

# **Wowk News**

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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 <a href="https://www.pinkshirtday.ca">www.pinkshirtday.ca</a>

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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.

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 <u>school neighbourhood</u> (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 <u>inside the school</u>, 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 <u>"lockdown" drill on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am</u> 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 - Illumidance Presentation

March 3, 6 and 8 - Scholastic Book Fair

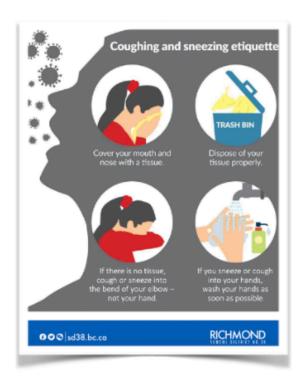
March 10 - Spring Break Begins

#### **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: <a href="https://covidcheck.gov.bc.ca/">https://covidcheck.gov.bc.ca/</a>









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