

# NEWS & VIEWS



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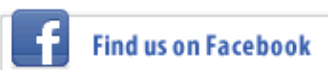
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## WINTER CELEBRATION

The Family Centre would like to invite you to join us for a potluck celebration before you head into the winter break. We will provide drinks and invite you to bring whatever snack you would traditionally eat at a celebration. We will have family craft activities and look forward to seeing you there.

**DATE:** Thursday December 8th, 2016

**TIME:** 5:00-6:30pm

**PLACE:** The Family Centre

39208-2375 Lam Circle

Please call us if you would like more information: 250.472.4062

## Family Centre Holiday Closure

The Family Centre will be **closed Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**. Programs will resume on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

Campus Security remains open over the Christmas holiday in the event of an emergency.

Emergency line: 250-721-7599

Non Emergency Line: 250-721-6683

Residence Services will be closed December 24<sup>th</sup> – January 2<sup>nd</sup>, reopening Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 8am. Contact Campus Security for any emergency maintenance issues during this closure. Non-emergency maintenance issues will be addressed once Residence Services reopens in January.

## Family Centre Weekly Programs

<b>Monday – Family Learn and Share</b>	10:00am-12noon
<b>Monday – Mom's Time Out</b>	7:00-9:00pm
<b>Wednesday – Early Learning Program</b>	1:30-3:00pm
<b>Thursday – After School Program</b>	3:30-5:00pm
<b>Friday – Early Learning Program</b>	10:00am-12noon

In addition to weekly programs, the Family Centre is open Mondays 9-2pm and 5-9pm; Wednesdays 9:30-3:00pm; Thursdays 1:00 - 5:00pm and Fridays 9:30 - 1:30pm. We also have monthly book clubs and special events. For more information please check out our Facebook page or contact us at [familyc@uvic.ca](mailto:familyc@uvic.ca).



# Christmas in Victoria

Victoria has so much to offer this holiday season, so make sure that in amongst assignment deadlines and final exam study sessions, you carve out some time to experience the fun and joy of this season.

**25<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Trees.** This much-loved exhibit is by donation and helps raise much-needed funds for BC Children's Hospital. The Festival of Trees creates a "lush forest of beautifully decorated trees". **Until January 5<sup>th</sup>.** Two locations – The Bay Centre and The Empress Hotel.

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Canada's National Gingerbread Showcase.** This event brings together professionals and amateur chefs from across Canada, dazzling visitors with their skills. Vote for your favourite and make a donation to Habitat for Humanity Victoria. This year's theme is "Around the World" and bakers are encouraged to let their creativity lead the way, whether it is finding inspiration in travel, traditions and cultures, or adventures with friends. **Until January 2, 9am-9pm.** Location – The Inn at Laurel Point, 680 Montreal St.

**Marina Light Up.** Don't miss the many colourful boats in the Inner Harbour lit in a vibrant display of Christmas lights! Festive lights and decor will also adorn the Inner Harbour, Wharf Street, and Fisherman's Wharf Marinas. Lights will be lit **through the end of December.**

**DVBA Ferris Wheel in Centennial Square.** Witness the lights of Centennial Square and Downtown Victoria from 20 metres up. Grab a snack from local food vendors, enjoy holiday entertainment, try out the audio-reactive tree, and meet Santa. **See website for a variety of available dates** <http://www.downtownvictoria.ca/holidays>. Location – Centennial Square, downtown Victoria. \$3 per ride.

**Free Horse Drawn Trolley Rides.** Enjoy a classic downtown tradition with your family this holiday season for FREE! Every weekend, horse-drawn trolleys will circulate throughout downtown making it an enjoyable experience for you as you take in the festive sights and sounds of the holidays. **Saturdays and Sundays until Christmas Eve, 11am-3pm.** See <http://www.downtownvictoria.ca/holidays> for pick up locations.

**Ogden Point Market and Christmas Light Up.** Find the perfect Christmas gift among the local vendor offerings and treat yourself to tasty snacks and hot chocolate. Stay until dusk and watch Ogden Point and the Truck Convoy as they light up with thousands of Christmas lights. Bring your non-perishable food items and cash donations to support the Mustard Seed and local food banks. **December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2-6pm**

**IEOA Truck Light Convoy & Food Drive.** Help Support the Local Food Bank by heading out to the streets on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>, and watching a convoy of festive trucks roll by. Bring the entire family to enjoy the holiday tradition, as it rolls through your neighbourhood! **December 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:30-8:30pm.** For a map and timings, see <http://victoriabuzz.com/2016/11/ieoa-truck-light-convoy-and-food-drive/>

**Food  
for  
fines.**

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Food for Fines is an annual food drive put on by the UVic Libraries. Every year we collect food, personal needs items and money in support of the Mustard Seed and UVic Students' Society (UVSS) food banks.

