



# Wowk News

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The Week Ahead: December 12 - 15

Monday 12	
Tuesday 13	Earthquake Drill - 10:00 am / Grade 6/7 Volleyball @ Wowk
Wednesday 14	PAC Pizza Day PAC After School Winter Celebration
Thursday 15	Reports Shared with Parents Through MyEd Parent Portal / Thursday Thrillers concert at Landsdowne
Friday 16	Last Day of School



## PAC Pancake Breakfast

We would like to sincerely thank our wonderful PAC committee for hosting a Pancake Breakfast for our school community this morning. It was a great opportunity to get together and spend some time together and start some of the celebrations of our first term together. It takes a great deal of effort to provide breakfast for well over 100 students and our PAC team did a tremendous job.



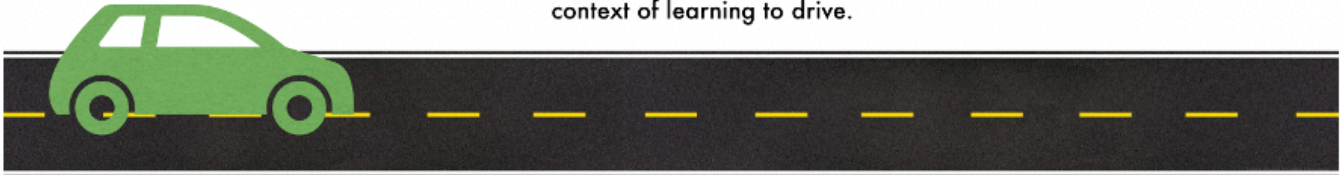
## Reports and Proficiency Scales

Earlier in the term we communicated that starting this year students in grades 4 - 7 will not receive letter grades and instead proficiency scales will be used for all grades. The following document provides some information for our families to better understand the language around proficiency scales. Please connect with your child's teacher if you have any questions about our new approach to assessment.

# Understanding the PROFICIENCY SCALE

## THE LEARNING JOURNEY TAKES TIME AND PATIENCE

For each individual student, learning moves through various stages. The goal is the same; there is a particular skill or understanding that needs to be learned and demonstrated. However, the time it takes for students to reach their destination and the route they take to get there varies. The proficiency scale is a way for teachers, students and parents to understand where each student is on their learning journey and what they need to work on to move towards proficiency. The following examples are adapted from our work with Canadian Assessment Educator, Katie White, who describes these stages of learning in the context of learning to drive.



### EMERGING

When learners are emerging, they are in the process of building their readiness to learn. This includes elements such as becoming familiar with language, background context or foundational skills.

When we are learning to drive, before we get behind the wheel, we need to learn what the street signs mean, the basic rules of the road and what all the parts of the car do. We need a solid foundation before we move onto to practicing the skill we're learning and move to being supported.

### DEVELOPING

When learners are developing, they are working with others to improve their skill and understanding. This is where students spend most of their time, practicing, refining, making wrong turns and correcting their processes and thinking.

This is when we actually turn on the car and try driving. We need opportunities with someone to guide us where we might need support and further practice with the process. It is this practice with a more experienced driver that allows us to move towards proficiency.

### PROFICIENT

When learners are proficient, they are able to demonstrate the skills they have learned independently and with confidence. Students should be able to show their proficiency in a number of ways.

Drivers demonstrate their proficiency by passing their driving test. Once they show that they have the skill to drive independently, they no longer need someone in the car with them; they can continue to develop their comfort and enjoyment independently.

### EXTENDING

When learners are extending, they are free to explore the larger applications and possibilities of their learning. As they develop deeper understanding, they have more opportunities to make thoughtful connections and to innovate.

Once drivers are extending, they can try their hand at many new experiences. They can drive different sorts of vehicles and explore different terrain and weather. Their proficiency in the skill of driving allows them to explore the world in ways they previously weren't able to.

Proficiency Scale	→			
	Emerging	Developing	Proficient	Extending
	The student demonstrates an initial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a partial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a complete understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.

## Reports / Learning Updates Will be Available to Families on Thursday, December 15th

Please connect with the office if you are having difficulty logging into the Parent Portal, as this is how our reports / learning updates will be shared with families at 2:45 pm on Thursday, December 15th. If you would like to request a hard copy of your child's learning update, please email the school directly with the name of your child and division number. You can email [wowk@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:wowk@sd38.bc.ca)

## Extended Vacations / Late Returns to School

We kindly ask that all families who happen to be arriving after January 3rd from vacation to please contact the office and inform us of your child's later return to school. We also kindly ask that you please let us know of your child's expected return date to school. Thank you.

## What's on the Walls at Wowk?



Winter City Scenes by Division 5

School Display: Literature of The Season and Holiday Ornaments by Division 1 and 2



Dear Wowk Families,

Thank you for taking the time to read some important PAC updates and events.

**Family Winter Wonderland Skating - Dec 10th (10:00 - 11:30 AM)**

All Jessie Wowk families and staff are invited to our Winter Wonderland skating event. PAC has reserved an entire ice rink at Minoru Arena for our community to enjoy. Jessie Wowk family admission is FREE and includes skate and helmet rental. Families are welcome to pre-order a pizza lunch on [Munch](#). Pizzas will also be available for walk-up purchases starting at 11:00. Pre-ordering ensures faster service and a convenient box to take and enjoy your pizza from.

**Winter Celebration - Dec 14th (2:45 - 5:00 PM)**

Jessie Wowk families and staff are welcome to attend our Winter Celebration festivities in the gym. More details will follow as we get closer to the date. This is another free family event and will feature food, fun and a festive atmosphere. Save the date and come celebrate with us! Please also see the attachment for more information.

\*\* All December PAC events are FREE for Jessie Wowk students / family. Donations to the food bank or PAC are welcome. Thank you.



**Important Dates Coming Up**

December 15 - Reports / Learning Updates Go Home

December 17 - January 2nd - Winter Break

December 18 - 26 - Hannukukah (Judiasm)

December 24 - Christmas Eve (Christianity)

December 25 - Christmas Day (Christianity)

January 1 - Happy New Year

January 3 - Return from Winter Break

Questions about symptoms and wondering if a Covid test is needed? Please go to:  
<https://covidcheck.gov.bc.ca/>



