



vLearn

FEBRUARY NEWS



Administrator's Message

January has passed by in a blur as our school community has been incredibly busy. As second semester comes to a close, we are saying goodbye to many students who participated in our first semester academies in dance, hockey, volleyball, soccer, and alpine, freestyle, and nordic skiing. We are grateful for the energy and enthusiasm these students brought to vLearn, and we look forward to welcoming our EarthQuest and Golf Academy students as they join us for second semester. If your child would like to participate in an academy program next year, please make sure you complete the Expression of Interest before spring break. More information on academies can be found here: <https://www.sd22.bc.ca/academies>

Winter has also offered many opportunities for vLearn students to enjoy the outdoors through downhill skiing and snowboarding, snowshoeing, and skating. These activities bring joy and adventure while reminding us of the importance of connecting with nature in every season. Time spent outside, whether gliding across the ice or exploring snowy trails, helps support physical, mental, and emotional well being and encourages students to build confidence, resilience, and a sense of community.

On our recent professional development day, vLearn staff dedicated their time to volunteering at Gleaners, helping support food security efforts across our community. This hands-on experience not only strengthened our team bond but also reminded us of the importance of giving back. Contributing our time and energy to a local organization reinforces the values we hope to model for our students: service, compassion, and community responsibility. We are grateful for the opportunity to support such meaningful work.

Corinne and Danielle

GENERAL INFORMATION

Important Dates

- February 2: Grade 10 – 12 Student Drop-In Connection Session
- February 4: Grade 8 – 12 Term 2 Learning Updates released / PAC Meeting at Swan Lake Cafe / Elementary Activity Day @ Wildlife Museum
- February 5: Elementary Literacy Circles / EarthQuest Parent Meeting
- February 9: vLearn Ski Day @ SilverStar / Elementary Activity @ Okanagan Symphony / Grade 10 – 12 Student Drop-In Connection Session
- February 11: Elementary Activity Day @ vLearn (sylilx knowledge keeper)
- February 12: Elementary Literacy Circles
- February 13: Professional Development Day – No school / 2026.27 School Year Transfers and Registrations close
- February 16: Family Day Holiday – No school
- February 18: Elementary Activity Day K – 3 @ vLearn, Grades 4 – 7 @ Creekside Seniors
- February 19: Elementary Literacy Circles
- February 23: vLearn Ski Day @ SilverStar / Grade 10 – 12 Student Drop-In Connection Session / Chess Club
- February 25: Elementary Activity Day @ Priest Valley Arena (skating)
- February 26: Elementary Literacy Circles
- February 27: IBPOC Symposium

Building Connections for Grades 10 – 12

Teacher Julie Draht welcomes all Grade 10–12 vLearn students to an open drop-in session at the school every Monday from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm.

For many online learners, having regular in-person opportunities to connect with peers is an essential part of building confidence, belonging, and community. These Monday sessions give senior students a chance to socialize, collaborate, and strengthen their learning network in a relaxed, supportive environment. We would love to see your student join! Connect with Julie Draht jdraht@sd22.bc.ca if you would like more information.



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Foundry offers free and confidential mental health and wellness services for youth ages 12–24 in British Columbia and their families.

All services are free and confidential. No referrals required.

Learn more about their services here:

<https://foundrybc.ca/about-foundry-services/>

GENERAL INFORMATION

Grade 8 – 12 Learning Updates

Term 2 Learning Updates will be released on February 4. Please take time to review these learning updates with your child.

Please note that grades will not be reported for any courses where the student has completed less than 40% of the course material.

For a detailed and current overview of student progress and course-specific feedback, students can refer to the ASSESSMENTS/GRADES menu in their D2L Brightspace course.

Parents can view a summary of a student's progress in any course, including up-to-date grades and final course marks, by accessing the parent portal (<https://register.vlearn.ca/parent#/>) using the student's PEN (Provincial Education Number) and date of birth. For questions specific to a course or grade, please contact your teacher.

Field Trips (K – 12)

Please remember to sign up for field trips in advance and complete any required waivers before the deadline. Unfortunately, we aren't able to accommodate last-minute additions. Submitting forms on time helps us ensure accurate supervision and keep all students safe. Thank you for your support!

