



Week at a Glance – Friday, September 8th and September 11 -15

Sept. 11 Monday	Kindergarten Family Welcoming Conversations (afternoon)
Sept. 12 Tuesday	Kindergarten Family Welcoming Conversations (afternoon)
Sept. 13 Wednesday	Kindergarten Family Welcoming Conversations (afternoon)
Sept. 14 Thursday	First Full Day of Kindergarten for Kindergarten Students
Sept. 15 Friday	

Students in New Divisions This Friday, September 8th

All students in grades 1 - 7 will be placed in their new divisions tomorrow (September 8th). For tomorrow morning, please have your child line up outside the same classroom door where they have been lining up all week. *Tomorrow afternoon all families will receive an email from the school informing you of your child(ren)'s new division and teacher and which door you can pick up your child(ren) at the end of the day.* Please note that as we have had changes to the numbers of students in each division, there have been changes to which grades some of our teachers will be teaching this year. For more information, please see the Our Staff page on our school website: <https://wowk.sd38.bc.ca/our-staff>

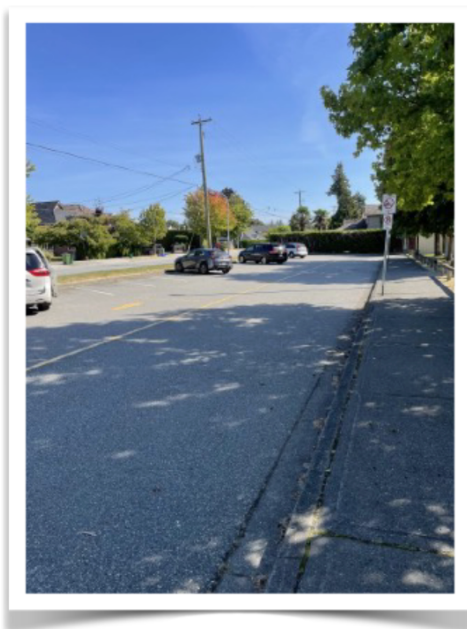
Here is some information regarding the class placement process that we hope families will find helpful:

The process of placing our students in classrooms begins in the spring of the previous year and carries on until students are in their new learning environments in September. Throughout this stretch of time our staff here at Jessie Wowk Elementary place a great deal of thought, consideration, and planning into the placement of our students throughout various meetings and conversations.

In most schools, requests for information from parents are asked in April and we take this information regarding their child's learning, health, and social / emotional needs into consideration for placements, though we do ask for families to not make requests for individual teachers. Please note that it is not always possible to honour the requests for every child but we do our very best to place our students where we feel they have the best opportunity to meet their true potential in all areas of their learning.

If your child happens to be concerned about their placement, please reassure them that their feelings around a new teacher and learning environment is normal and experienced by lots of students. By all means take a moment to talk to your child's new teacher about how your child is feeling and this will create an opportunity where you can work together to help build connections and help your child settle into their new classroom.

Drop – Off and Pick – Up for Families



It is important for families to be aware that our school parking lot has both a drop - off area and designated parking spaces. We ask that families do not stop and leave their car if using the drop - off lane. This creates a potential safety hazard for other families and students. If you need to leave your car, please use the parking spaces available. We also ask that families do not use the staff parking lot for drop - off and pick up.

District Code of Conduct: How We Learn and Work Together

Here is information regarding our District Code of Conduct

The Board of Education recognizes and welcomes its obligation to all members of the district community to provide a positive climate and a safe, healthy environment. As we learn and work together, we will truly celebrate and support the rich diversity that is our district community.

It is our collective responsibility and expectation that all district community members (students, staff, parents, and guests) comply with and enact the purpose and spirit of the British Columbia Human Rights Code, the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the Canadian Human Rights Act including not engaging in discriminatory conduct on the basis of race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or age of that person or that group or class of persons.* (BC Human Rights Code 2017).

To that end, we are committed to the expectation that all members of the district community will conduct themselves in an ethical and lawful manner that demonstrates respect for self, others, property and the environment.



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:
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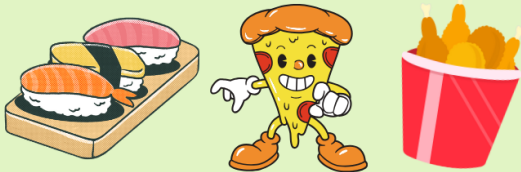


Welcome Back

PAC NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2023

WE HOPE YOU HAD A GREAT SUMMER!



HOT LUNCHES

The **FIRST** day of hot lunch will be on Sept 20th Wednesday!

You can now login online to order your lunch! Please use link:

<http://munchalunch.com/login>

COMMUNICATIONS

Please note that moving forward, PAC will be communicating via EMAIL only. There will be no more Whatsapp or WeChat Groups for communication.



EMAIL US:

pac.jessiewowk@gmail.com

PAC MEETING

Our **FIRST** PAC meeting is on Sept 26 2023 @ 7:00pm.

All parents are welcome to join! All PAC meetings will be now **IN PERSON**, there will be no more Zoom PAC meetings moving forward.



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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Principal / Jessie Wowk Elementary

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Questions about symptoms and wondering if a Covid test is needed? Please go to:

<https://covidcheck.gov.bc.ca/>

**DO NOT ENTER
IF YOU ARE
SICK**



Remember...



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Coughing and sneezing etiquette



Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue.



Dispose of your tissue properly.



If there is no tissue, cough or sneeze into the bend of your elbow – not your hand.



If you sneeze or cough into your hands, wash your hands as soon as possible.

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Mask Friendly Environment



Wearing a mask is a personal choice.
Let's all continue to be kind to one another.

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Hand Hygiene

HOW TO HAND WASH

- Wet hands with warm (not hot or cold) running water.
- Apply liquid or foam soap.
- Letter soap covering all surfaces of hands for 20-30 seconds.
- Rinse thoroughly under running water.
- Pat hands dry with paper towel.
- Use paper towel to turn the tap off.

HOW TO USE HAND RUB

- Ensure hands are visible/ clean.
- Apply a dime-sized amount to your hands.
- Rub all surfaces of your hand and wrist until completely dry (20-30 seconds).

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