

Principal's Message

As we embark on a new year, we want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey we have shared and the bright future that lies ahead. This past year has been filled with challenges, growth, and countless achievements, and we are so proud of the resilience and determination each of you has shown. We were privileged to share the unique programming and amazing community that vLearn is with the SD22 School Board of Trustees in December. You can read our report to the board [HERE](#).

As we welcome the new year, let us carry forward the lessons we've learned and embrace the opportunities that await us with open hearts and minds. Together, as a community, we will continue to support, inspire, and empower one another to reach new heights.

Wishing you all a year filled with hope, happiness, and success. Happy New Year!

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K – 7 Learning Updates

Just prior to the winter break, learning updates for K – 7 students were published in MyEd BC. Please take time to review your child's progress.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Important January Dates

- **6:** School resumes
- **7:** Middle Years Activity Day
- **8:** Elementary Activity Day – Artist Talk about Lawrence Paul Yuxweluptun & Natural Watercolor Project
- **10:** SilverStar Ski Program
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- **13:** Online Learning Survey available to families
- **13:** GLA/GNA Graduation Assessments
- **15:** PAC Meeting
- **15:** Elementary Activity Day – Squid Dissection
- **16:** GLA/GNA Graduation Assessments
- **20:** SilverStar Ski Program
- **21:** Grade 4 – 10 Skiing/Snowshoeing @ Sovereign Lake
- **22:** Elementary Activity Day – Snowshoeing @ Sovereign Lake
- **24:** Professional Development Day
- **29:** Elementary Activity Day – Snowshoeing @ Sovereign Lake



Second Semester Courses

Teachers will be reaching out to secondary students and families at the end of January to review Student Learning Plan's and load second semester course requests.

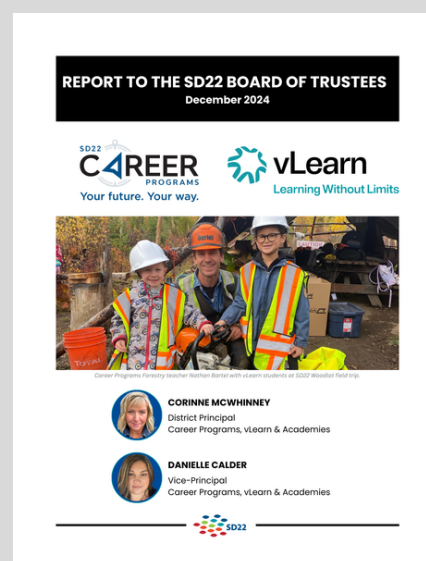
Graduation Assessments

Students in Grades 10 – 11 – 12 who need to write their literacy and numeracy exams, please check your e-mails to book!

Report to the Board

See our report to the SD22 School Board of Trustees [HERE](#). It was a wonderful way for us to reflect on our programs and share what vLearn is about with the wider community.

Thank you to students Aria and Emberleigh for attending and sharing their thoughts on being vLearn students with the Board of Trustees.



SCHOOL INFORMATION

Online Learning Survey

We are pleased to participate in the Online Learning Survey (OLS), provided by A. Willock Information Systems Inc. (AWIS) for the Ministry of Education and Child Care. The Online Learning Survey is a key data component of the Accountability and Quality Assurance Process for Online Learning Schools and is an important source of province-wide information about student's Online Learning experiences. Your participation is an important contribution to understanding and improving the Online Learning educational experiences of students across the province. Please find information about the survey below.

- All information collected is protected under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.
- There are no student-specific login codes, so responses cannot be tied to students.
- All responses will be kept anonymous: no one will be able to personally identify any students or parents through their responses.
- If any personal or identifying information is included in the responses, it will be deleted before results are processed and stored.
- Data will be stored in Canada and accessible only within Canada.
- This survey is voluntary, and participation is encouraged but not required.
- This survey is targeted towards students in grades 4, 7, 10, 11, and 12, as well as their parents.

The survey's start date is January 13, 2025, and will be open until February 24, 2025. Students and parents should be given the same login link to access the survey for your school. On the login page, individuals will choose their school and select if they are a parent or a student in one of the targeted grades. The Online Learning Survey login link is below:

<https://www.awinfosys.com/survey3/dlsurvey/main/>

Parenting in the Digital Age

How can parents ensure their children have a healthy relationship with technology? Social psychologist Sonia Livingstone suggests that the key lies in embracing technology alongside children -- and lays out a practical roadmap for how to get there

Review her TED Talk [**HERE**](#).



Our PAC Newsletter!

What is PAC?

The School Act gives parents the right and voice, through Parent Advisory Councils (PACs), to provide feedback in their school.

Our vLearn families are ALL PAC members which is amazing!! As a PAC we have elected executive members who are voted in to maintain a specific role in keeping the PAC going. We are given this wonderful opportunity to communicate with the Principal Corinne MacWhinney, Vice-Principal Danielle Calder, Secretary Karen Smith, parents of vLearn and our amazing community.

How does a PAC work?

As a PAC we are the voice for our children and we advocate the positive influence our programs have on their learning and socialization. We listen and act upon our parent community. Our PAC members are all voluntary and we are elected with specific roles assigned to make this organization work. Anyone can be a part of this amazing group of parents who care for vLearn, our children and want to see it grow! ❤️

Importance of Communication!

Our active involvement with our children and the programs that they are in has a strong impact on their learning, opportunities given, accomplishments, confidence and socialization with others. It's an amazing way for parents to support one another, build connections and have a positive role in our community.

Our vLearn PAC encourages families to attend the meetings so this gives opportunities for parents' concerns to be addressed, new ideas and positive feedback!

Thank yous

Congratulations! We have a winner for the t-shirt logo challenge! 🎉 Thank you for taking the time to submit your vote, and we will announce the winner in the new year!!

We are so proud of all the amazing, thoughtful, and creative designs your kiddos created!

*If you missed seeing the board with all the designs posted at the showcase, we as a PAC wanted to celebrate all the children who made a design by making wearable buttons!

It was so exciting to see all the entries this year and we will definitely be continuing this contest for the following years to come.

Activities, Opportunities and Important reminders:

More information to come in the New Year! 🎉

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!

- vLearn PAC is now on Instagram! Follow along for fun activities opportunities and important reminder:

<https://www.instagram.com/vlearnpac?igsh=a3g4NGV5dDYxbXc=>

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

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/fFyhWaoGZ8QZoA8h/?mibextid=IOulew>

vLearn Families ❤️

- 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/#CjQKIPlzkHhEPIfxr6FGV7GJ61uGCmd6CXZfegCTIkfiehzJ4EhAiG_xivHb7lmydZ3LVDuxyP

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