



## Dr. Annie B. Jamieson Elementary

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### PAC Winter Social

Last Thursday, Jamieson kicked off the holiday season with the PAC Winter Social. It was a very successful, fun-filled event. Thank-you to all the families who brought food to the potluck. The tables were full of a great variety of different kinds of food to enjoy. The Santa Sale and Silent Auction were busy throughout the night with many items to tempt the wallet. The highlight of the evening was the Disco Dance with prizes. Children and a few adults danced much of the night. Thank-you to the PAC for their hard work organizing this event. The research is clear that strong family-school connections benefit children. Children need to feel a sense of belonging to a community to be emotionally happy. I would like to thank the PAC for their work organizing events that draw the community together.

### Student Council

The Student Council is up and running under the guidance of Mr. Bartlett. Every class from Grade 4 – 7 has two student council members. Meetings occur every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 12:25pm. Students with concerns, questions or ideas should bring their thoughts forward to the Student Council Reps for discussion.

### Spirit Days

The student Council recently showed their support for the Movember campaign by holding *Mustache Day* on Nov. 24. Students wore mustaches to raise awareness about men's health issues.

The next Spirit Day will be 'Pajama Day' on December 22. I love pajama day, especially in December!



### Strings Winter Concert



Students are working hard to prepare for our annual Winter Concert. The evening concert will be held on Wednesday, December 13, 7:00 pm. Divisions 1 to 9 and the gr. 4's from Divisions 10 & 11 are performing in the John Oliver Secondary

School Auditorium. Audience seating is first-come -first-served. No tickets are required. Auditorium doors will open to the audience at 6:45 pm.

There will be a daytime concert on Thursday, December 14 and the students will perform for a second time in the John Oliver Auditorium. The daytime concert will begin at about 10:50 am. Parents are welcome to attend.

### Student Learning Grant

This fall we were very fortunate to receive a **Student Learning Grant** from the Ministry of Education. This one-time funding grant was provided to support teachers in purchasing learning resources that support the implementation of the new curriculum. All enrolling teachers received a laptop to support the integration of technology and assist with reporting to parents. The funding amount allocated to Jamieson was \$15,456.00. In addition to purchasing technology, this money will be spent on learning resources for students.

### Communicating Student Learning and the New Curriculum

Many Vancouver Public Schools, along with schools throughout British Columbia, are moving from a model of 'reporting to parents' on a regular and pre-determined basis throughout the school year. This year, a team of teachers in our school will be participating in a district-initiated pilot project along with other Vancouver schools and their teachers. These teacher teams will work with the school district to provide parents with timely and responsive communications of student learning throughout the year.

Parents with children in these classes will receive five communications from teachers within a school year:

- A written progress report at the end of January
- A written summative report at the end of June
- A minimum of three ongoing communications of student learning in various subject areas

The written reports will include descriptive comments and a summary of student progress in relation to the learning standards from the BC Curriculum. Detailed information about these changes will be sent home to parents/guardians if your child's teacher is participating in the project.

The following divisions are participating in the Pilot Project:

- Div 2 Ms. Joseph
- Div 4 Ms. Eng / Mr. Bartlett
- Div 8 Ms. Lin
- Div 9 Ms. Zhang
- Div 12 Mrs. Rodriguez
- Div 17 Ms. Cvekic
- Div 18 Ms. Dorchester



Classes not participating in the pilot will follow the usual reporting timeline. Reports will be sent home on Dec 20th.

### Dancers of Damelahamid

We are looking forward to hosting the Dancers of Damelahamid On **December 18 @ 1:45 pm**. This is a school-wide performance featuring Indigenous song, dance and story-telling from the NorthWest Coast of British Columbia.

### Sing-A-Long

In keeping with Jamieson traditions, we will have holiday sing-alongs in the last week of school before the break. Parents are welcome to attend and we will keep you informed as plans are finalized.



### Lost & Found

The Lost and Found Cart is growing. Is your child's closet shrinking? Lost and Found items are located just around the office.

### Registrations

The deadline for priority registration for Grades K-7 is Wednesday, January 31st.

Mandarin Bilingual Program application deadline is Wednesday, January 31st. Application packages are available in the office.

## Jamieson Elementary School Grade 4 Mandarin Bilingual Program

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For more information about the  
Program, please join us on

**Wednesday, January 17, 2018**

**Time: 6:30pm**

at Jamieson Elementary School  
At South Hill, Room 112  
5987 Prince Albert St  
(604)713-5367  
website: [jamieson.vsb.bc.ca](http://jamieson.vsb.bc.ca)

### Food Drive

Many families in our greater community find this time of year particularly difficult putting food on the table and presents under the tree. This is also the time of year when we can be most generous towards others. For many years, Jamieson School has been a great supporter of the Greater Vancouver Food Bank. We are hosting a two week **FOOD drive** that begins on **Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>** to support those who need it. Each classroom has donation boxes to collect the donations. The most helpful food donations are high protein and low salt items such as canned meats, beans and hearty soups and baby food.

For more information about each organization and how they can best be helped, please follow the links to their websites.  
<http://www.foodbank.bc.ca>



### Safe Arrival

If your child is absent from school, please phone the school to report this absence as early as possible. Parents should leave a message on a dedicated answering service by calling **604-713-5367 and choosing option 1**. School offices are busy places: consistently notifying the school in advance of your child's absence will significantly improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Safe Arrival Morning Routine.

### Volleyball

The volleyball season is coming to an end. We have 2 exciting tournaments this week.  
Senior Girls @ Tupper on Thursday  
Senior Boys @ Magee on Wednesday

Best of luck to both teams! We know participating in these tournaments will be a lot of fun.

### Basketball

Basketball season begins in the month of January. This year, we will have 3 teams: Senior Boys (Grade 7), Senior Girls (Grades 6/7) and Junior Boys (Grades 5/6)



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Professional Development Day 	2
3	4	5 Hot Lunch-Pizza Div 8&9-Science World	6 Hot Lunch-FUEL Catering Food Drive starts	7 Hot Lunch-Chinese Noodle	8 Div 9-Soapstone workshop am Div 2-Soapstone workshop pm	9
10	11 Div 15-Soapstone workshop	12 Hot Lunch-Hamburger	13 Hot Lunch-Pizza Winter Strings Concert at John Oliver, 7pm 	14 Hot Lunch-Japanese Strings School Concert at JO, 10:50am 	15	16
17	18 Dance Performance, 1:45pm	19	20 Food Drive ends Div 1,3,5,6,7,10,11,13, 14,15,16,19,20-Report Cards Home 	21	22 Last day of school before winter break	23
24/31	25 	26 Boxing Day	27 WINTER BREAK—December 25-January 5	28	29	30 