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Jamieson News

November 2017

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Remembrance Day Assembly

Parents are invited to the school's Remembrance Day Assembly on Thursday, November 9th after recess. Students in Grade 7 will MC this important event and a few classes will share presentations. A unique part of Jamieson assemblies is asking students in Sparks, Guides, Brownies, Beavers, Cubs Scouts or Cadets to act as Honour Guards to walk in our national and provincial flags. This year, we are also welcoming a special guest Corporal Master Lee who will speak to the students. The assembly will be in the gym.



No School on Friday, November 10th and Monday, November 13th.

Please note that there will be no school on Friday, November 10th and Monday, November 13th. Friday will be a professional day where staff will be focusing on the new curriculum. On Monday, the school will be closed in lieu of Remembrance Day.

Reporting Student Absences / Lates - Reminders

Student safety is of paramount importance at the Vancouver School District. Ensuring student safety is a shared responsibility. In order to assist schools, we ask parents to notify the school of student absences. If your child will be 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.

To Report Your Child's Absence – Please Call **604-713-5367 and press 1** prior to 9 am on the first day of the absence.

Student Sign Out Procedure

When you pick up your child during the school day, please ensure that you sign them out at the school office. If you do not sign out your child, they will be unaccounted for, and the school will identify your child as a 'missing' student and will commence a search of school grounds. If the school staff do not locate the child, and are unable to reach a parent promptly, the school will call the Vancouver Police Department. Therefore, clear communication is essential for ensuring the safety of your child and to prevent unnecessary searches. Thank you for helping us keep your children safe!

Senior Girls and Boys Volleyball

The grade 7 girls and boys volleyball season is well underway with practices and games each week. Senior boys have games on Wednesdays and play at Sexsmith this week. Senior Girls have games on Thursday and play at Laurier this week. Participation in school sports teams provides an opportunity to not only develop volleyball skills, but develop skills of cooperation, communication and collaboration. Students are also expected to be respectful, try their best, and demonstrate strong sportsmanship. They are coached by Ms. Tang and Miss Eng.

Update on Seismic Work Happening at Jamieson

- Demolition and removal of hazardous materials above the surface completed. Entire school is cleaned out leaving only the shell of the Classroom and administration blocks.
- Tendering of all major construction packages completed and work awarded
- Concrete slab cutting, soil anchors and structural steel will commence next week (approx. duration 3 months)
- Approval given to replace all school light fixtures and flooring in place!
- The project is on budget and schedule. Estimated completion date March 2019.





**Do you have a child born in 2013?
Kindergarten registration started on November 1st**

All Kindergarten applicants are required to submit an application to their English catchment elementary school. This includes families who wish to apply for choice programs (French Immersion, Montessori, etc.) and/or a cross boundary placement.

The priority registration period for Kindergarten opens on **Wednesday, November 1st** and closes at **3:30 pm on Wednesday, January 31st**. Students who submit an application within this priority period will be accommodated before late applicants.

If your child was born outside of Canada, you need to report to the [VSB District Reception and Placement Centre \(DRPC\)](#) and complete the initial Kindergarten application there.

In a few Vancouver schools there may be more in-catchment applicants than the school can accommodate. For those schools, applicants who applied within the priority registration period (November 1 to January 31) will be included in a draw for available spaces. Students with siblings already in attendance at the school (and who will be attending next year) will be placed prior to the draw.

When registering your child please bring:

- Proof of residence in Vancouver—property tax statement/rental agreement plus a current hydro/cable bill
- Child's birth certificate
- Immigration documents (if applicable)
- Parents' Canadian documentation (birth certificate, passport, or permanent residence card)
- Immunization records

If you want to apply for a Choice program or cross-boundary, you must first apply to your English catchment elementary school. Applications for Choice programs and cross boundary placements will be accepted in early 2018, but only after you have registered at your catchment school.

For more information on Kindergarten registration please visit: <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/kindergarten>

Registration for Grades 1-7 Students

If you are moving or know someone who is moving into the Jamieson area which a child in grades 1-7, registration for the 2018-2019 school year also began on November 1st.

Jamieson Mandarin Bilingual Program Registration

The Mandarin Bilingual Program which starts in Grade 4 is unique to Jamieson. Students learn Mandarin in an effective and challenging way! The students also participate in a rich Mandarin cultural learning experience as they learn a second language! The students are highly motivated and enjoy their learning experience in the Mandarin program. As well, they have the opportunity to explore hidden musical talents in the highly successful Strings Program.

Registration for the Mandarin Bilingual Program, Grade 4, started on **November 1st and ends January 31st**. **Registration takes place at the school!** Applications and information for the program are available in the office. Further information regarding the program is available on the school's website <http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/Jamieson/Programs/Pages/Mandarin-Bilingual-Program.aspx> and the VSB website www.vsb.bc.ca. **The Mandarin Program information meeting is on January 17th at 6:30 pm in Room 112.**

Gr 8 District Programs

The examination for the gr. 8 District Cognitive Skills test takes place on **November 21st at 1pm at Churchill Secondary**. Grade 7 students have until Thursday, November 9 to go online and register for the test. Student's PEN is required for online registration. Information regarding the grade 8 programs was sent home to grade 7 students in September. Website links regarding mini school programs: www.vsb.bc.ca/program/mini-school-registration and <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/mini-schools-frequently-asked-questions>

High School Registration

Counsellors from our feeder high schools (Churchill and Hamber) will meet with the grade 7 students in January/February 2018 and give them the grade 8 course selection forms to complete. All grade 7 Mandarin program students will be transitioned to Hamber to continue in the grade 8 Mandarin program; if they choose to attend elsewhere, please inform the office.



