



Wowk News

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The Week Ahead: October 17 - 21

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| Monday 17 | |
| Tuesday 18 | |
| Wednesday 19 | Pizza Day |
| Thursday 20 | PAC Hot Lunch / Division 2 Field Trip to MacMillan Space Centre / Division 5 Field Trip to Museum of Anthropology |
| Friday 21 | Professional Development Day - Students do not attend school |



Reporting Brochure and Parent Reporting Information Session - Save the Date

As we mentioned last week, the way we in which we are reporting on student progress is changing and there is some important information for families to be aware of. Students in grades K - 9 will be provided with Proficiency Scales and this is a shift from traditional report cards. To help families learn about these changes, please see the attached brochure as a starting point.

On October 25th from 6 - 7 pm, a virtual family information night will be held. We still have not received the link but we will share it as soon as we receive it. For any families who are interested, we will be showing the presentation here in the gymnasium prior to the 7pm PAC meeting. This will give all of our families a chance to ask questions following the presentation and attend the PAC meeting afterwards for families who are interested in joining.

Scholastic Book Fair Information from Ms. Buhr

Our Scholastic Book Fair was a success! Thank you to parent volunteers who gave their time, ensuring everything went so smoothly. A book fair can't happen without them! Teachers were very grateful for the

books purchased by parents and students for their classrooms. Once again we were overwhelmed by the generosity of the Wowk school community. Over \$4500 was spent on books, journals, writing tools and other items, and a large part of this total will come back as credit for more books and educational purchases for the school. It was tremendous to see the excitement of students as they looked at books, showed their friends, and added a new book or two to their personal collection of books.

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October 11 is the Day of the Girl and October 18 is Persons Day in Canada! It marks the day in 1929 when the historic decision to include women in the legal definition of "persons" was handed down by Canada's highest court of appeal. This gave some women the right to be appointed to the Senate of Canada and paved the way for women's increased participation in public and political life. Sadly, though this decision did not include all women, such as Indigenous women and women of Asian heritage and descent, it did mark critical progress in the advancement of gender equality in Canada. Please see the following websites from the Government of Canada for more information:

[International Day of the Girl Child](#)

[Persons Day](#)

Halloween Plans and Trick or Treating Others with Respect

On Monday, October 31st there will be Halloween events happening here at Jessie Wowk. This year, as we have done in years past, divisions will be decorating pumpkins that will be displayed in the school gymnasium in the afternoon. We are asking that if families are able to, please send a pumpkin with your child(ren) to school on the morning of Monday, October 31st. Classroom teachers will reach out to families if there are additional plans for their students and if they would like for their students to bring them in on Friday morning in preparation for Monday.

It is not an expectation for students to wear a Halloween costume but they are welcome to wear one if they would like to. We ask for all families to keep some things in mind when choosing a costume. All costumes are to be school appropriate and please do not send your child to school with anything that represents a weapon. Please also keep in mind that race, culture, religious faith, or gender (gender switching for humour) are not costumes. If you have any questions about Halloween or Halloween costumes, please make sure you contact the office.

PAC News and Updates

PAC Meeting

We invite families to join us for our PAC meeting on Tuesday, October 25th at 7:00 PM in the school library. The PAC meeting will be held in-person with refreshments and online for your convenience. Our library will be open from 6:00 PM to welcome families who wish to join a live-streamed district information night about the new K-12 reporting system scheduled for 6:00 - 7:00 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to join us as our principal Mr. Daum is able to answer any questions after the presentation. A link to the meeting as well as the agenda will be provided as we get closer to the date. If you are interested in our past minutes, they are always posted to our [school website](#). Thank you and we hope to see you at the meeting.



Field Trips on PAC Lunch Days

Division 2 and Division 5 will be on a full day field trip on Thursday, October 20th.

Division 1 will be on a full day field trip on Thursday, October 27th

Families in these divisions who have ordered lunch for the corresponding dates, please cancel your orders and prepare a lunch for your child to bring on the field trip. Thank you.

Warm regards,

Alaric
Jessie Wowk PAC Chair

Important Dates Coming Up

October 21 - Professional Learning Day - Students Do Not Attend School

October 24 - Diwali

October 31- Halloween at Wowk

November 8 - Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib

November 10 - Remembrance Day Assembly

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

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



