



# Wowk News

Jessie Wowk Elementary / School District #38  
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The Week Ahead: February 13 - 17

February 13	Lockdown Drill
February 14	
February 15	Pizza Day
February 16	PAC Hot Lunch
February 17	Professional Development Day - Students Do Not Attend School



## Unlearn: Critical Thinking by Design

Unlearn founder Abhi Ahluwalia, is coming to Richmond next week for an evening webinar for parents/community members. The focus of these sessions is to challenge participants to think critically about bias, stereotypes, prejudice, and discrimination. Participants will be challenged towards equity consciousness and highlight the bias we all have and to better understand how we can use this awareness to create a safe, caring, and inclusive environment promoting dignity and respect for all.

[February 16, 2023- UnLearn-Parent/Community Webinar](#)

## Pink Shirt Day is Coming!

On Wednesday, February 22nd, we will be acknowledging Pink Shirt Day here at Jessie. On this day we will be focusing on the importance of creating a welcoming school community where everyone belongs and feels safe. We also will be discussing the importance of anti-bullying and learning more about the importance of Pink Shirt Day. Everyone in our community is encouraged to wear pink on this day and to learn more, please go to [www.pinkshirtday.ca](http://www.pinkshirtday.ca)

**Friday, February 9, 2023**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE - PLEASE TRANSLATE.**  
Attention: Ce bulletin contient des informations importantes.  
Si nécessaire, faire traduire.

這是重要的通告，希請人譯讀。  
ਇਹ ਖ਼ਬਰ ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਮੁਹੱਤਵ ਵਾਲੀ ਹੈ। ਇਸਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੇ ਬੱਚੇ ਨੂੰ ਸਹੀ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਅਨੁਵਾਦਿਤ ਕਰਵਾਓ।

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We're writing to let you know about a safety procedure that we have at the school called a lockdown drill.

Jessie Wowk Elementary, along with the rest of the Richmond School District, is committed to promoting Safe Schools for all students and staff. Part of that commitment is ensuring staff and students are trained and prepared to respond to any threat, minor or serious, to our school population.

Just as we practice safe procedures in case of earthquake or fire, we will now prepare for other situations that might happen in our school neighbourhood (such as a broken gas line) or within our school (such as an intruder). These situations would lead us to follow "**Hold and Secure**" procedures – a **perimeter** lockdown.

For an intruder or a any other danger inside the school, we would follow **Lockdown Procedures**. These procedures have been developed with the support of law enforcement agencies and are consistent through all metro school districts.

We will have "**lockdown**" **drill on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am** to simulate effective responses to potential safety threats. All staff members have practiced the drill before in previous years and classroom teachers have discussed the steps involved in a school lockdown with their students. You know your child best and if you feel your child would benefit from some reassurance, please have a brief conversation with him or her before the drill.

If you have any questions about the lockdown drill, please call the school at 604-668-6198.

Sincerely,

Mr. Daum

Principal

## **Welcome to Ms. Candy Lee**

We have a new staff member at Jessie Wowk, Ms. Candy Lee. Ms. Lee is taking on a Helping Teacher position at the school for two days a week until the end of the school year. The Helping Teacher role involves working in different classrooms where extra support could be needed at times. We are very happy to welcome Ms. Lee to Jessie Wowk!

## **PAC Updates**

This is just a note to let families that our upcoming PAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 28th at 6:30 pm. For those who want to attend in person, we will meet in the library. For those who would like to attend online, a link will be shared next week.

### **Important Dates Coming Up**

February 13 - Lock Down Drill  
February 16 - Fire Drill  
February 17 - Pro-D Day  
February 20 - Family Day (No School)  
February 23 - Student Led Conferences  
February 28 - PAC Meeting (6:30 pm)  
March 2 - Illuminance Presentation  
March 3, 6 and 8 - Scholastic Book Fair  
March 10 - Spring Break Begins

### **Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Dates**

- February is Black History Month
- Feb. 1 - World Hijab Day
- Feb. 15 - Nirvana Day (Buddhism)
- Feb. 18 - Maha Shivaratri (Hinduism)
- Feb. 20 - Family Day
- Feb. 22 - Pink Shirt Day
- Feb. 22: Ash Wednesday (Christianity)

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

**DO NOT ENTER  
IF YOU ARE  
SICK**

**STOP**

Remember...

**RICHMOND  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38**

This sign features a blue header with the text "DO NOT ENTER IF YOU ARE SICK". Below the header is a red octagonal "STOP" sign and a yellow circle containing a white silhouette of a person coughing into their elbow with a red thermometer icon. At the bottom, it says "Remember..." with icons for hand washing and a "no" symbol over a person coughing. The Richmond School District logo is in the bottom right.

**Coughing and sneezing etiquette**

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue.

Dispose of your tissue properly.

If there is no tissue, cough or sneeze into the bend of your elbow – not your hand.

If you sneeze or cough into your hands, wash your hands as soon as possible.

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This sign is shaped like a silhouette of a head. It contains four circular illustrations: 1. A person coughing into a tissue. 2. A hand dropping a tissue into a trash bin. 3. A person coughing into their elbow. 4. Hands being washed under a faucet. Text instructions are placed around these illustrations. The bottom of the sign features the website "sd38.bc.ca" and the Richmond School District logo.

**Mask Friendly  
Environment**

Wearing a mask is a personal choice.  
Let's all continue to be kind to one another.

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SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38**

This sign has a light blue background. It features two yellow smiley face emojis; the one on the left is wearing a blue surgical mask. Below the emojis, it says "Wearing a mask is a personal choice. Let's all continue to be kind to one another." The bottom of the sign includes the website "sd38.bc.ca/covid-19" and the Richmond School District logo.

**Hand Hygiene**

**HOW TO HAND WASH**

**HOW TO USE HAND RUB**

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This sign is titled "Hand Hygiene" and is divided into two columns. The left column, "HOW TO HAND WASH", has six numbered steps with illustrations: 1. Wet hands with water. 2. Apply liquid or foam soap. 3. Lather soap covering all surfaces for 20-30 seconds. 4. Rinse thoroughly under running water. 5. Pat hands dry with paper towel. 6. Use paper towel to turn the tap off. The right column, "HOW TO USE HAND RUB", has three numbered steps with illustrations: 1. Ensure hands are visibly clean. 2. Apply a tissue-sized amount to your hands. 3. Rub all surfaces of your hand and neck until completely dry (15-20 seconds). The bottom of the sign features the website "sd38.bc.ca" and the Richmond School District logo.

