



### Jessie Wowk News – October 16 – 20

<b>Oct. 16 Monday</b>	Fun Run Practice @ 8:00 am / Grades 1 – 7
<b>Oct. 17 Tuesday</b>	Fun Run Cross Country Meet at Garry Point Park, starting at 3:15 pm Grade 6/7 Volleyball Practice at Lunch Break Kindergarten Hearing Screening
<b>Oct. 18 Wednesday</b>	Hot Lunch: Pizza Day ( <a href="#">Order on Munch-a-Lunch</a> )
<b>Oct. 19 Thursday</b>	Earthquake Drill @ 1:30 pm Hot Lunch: ( <a href="#">Order on Munch-a-Lunch</a> )
<b>Oct. 20 Friday</b>	Professional Development Day / School Closed

### Book Fair Success!

Thank you to parents, grandparents, and students who came out to support the book fair last week. It was a great success because we saw books get into the hands of kids, and great reading adventures and learning can't help but follow. A huge thank you to the 15 parents and students who volunteered their time in setting up, working as cashiers, and taking down the fair - another measure of our supportive Wowk community. Over 250 books were purchased over the two days of the fair, and 35 books were donated to classrooms by families. Deacon in Division 5 was the grand prize winner, taking home \$25 in books, and his classroom teacher, Mr. Kirkegaard, receiving another \$25 in books for his classroom. Nine other students - one from each division - also took home a book after a random draw. Congratulations to Jayce in Division 4 who came the closest to guessing the correct number of Legos with his estimate of 173 (actual number of Legos was 175). All proceeds from the book fair will go back into the purchase of books and other resources for our Library Learning Commons.

### Feeding Futures

Recently, the provincial government announced a new Feeding Futures School Program Fund, designed to assist schools in the development and enhancement of school meal programs and other nutritional supports for students. If you would like to request support for your child at school, please reach out to Mr. Chris Daum at [cdaum@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:cdaum@sd38.bc.ca). We are gathering information and look to provide ongoing support wherever possible. Implementation plans are underway, and we want to ensure families are aware, and as always, able to reach out if they require support. All requests will be treated with dignity and your privacy will be respected. We want to work with families to ensure that your children have everything they need in order to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.

## Cross Country Fun Run

We're excited for our Cross Country Fun Run at Garry Point Park this Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 3:15 pm. Our Fun Run participants in grades 1 – 7 have been coming out to practices and training for this fun event. Please note that all Fun Run participants are to have had a waiver form signed and returned to the school by Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> and parents are required to take their child(ren) to and from the event. If you have any questions about the Cross Country Fun Run please be sure to contact the school.

### “Trick or Treat” Others with Respect.

As we begin to look at plans for Halloween here at Jessie Wowk, there are a few pieces of information that we hope will be helpful in case families are planning for their child(ren)'s costumes. Students are welcome to wear costumes on Halloween and by no means is it an expectation as we know some of our families may not participate in Halloween activities.

For those who are planning on sending your child to school in a costume, please keep in mind that Halloween should and needs to be fun; however, we need to be aware that celebrating Halloween needs to be fun for all. It is important to keep in mind that we need to be sensitive to groups that have been marginalized through mimicry and cultural appropriation during Halloween and other 'dress up' events. A few things to keep in mind:

**It's good to keep in mind that the following are NOT Costumes:**

**RACE** (*black face/brown face*)

**CULTURE** (*Indigenous regalia/dreadlocks*)

**RELIGIOUS FAITH** (*religious figures/gods/saints/gurus/hijab*)

**GENDER** (*gender switching for humour or to mock*)

**TRAUMA** (*hangman's noose/weapons*)

## Back to School Wellness Kit

As children, teenagers and families across BC adapt to their back to school routines, BC Children's Hospital has prepared a 'wellness toolkit' for the transition. Please see this link for the [back-to-school wellness toolkit](#) to help support families.

## Washroom Use for Adults Who Access the School

Just a reminder for any parents who need to access the school and need to use the washroom during this time, please use the staff washrooms and not any of the washrooms that are designated for student use. If you need help locating the staff washrooms, please come by the office.



*Order Hot Lunch Now!*



*Every Wednesday & Thursday!*

**Munch a Lunch**

<http://munchalunch.com>

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*Together We Can!*

**Volunteers NEEDED**

SIGN UP WITH PAC

**PAC.JESSIEWOWK@GMAIL.COM**

**We need help with**

- Gr.7 Farewell Committee
- Fundraiser Committee
- Hot Lunch Days
- ...and much more!!!



## 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](http://sd38.bc.ca/codeofconduct)

**Important Dates Coming Up**

October 17 – Kindergarten Hearing Screening  
October 17 – Cross Country Fun Run  
October 19 – Earthquake Drill  
October 20 – Professional Development Day  
October 24 – Fall Band Concert  
October 31 – Halloween at Jessie Wowk  
November 2 – Fire Drill  
November 10 – Remembrance Day Assembly  
(Families are invited to attend)  
November 11 – Remembrance Day (School  
Closed)  
November 20 – Professional Development Day

**Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Dates (October)**

2- Statutory Holiday for National Day of Truth and  
Reconciliation  
9 – Thanksgiving  
6 – Sukkot Ends (Judaism)  
7 – 8 – Simchat Torah (Judaism)  
15 – 24 – Navaratri (Hinduism)  
20 – Installation of the Scriptures as Guru Granth  
(Sikhism)  
24 – Dussehra (Hinduism)

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,

**Mr. Chris Daum**

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