



## Wowk News / April 3 – 7

<b>April 3</b> <b>Monday</b>	HUB Cycling Program - Divisions 1 - 3
<b>April 4</b> <b>Tuesday</b>	DARE Program for Grade 5 Students
<b>April 5</b> <b>Wednesday</b>	PAC Pizza Day / Greg Kennedy Performance for Grades K - 7 Math Club Contest
<b>April 6</b> <b>Thursday</b>	PAC Hot Lunch
<b>April 7</b> <b>Friday</b>	Good Friday / School Closed

### DARE Education Program

On Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> our grade 5 students will begin participating in the D.A.R.E (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program. This program is delivered by an RCMP officer and the program focuses on giving our students the knowledge and tools they need to resist drugs and alcohol and learn more about peer pressure. The program will be 10 weeks in total and there will be a celebration upon completion of the program where families of our grade 5 participants are welcome to attend.

### Ramadan - March 22<sup>nd</sup> to April 21<sup>st</sup>

Ramadan is an important time for the Muslim community. Muslims fast from dawn to dusk and over the course of the month, it is an opportunity to give to others, deepen one's faith, and seek forgiveness for past mistakes. At Jessie Wowk Elementary, our staff would like to express our recognition of this spiritual month for our Muslim students and families in our communities and wish you a *Ramadan Mubarak*. The following attached document has been shared with our staff so that we build awareness and a sense of belonging for all. Feel free to be a part of our learning community and familiarize yourself with Ramadan.

## Sikh Heritage Month

April 1<sup>st</sup> marks the beginning of Sikh Heritage Month. This month recognizes the important contributions that Sikh communities have made here in Canada. Our country is home to more than 500 000 Sikh Canadians and this month we will reflect upon the role that Sikh communities have played in helping shape the diversity of our nation. To learn more about Sikh heritage and Sikh Heritage Month, please go to the following links: [Sikh Heritage Month](#) and [Education Guide on the Sikh Faith](#)

## Outdoor Education Forms and Documents

This is just a reminder for our grade 6 and 7 families to please look for the documents that families will need to fill out in order for your child to attend our Outdoor Education program on May 1 – 3 at Camp Cheakamus. We are asking for the forms to be completed and submitted by Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. Also, if your child has completed the WaterSafe course, please provide a copy of the certificate either to your child's teacher or the office. If you are not able to make a copy you are welcome to send the certificate to the school with your child and we can make a copy for you.

## PAC News

Nothing new to report at this time. Please stay tuned for PAC information in upcoming newsletters.

### Important Dates Coming Up

April 5 - Greg Kennedy Performance  
April 7 - Good Friday / No School  
April 10 - Easter Monday / No School  
April 21 - Class / Group Photos  
May 1 - 3 - Outdoor Ed for Grades 6/7  
May 12 - Welcome to Kindergarten  
May 19 - Professional Development Day  
May 22 - Victoria Day / No School  
June 9 - Sports Day

### Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Dates (April)

Sikh Heritage Month  
March 22 - April 21 - Ramadan (Islam)  
April 5 - 13 - Pesach (Judaism)  
April 6 - Hanuman Jayanti (Hinduism)  
April 7 - Good Friday (Christianity)  
April 8 - Vesak (Buddhism)  
April 9 - Easter Sunday (Christianity)  
April 10 - Easter Monday (Christianity)  
April 14 - Vaisakhi (Sikhism)  
April 21 / 22 - Eid - al - Fitr (Islam)



Thank you for taking the time to read this important information for our Jessie Wowk Community. As always, if you have any questions, please contact us here at the school.

Sincerely,

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