



Jessie Wowk News – September 18 - 22

Sept. 18 Monday	
Sept. 19 Tuesday	
Sept. 20 Wednesday	Hot Lunch: Pizza Day (Order on Munch-a-Lunch)
Sept. 21 Thursday	Meet the Staff Night at 6 pm – 7 pm Hot Lunch: Sushi Day (Order on Munch-a-Lunch)
Sept. 22 Friday	Non – Instructional Day / Students Do Not Attend School

School Forms

This week families should have received the following forms:

- Student Information Verification (blue form)
- Outdoor Classroom and Walking Field Trip Form (green form)
- Personal Consent Form (yellow form)

Division 8 and 9 families will receive these forms next week. This is just a reminder to please review, sign and return these forms to your child’s teacher by September 21st

Please note that we are kindly requesting for families to please provide \$33 dollars for school fees and \$7 dollars for their agenda / planner. Information about how to pay online can be found at the following link:

<https://richmondsd38.schoolcashionline.com/>

School Fees and Financial Assistance

We do recognize and respect that some families may benefit from financial assistance with any costs related to their child’s educational experiences, such as school supply fees, field trip costs, instrument rentals, etc. If you are a family who could benefit from such supports, I ask that you please do not hesitate to contact me directly at cdaum@sd38.bc.ca or call me here at the school. What you share will be kept confidential and there will be no questions asked about your family’s circumstances. Thank you.

Meet the Staff Night

We're excited to be welcoming all of our families to our Meet the Staff evening this Thursday, September 21st. Families are welcome to visit their child's classroom at 6:00 pm at the classroom door. After you have a chance to meet your child(ren)'s teacher, families are welcome to come out to the south field and playground for a community picnic. Families are also welcome to come into the gym to watch a slideshow that will introduce the staff and show you some videos and photos from our first three weeks together. Please note that night is to come together, meet your child's teacher, and celebrate the start of a great year together. There will be time for more conversations about your child's learning and goals for your child during our parent – teacher conferences.

Please see the PAC flyer below for information and I would like to extend our gratitude to our PAC committee for providing pizza to our families for this event.

Terry Fox Run



On Monday, September 25th we will be having our annual Terry Fox Run. For next week students will be learning about Terry's legacy and we will be fundraising for the Terry Fox Foundation. A pledge form will be coming home to families and you are welcome to donate to the foundation using this form or if you would prefer families are also welcome to bring in a Toonie For Terry. We are always so thankful for the tremendous response we receive from our community when fundraising and raising awareness about the Terry Fox Foundation and we thank you in advance for your support.

Please stay tuned for information in next week's Jessie Wowk News for details about our afternoon Terry Fox Run on Monday, September 25th. Please go here to learn more about the [Terry Fox Foundation](#).

Please Pack Utensils in Your Child's Lunch

We have noticed an increase in the number of students who are asking for a fork or spoon so that they can eat their lunch. Often this takes time away from our students being able to eat their lunch and be ready to learn when lunch is over. We do ask that families please provide these utensils for their child, though we do understand that occasionally these items are forgotten or accidentally not packed in their lunch.

Lunch Drop – Off

If you are dropping off your child's lunch, we ask that you please leave it at the front entrance on the shelf provided. Please do not walk into the school to bring it directly to your child as we do ask for all visitors to sign in and wear a visitor tag while they are in the school. This is an important procedure in keeping our school safe and so that we are always aware of which adults are in the building when our students are present. We thank all families for following these important procedures.



Scholastic Book Fair - Looking for Volunteers

The **Scholastic Book Fair** will be held the week of October 3 - 6th (Wednesday and Friday). This book sale provides funds for new books for the library and classrooms. Two volunteers will be needed each morning, and 3 volunteers are needed each afternoon after school. Please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48ACAE2FA3F9C16-scholastic2>. If you have any questions, please email Ms. Buhr at ebuhr@sd38.bc.ca. Thank you for your support!

Health and Safety: Scent Free Environment

We would just like to inform all families know that Jessie Wowk is a scent free environment as we do have members of our community who experience health concerns when they are exposed to scents such as perfumes or colognes. We have had some students wearing scented products while at school and we are kindly asking for support from our families in ensuring that our students are not wearing them while at school. Thank you.

PAC Message and Announcements

Welcome

MEET THE STAFF
at Jessie Wowk

Sept 21, 2023
at 6:00pm

Please come by the school with your family at 6pm, you can proceed and meet your child(ren)'s teacher(s). Afterwards, please come to the back of the school by the basketball court and enjoy pizza from the courtesy of PAC!

Note: Pizza will be first come first serve

DISTRICT CODE OF CONDUCT

HOW WE LEARN AND WORK TOGETHER

The Board of Education recognizes its obligation to provide all members of our school district community with a positive climate and a safe, healthy environment.

As we learn and work together, we will...

- 1** Show respect for the diversity of the members of our school and district community.
- 2** Behave in a safe, considerate and courteous manner.
- 3** Not threaten, harass, intimidate or assault, in any way, any person within our school district community, through physical violence, print or electronic media.
- 4** Not be in possession of weapons, dangerous articles, alcohol or illegal drugs while in school or work.
- 5** Show respect and pride in our school district buildings and equipment through care and appropriate use of school district property.
- 6** Respect the non smoking environment of our schools and school district facilities.



Our expectations for how we learn and work together shall apply to everyone in our schools and at school functions.

The complete code of conduct
is available online at:
sd38.bc.ca/codeofconduct

Important Dates Coming Up

Sept 21 – Meet the Staff Evening

Sept 22 – Pro-D Day

Sept 25 – Terry Fox Run / Welcome Back Assembly

Sept 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Oct. 2 – Statutory Holiday for National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

October 4 - Haida Storyteller Performance

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Dates (September)

15 – 17 – [Rosh Hashana](#) (Judaism)

24 – [Kol Nidrei](#) (Judaism)

24 – 25 [Yom Kippur](#) (Judaism)

26 – 27 Mawild-al (Islam)

30 - [National Day of Truth and Reconciliation/Orange Shirt Day \(Indigenous\)](#)

Thank you for taking the time to read this important information for our Jessie Wowk Community. As always, if you have any questions, please contact us here at the school.

Sincerely,

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