

November 20, 2015

Dear Parent(s) and/or Guardian(s):

This year, every school district in British Columbia will be starting the process of transitioning to the new Provincial Curriculum Framework. To support the transition, the Ministry of Education will be providing time for educators to become familiar with the new curriculum.

During the 2015-16 school year, two non-instructional days will be designated for educators to work directly with the new curriculum.

The two additional **non**-instructional days for the Greater Victoria School District are:

- Monday, January 11, 2016
- Monday, April 4, 2016

Days in session	184
Minimum number of days of instruction	175
Maximum number of non-instructional days	8
Professional Development Days: (non-instructional days)	Monday, September 21, 2015 Friday, October 23, 2015 Friday, November 20, 2015 Friday, February 19, 2016 Friday, May 20, 2016 To be chosen by each school
Curriculum Implementation Days: (non-instructional days)	January 11, 2016 April 4, 2016
School Opening Day	Tuesday, September 8, 2015
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 12, 2015
Remembrance Day	Wednesday, November 11, 2015
Last day of school before Winter vacation	Friday, December 18, 2015
Winter Vacation	December 21, 2015 to January 1, 2016
Schools re-open after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 4, 2016
Family Day	Monday, February 8, 2016
Last day of school before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 11, 2016
Spring Vacation	March 14, 2016 to March 28, 2016
Schools re-open after Spring Vacation	Tuesday, March 29, 2016
Good Friday	Friday, March 25, 2016
Easter Monday	Monday, March 28, 2016
Victoria Day	Monday, May 23, 2016
Last day of school for students	Thursday, June 23, 2016
Year-end Administrative Day (& School closing day/year end)	Friday, June 24, 2016

If you have any comments or questions about these two additional non-instructional days, please contact me at plangstraat@sd61.bc.ca

Yours sincerely,



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