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Jessie Wowk News / October 23 – 27

Oct. 23 Monday	
Oct. 24 Tuesday	Haunted Howlings of Wowk Band Performance Grade 6/7 Volleyball Practice at Lunch Break PAC Meeting @ 7:00 pm
Oct. 25 Wednesday	Hot Lunch: Pizza Day (Order on Munch-a-Lunch) Drama Workshop (Div. 3, 4 and 5)
Oct. 26 Thursday	Hot Lunch: (Order on Munch-a-Lunch) Drama Workshop (Div. 3, 4 and 5)
Oct. 27 Friday	Drama Workshop (Div. 3, 4 and 5)

Haunted Howlings of Wowk Music Concert

There will be a Steveston London and Jessie Wowk music performance for our students this Tuesday, October 24th. This has become a wonderful tradition here at Jessie Wowk where we bring together students from both schools and have a celebration of learning in the musical arts. Divisions 1, 2 and 3 as well as the Thursday Thrillers will performing as well as different musical groups from Steveston London. Due to limited space, this event will be for our students and staff here at the school but please note that families will be invited to attend a winter band performance in December. Please stay tuned for details.

Grade 5 Active Pass

The Grade 5 Active Pass is now available to all Richmond students registered in Grade 5. Each Pass includes free admission until June 30, 2024 to various drop-in programs at local community centres. Details about how to register are <u>available at this link</u>.

District Fun Run – What a Success!

We're very proud of all of our Fun Run participants for the effort they showed as our school district Cross Country Fun Run this past Tuesday at Garry Point Park. The weather was not as favourable for this event as we would have liked but all of our participants from grades 1-7 didn't let it stop them from trying their best and having fun. I would like to extend my gratitude to our coaches, Mr. Ray and Ms. Huang, for volunteering their time to make this possible for our students and to all of our parent volunteers who came out to support our practices.



"Trick or Treat" Others with Respect (from last week)

As we being 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)

PAC Message and Announcements







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...

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

October 24 – Fall Band Concert

October 24 – PAC Meeting @ 7:00 pm

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 24 – Dussehra (Hinduism)

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)

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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