For every non-perishable food item or personal item, like toothbrushes or soap, we will take \$2 off your fines up to \$20

You can also "pay" for your fines, but ask that up to \$20 of your fines be donated to the food banks instead of the libraries.

## Winter Celebrations

Many of us in Canada celebrate Christmas in December but December is a month that holds celebrations for many cultures and religions around the world. Here are some that are being celebrated this month.

Hanukkah: a Jewish holiday.  
December 6<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>

Bodhi Day: a Buddhist celebration.  
December 8<sup>th</sup>

Yule/Winter Solstice: a pagan celebration  
December 21<sup>st</sup>

Pancha Ganapati: a Hindu festival  
December 21-25

Christmas Day: a Christian celebration  
December 25<sup>th</sup>

Kwanzaa: an African American celebration  
December 26<sup>th</sup>-January 1<sup>st</sup>

## After School Club Fun

By Carmen Chandler

This year the after school club has gone on many adventures. We have pretended to be gruffalos in the woods, gone on treasure hunts, we have made stone soup, and many other creative and whimsical activities. For a special treat the After School Club came decked out in our PJ's to the Family Centre for pizza and a movie. Overall this was a success that we look forward to doing again.





# Programs and Events

## Family Learn and Share

On Monday mornings from **10:00am-12:00pm** the Family Centre hosts a drop-in program for families to interact and learn from one another. Each week there is a designated focus topic and facilitator.

Monday 5<sup>th</sup>: Public Health Nurse, Jane Wismer.

Monday 12<sup>th</sup>: TBA.

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>: Family Centre Closed.

## Early Learning Program:

Families are welcome to this drop-in program that runs on **Wednesday from 1:30pm-3:00pm and Friday mornings from 10:00am-12:00pm**. Learning through play is encouraged in an environment that promotes children's inherent love of learning and sense of wonder. Each morning session concludes with a storytime with songs/music as well as an opportunity for outdoor play.

## After School Club:

School Aged Kids (Grades 1-6) are invited to the Family Centre's After School Club on **Thursdays from 3:30 - 5:00 pm**. We will be doing a variety of activities each week. These might include outdoor games like soccer, tag, and croquet, as well as puzzles, projects, board games, talent shows and crafts. **Please make sure your kids are dressed for the outdoors.**

## Mom's Time Out!

Do you need a 'time-out'? The Family Centre is open on **Monday nights from 7-9pm**, for women to get together, have a cup of tea and chat. Feel free to come for half an hour or stay for the whole time. If you don't have children – don't let the name deceive you! You're welcome. (Note: Nursing infants welcome.)

## Book Club:

The Family Centre has a book club that meets on **the third Thursday of each month** to discuss a novel chosen by the group. If you enjoy reading and would like to get together with others please come along. To find out more join our Facebook group or send us an email at [familyhousingbookclub@gmail.com](mailto:familyhousingbookclub@gmail.com).

## Conversation Club

Are you looking for an opportunity to practice your English language skills? If so, this is the program for you! On Tuesday evenings, the Family Centre is offering an introduction to speaking English. This women-only program will take place on Tuesday nights from 7-9pm, December 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.

# Community Events



**African Percussion Concert, Phillip T. Young Recital Hall, B-Wing, MacLaurin Building, Dec 1, 10:30-11:20am.**

## **Admission by donation**

The thirty-member percussion ensemble from UVic's African Hand Drumming class (MUS 108) performs a repertoire of rhythms on djembe, balafon and dundun.

**Santa Visits UVic. Location: Patio outside Mystic Market, Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>, 11:45am-1:45pm**

Visit with Santa Claus on the Mystic Market patio for photos, complimentary hot chocolate and cookies

**Friday Music, Phillip T. Young Recital Hall, B-Wing, MacLaurin Building, Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>, 12:30-1:20pm**

Enjoy an afternoon concert featuring the UVic School of Music Percussion Ensemble in a program of varied repertoire.

## **Christmas Movies at the Cinecenta**

*National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*  
Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 1pm and 4pm showings.

*Love Actually*  
Dec 21<sup>st</sup>, 7pm.

*It's a Wonderful Life*  
Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7pm.