We love parent volunteers! If you hope to volunteer on a field trip, you will need to have a current Criminal Record Check on file with the school. You can complete it here: <https://justice.gov.bc.ca/eCRC/> Access Code: 8DKFWJBGEB

Second Semester Courses (Grades 10 – 12)

First semester courses should now be complete and second semester courses have been added for students. Please let us know if any further changes are needed or if you want to touch base regarding your child's graduation plan.

New Student Registration and Transfer Requests

Help our community grow by spreading the word within your home learning networks about the wonderful learning opportunities at vLearn.

We are excited to welcome children born in 2021 who will be entering Kindergarten next year.

Families are reminded to submit any new registrations or school transfer requests between January 15 and February 13, 2026.

Details and paperwork are [HERE](#).





OUR PAC NEWSLETTER



Do you have an activity you would like organized? We would love to hear your ideas!



Email us at:
pacvlearn@gmail.com



KONA T-SHIRT UPDATE!

If you signed your child up for a PAC contest T-shirt and have yet to receive it, you can collect your shirt at the school.

We also have a few back-order hoodies that should be ready in the beginning of February. (we will reach out to you once they are ready!)

Thank you for all your continuous support!

EXCITING NEWS!

The PAC is offering 2 fun swimming days!



WHEN: February 2nd & March 2nd

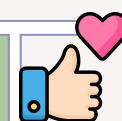
WHERE: Vernon Recreation center

TIME: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

35 spots available, all expenses paid on behalf of PAC!

JUST CLICK HERE: [SIGN UP FORM!](#)

WHAT'S INCLUDED: During these fun swims, the lap pool, leisure pool hot tub, and the pools fun features (diving board, waterslide, rock wall, rope swing, and basketball hoop) will be available on a rotational basis.



MAKING CONNECTIONS!

*Follow along for fun activities, opportunities and important reminder, linked here: [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 vLearn 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: [Here](#).

OKANAGAN SHUSWAP REGIONAL STEM FAIR

The Okanagan Shuswap Regional STEM Fair website is live and pre-registration is open! This fair open to grades 3-12 students, from all types of schools - homeschoilers and online learners included.

WEBSITE: [LINK](#)

WHERE: UBC Okanagan Campus, Kelowna
WHEN: March 10-11, 2026

AGE/GRADE CATEGORIES:

- Emerging Elementary (Grades 3-6)
- Inquiring Juniors (Grades 7-8)*
- Exploring Intermediates (Grade 9-10)*
- Researching Seniors (Grades 11-12)*

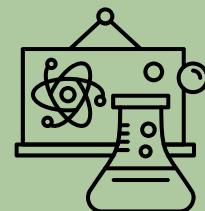
TYPES OF STUDENT PROJECTS:

- Discovery: Projects that use the scientific method to answer a question through investigation and experimentation
- Innovation: Projects that solve practical problems through technological design and innovation
- Indigenous Science/Traditional Ecological Knowledge: Projects that showcase Indigenous/First Peoples local knowledge. This includes local perspectives and understanding of the connectedness of the natural world around them

Top projects from grades 7 to 12 will be selected to participate at the annual Canada Wide Science Fair being held in Edmonton, Alberta from May 23-30th. There is also \$4000 in prizes awarded across all age groups and categories.

GREAT

OPPORTUNITIES!



WAYS TO SUPPORT VLEARN PAC!



*All you have to do is collect your receipts from [Nature's Fare](#), and [Butcher Boys](#), bring them to the scheduled PAC meetings and hand them to one of the Executive PAC members or you can place them into the receipt box located by the administration desk at Fulton! The funds raised by the collection of receipts are used to support students, families, the school, and extra-curricular activities.

Another way to support our vLearn Pac and look great doing it! All you have to do is use this LINK: [Homeschooling](#) and it will direct you to the [Okanagan Gift Co.](#) and choose your design. \$6.00 for every T-shirt/sweatshirt purchased goes towards the vLearn activities planned and organized by PAC!