Your Child & Illness

When your child shows signs of an illness (ie coughing, sneezing, vomiting from flu, etc), it is important that he/she be kept at home until symptoms are gone! We realize that it is sometimes upsetting to your child to miss school, but many others are affected when an unwell child is in attendance.



Lost & Found

The Lost and Found Cart is growing.

Is your child's closet shrinking?

Lost and Found items are located on the other side of the wall of the office.

PAC News

Next PAC Meeting: Monday, November 27, 6pm

PAC gift card fundraiser is open!

The PAC is offering the gift card fundraisers again this year to help raise funds for library materials and new furniture for the redesigned library at Jamieson. Notices and order forms for this fundraiser were sent home this week. Orders will be ready the week of Dec 4th at school, so with plenty of time to use them or gift them for the upcoming season. As the gift cards have no expiry date, you may also save them for future shopping needs. Order forms can be dropped off at the office, and there are extra forms outside the office as well. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at: jamiesonpac@gmail.com

Thank you for your support!

Winter Family Social

Jamieson students, parents and extended families, you are invited to Jamieson PAC's annual Winter Family Social for an evening of delicious homemade food (potluck), fun and entertainment. Prizes, an auction and an unrivalled disco dance party are in the works. More information will be sent home in mid-November.

Date: Thursday November 30, 2018

Time: 6PM-7PM Potluck dinner

7PM-9PM Entertainment

Jamieson students, you are invited to send in your list of favourite songs for the dance party. Please email your wish list to jamiesonpac@gmail.com by November 24th.

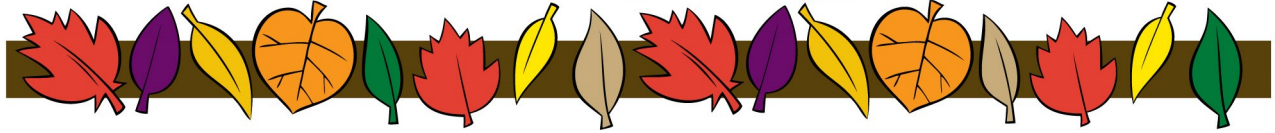


Grade 7 Fundraiser

The Grad Committee will be holding their first fundraising events: Santa Sale and Silent Auction, in conjunction with the Winter Social on the evening of Nov. 30. In the past, these fundraisers have been very successful. At this time, we would like to ask for any donations of new or gently used books, toys, trinkets for kids, etc., for the Santa Sale (but no stuffed toys please), or if anybody has contacts they can reach out to for larger donations for the Silent Auction, that would also be greatly appreciated.

Kathy Tran will be collecting donations at the main gym entrance on the mornings of Nov 7 and 14 from 8:30 am to 9:15 am, and on Nov 8 and 15 from 8:00 am to 9:15 am. If you cannot make it during these times, but have something to donate, please email jamiesongrad2018@gmail.com and we can make other arrangements. Every donation helps!

November



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			<p>1 Hot Lunch-Pizza</p> <p>Photo Retake Day</p> <p>Return It! Assembly, 11am</p> 	<p>2 Hot Lunch-Japanese</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 Daylight Savings Time Ends</p> 	<p>6</p>	<p>7 Hot Lunch-FUEL Catering</p>	<p>8 Hot Lunch-Fried Rice</p>	<p>9 Hot Lunch-Japanese</p> <p>Remembrance Day Assembly, 11am</p> <p>Gr 7 deadline for Mini School registration</p>	<p>10 Curriculum Implementation Day -No school for students</p>	<p>11 Remembrance Day</p> 
<p>12</p>	<p>13 School Closed—in lieu of November 11</p> 	<p>14 Hot Lunch-Hamburger</p>	<p>15 Hot Lunch-Pizza</p> <p>Gr. 4-7-VSO, 11-1:30pm</p>	<p>16 Hot Lunch-Japanese</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Hot Lunch-Pizza</p> <p>Gr 7 Mini School Test</p> <p>POPS orchestra at Magee Stringvitational, 7pm at Magee</p>	<p>22 Hot Lunch-Chinese Noodle</p> <p>Div 14-Vancouver Art Gallery, 8:45-12:30</p>	<p>23 Hot Lunch-FUEL Catering</p> <p>K Vision Screening, 9am-12pm</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27 PAC Meeting, 6pm</p> 	<p>28 Hot Lunch-Hambruger</p>	<p>29 Hot Lunch-Pizza</p>	<p>30 Hot Lunch-Japanese</p> <p>Div 2-HR MacMillan Space Centre, 9am-3pm</p> <p>PAC Winter Social, 6-9pm</p> 		