



# Wowk News

Jessie Wowk Elementary / School District #38  
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The Week Ahead: September 12 - 16



## **Students in New Divisions This Friday, September 9th**

All students in grades 1 - 7 will be placed in their new divisions tomorrow (September 9th). 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. We will also leave alphabetical lists in different locations on the school grounds that will provide information of your children's new division, teacher, and which door you can pick them up from. We ask that parents do not take photos of the lists.

## **Information For Families Regarding the Student and Family Affordability Fund**

Recently, the provincial government announced a new, one time [Student and Family Affordability Fund](#). This fund is designed to assist families who require financial assistance with school-related costs such as school and course fees, workbooks, specialty supplies, field trips and other school-related charges and costs. The additional funding will also be used to support school meal programs and other nutritional supports for students.

At this time, we are requesting that families reach out to Chris Daum (principal) if you are in need of assistance with school supplies, fees or other school-related costs. As always, all requests will be treated with dignity and your privacy will be respected. We want to work with our families to ensure that our students, your children, have everything they need in order to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.

## Accessing our School

The following is an excerpt that has already been shared with families in a previous parent/guardian newsletter from the district.

*In the spring, schools began to re-open their doors to visitors such as parents and caregivers as we continued to transition out of the pandemic. We are pleased that schools will now be able to welcome visitors to their schools in ways that will be similar to how they did before the pandemic. In the coming days, individual schools will communicate school-based routines and protocols related to welcoming visitors. Thank you to everyone for respecting those protocols.*

Please note that here at Jessie Wowk, our teachers will be communicating with families with information regarding how to best reach them should you like to take some time to meet to talk about your child's learning.

## Staff Updates

We would like to welcome Ms. Lisa Brown to our Jessie Wowk community! Ms. Brown is an educational assistant and was previously at Steveston London Secondary. We are very fortunate to have her as part of our team.

We would also like to welcome Ms. Jodee Skiba to our community. Ms. Skiba will be teaching grade 1/2 in the class and division previously held by Ms. Conway. Ms. Skiba was at Tomsett Elementary last year and we are very lucky to have her join our team.

## Drop-off and Pick - up Information 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.

## Important Dates Coming Up

September 22 - Meet the Staff Night / Family Picnic

September 23 - Non - Instructional Day, Students Do Not Attend School

September 29 - Orange Shirt Day (Please Wear an Orange Shirt)

September 30 - National Truth and Reconciliation Day, School Closed

October 3 - November 7 - Foundation Skills Assessment for grade 4 and 7

October 11 - Thanksgiving, School Closed

