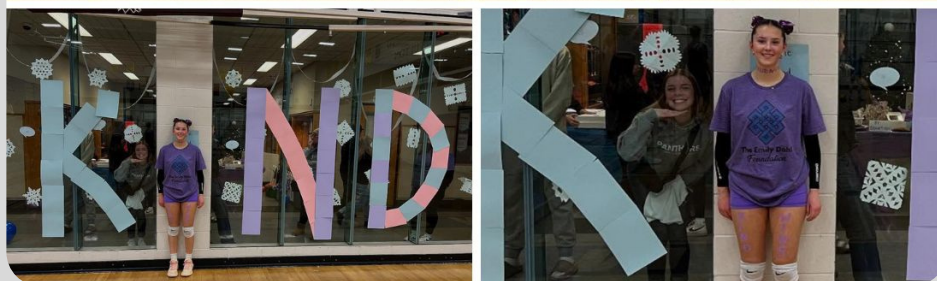


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Volleyball Academy

In December, the Beyond Sport Volleyball Academy (BSVA) hosted the third annual "Kindness Always Wins" event, setting a new record for participation and success. This event, was held at Fulton Secondary with the entire volleyball academy, along with parents, friends, and coaches, who came together to honor Emily Dahl's legacy. Head Coach, Troy Lorensen, emphasized the importance of teamwork and kindness, both on and off the court. The young athletes' efforts have left a lasting impact, showcasing the power of community and the enduring spirit of kindness.

As another Volleyball Academy wraps up, vLearn wants to extend a heartfelt **THANKS** to Troy and the Beyond Sport team for all they do to provide these amazing opportunities for youth! Your work is inspiring!





Our Pac Newsletter

Here's your opportunity!

School District 22 is participating in the Online Learning Survey provided by A. Willock Information System Inc.(AWIS) for the Ministry of Education and Child Care. This survey is ANONYMOUS and targets students in grade levels 4,7,10,11 and 12. This is a wonderful opportunity for all parents and guardians to share their experiences and feedback in regards to understanding and improving the online learning experience across the province.

The survey closes as of February 24.2025!

Here's the LINK:[survey](#).

Did you know?

Most of the teachers in vLearn are using this new platform called Canva. This online platform allows adults and students of all skill levels a creative visual for a variety of purposes such as school projects, newsletters, visual content, etc.,

Ms. Danielle can offer a Canva tutorial for parents/ Guardians if you would like to book a time with her (bring your computer) Might be helpful if one parent attends and this parent shares the knowledge.

DPAC UPDATE!

The BC Ombudsperson's office has begun an investigation into the exclusion of students in BC's public education system. This is a look at education province wide and not specifically SD22. PAC, DPAC, and the district urge families who feel their child has been excluded to complete the linked [survey](#) We all want what is best for our learners, this survey may have the power to foster significant change. Learn more [here](#).

CHESS CLUB!

For all the chess beginners and enthusiasts vLearn is hosting another chess club!

- Practices run every Tuesday starting Feb 4th from 1:30–2:30 and runs until April (end date to be determined).

These chess practices will be drop in where students will play and learn from one another with teacher supervision.

Located at Fulton high school room 221 (where the teachers desks are located).

* Also in April there will be a chance to play for vLearn at the District chess tournament.

T-Shirt Contest Update!

Our original voting round has landed us with a tie!! As students arrive for the in-person activity day on Wednesday,

February 5th, they will be able to vote in the tie breaker round. High school students and students not in attendance that day will be able to vote online afterwards, so stay tuned for details on that. In addition, PAC all full-time vLearn students who would like a t-shirt with one free of charge, just as we did last year. Ordering details to come once a design has been selected.





MAKING CONNECTIONS!

As a PAC, we want to make it as easily as possible for our community members to connect and stay informed. So, our wonderful PAC team has made this possible!

*Follow along for fun activities, opportunities and important reminder: HERES THE LINK: [Instagram!](#)

*If Facebook is the place you prefer to be, find us here:

[Facebook!](#)

*An informal vLearn family chat group has been set up by a group of parents. This is intended to be a place to share ideas, ask questions, organize meet-ups, and anything else you'd like it to be. The group is on Signal and can be found here:

https://signal.group/#CjQKIPzkHhEPIfxr6FGV7GJ61uGCmd6CXZfegCTlkfiehZJ4EhAiG_xivHb7lmydZ3LVDuxyP

PAC FAMILIES

Parents of vLearn are always welcome to the PAC Meetings! Our next meeting is March 5, 2025 from 9:30–11:30am located at the Fulton Highschool front entrance, in the glass room on the right hand side. See you there!

Do you have an activity you would like organized? PAC will soon be organizing some spring activity offerings and we'd love to hear your ideas!

Email us at pacvlearn@gmail.com.