

DECEMBER NEWS



Administrator's Message



As we welcome winter, we're grateful for the joy our students brought to the Elementary Learning Showcase, their pride in sharing projects and discoveries was contagious. We also loved seeing the excitement as classes travelled by school bus to UBC Okanagan for STEM Day; riding the bus is a real treat for our learners, and the hands-on science made the day unforgettable.

This season also invites us to learn from the syilx peoples. As November turns toward winter, many families focus on preparation, storing fall harvests, gathering firewood, and turning to captik^wł (oral storytelling) that begin with the first snows, a time set aside to pass teachings and strengthen community.

Secondary teachers have recently released Term 1 learning updates, sparking great conversations around student learning. Elementary learning updates will be shared by December 18, helping families celebrate progress and set goals for the new year.

Wishing everyone warmth, rest, and moments of wonder this month.







GENERAL INFORMATION

Middle Years connecting over cards in the community



Elementary Learning Showcase and trip to the OKL Firehall





Important Dates

- December 1: CLE/CLC Student Session
- December 2: MY Cohort and Elementary Literacy Circles
- December 3: Elementary Skating @ Centennial
- December 4: Elementary Literacy Circles
- December 8: CLE/CLC Student Session
- December 9: MY Cohort and Elementary Literacy Circles
- December 10: Elementary Skating @ Centennial
- December 11: Elementary Literacy Circles
- December 15: CLE/CLC Student Session and Secondary Password Change
- December 16: MY Cohort and Elementary Literacy Circles
- December 18: K 7 Learning Updates Available, Elementary Literacy Circles
- December 20 January 4 vLearn closed for winter break

Secondary Password Changes

Starting on December 15, Grade 8 - 12 students will be prompted to update their password upon their next login! A short instructional video has been emailed out. Their new password must meet the following requirements:

- Minimum of 12 characters
- Must contain at least three of the following character types:
 - Uppercase letters
 - lowercase letters
 - Number 0 9
 - Symbols (#, *, !, ?, etc.)
- Not contain any part of your name

This change is necessary to protect the security of our network. IF you encounter any difficulties, please connect with Hayley at vlearn@sd22.bc.ca



GENERAL INFORMATION

Career Programs

The Government of British Columbia <u>proclaimed November 24 to 28, 2025, as Careers Week</u> in BC, reflecting its commitment to work with educators and education partners to support career education and expand students' knowledge of diverse career pathways.

As part of Careers Week, SD22 Career Programs hosted a Career Programs information session at VSS. The event was well attended by families hoping to learn more about our programs.

The goal of the SD22 Career Programs team is to provide authentic opportunities and experiences for all students to build confidence and develop skills relevant to their chosen career path and community.

Some opportunities that exist for students are:

- Samplers (Trades, Technology, Engineering, Health, Spa) which are designed to provide a change to learn more about a cluster of careers and skills. Grades 10 - 12
- Forestry Trades program which exposes students to various trades and skills associated with forestry and the stewardship of a working woodlot. Grades 11/12
- Immersive experiences such as RCMP Youth Academy, Work Experience and Jr. Fire Crew. Grades 11/12.
- Day experiences such as Jill of All Trades and Try a Trade
- Dual Credit opportunities such as Trades foundation programs, Certificates or Micro-credentials in Health, Education, Business or Technology, and Academic courses. (Grade 12)





Learn more about SD22 Career Programs <u>HERE</u> and reach out to vLearn Career Coordinator **Debbie Meyer (dmeyer@sd22.bc.ca)** if you have additional questions about these opportunities for vLearn students. Applications for some programs can be accepted as early as Grade 8/9.



OUR PAC NEWSLETTER



<u>VLEARN PAC MEETING</u>

Do you have an activity <u>There will be NO PAC MEETING For the months of December and January!</u> you would like organized? We Would love to hear

All vLearn parents/caregivers (K through 12) are welcome and encouraged to attend! Cant make it in person, no worries join here: Zoom Link!

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 4th 2026!! WHERE: Fulton Highschool, ICE PALACE (front entrance located in the glass tile room on

TIME: 9:30 am - 11:30 am. (9:30 am - 10:00 am, open group discussion for vLearn

Mave a Wonderful Winter Break!



Email us at: pacvlearn@gmail.com

WINTER HAMPER!

What a successful Hamper Drive!! The amount of donations offered was amazing, and the response we received from Common Threads was just pure joy and gratefulness. We feel as a PAC that we will continue this opportunity for the community and possibly organize a second Drive this Spring. These organizations are always in need so feel free to donate at any time! Here's the Link: <u>Common Threads</u>

WAY TO GO VLEARN FAMILIES!!

CONGRATULATIONS SAM!

YOU ARE THE T-SHIRT DESIGN LOGO CONTEST WINNER!!

We would like to thank all the contestants for your wonderfully creative designs and for all the voters who supported their peers!



MAKING CONNECTIONS!

*Follow along for fun activities, opportunities and important reminder, linked here: <u>Instagram!</u>

*If Facebook is the place you prefer to be, find us here: <u>Facebook!</u>

*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: <u>Here.</u>

<u>WAYS TO SUPPORT VLEARN PAC!</u>

That <mark>Nature's Fare</mark> has a 3% program for non profit Organizations! We received around \$2,000.00 last year just from submitting receipts!! The funds are used to support students, families, the school, and extracurricular activities.



The Butcher Boys grocery receipts award us with a \$50.00 gift card for every \$5,000.00 spent before

*All you have to do is collect your receipts and 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!

We live in such an amazing community willing to help our children thrive!

If you want to support our vLearn Pac and look great doing it! Okanagan Gift Co. and our vLearn moms have designed these amazing T-shirts or sweatshirt for homeschool families. All you have to do is use this LINK: <u>Homeschooling</u> and choose your design! The T-shirts cost \$35.00 and sweatshirts cost \$55.00 the PAC receives \$6.00 for every T-shirt/sweatshirt purchased! This money goes towards the vLearn activities planned and organized by PAC!



View Our:

Community Activities:

<u>Click Here For More Details!</u>

Media Smarts Self-guided parent workshop:

Raising Digitally Resilient Kids