



Wowk News / April 17 - 21

April 17 Monday	HUB Cycling / Divisions 1 - 3
April 18 Tuesday	HUB Cycling / Divisions 1 - 3 DARE Program for Grade 5s
April 19 Wednesday	PAC Pizza Day
April 20 Thursday	PAC Hot Lunch
April 21 Friday	Class and Group Photo Day

Photo Day is this Friday, April 21st

This Friday, April 21st will be Class and Group Photo day with Edge Imaging. The photos will start at 9:00 am and this year we are excited to be able to take a Panorama Photo of our whole school together. If you have any questions about Photo Day, please contact the school.

Water Bottles in Our Lost and Found

We're recently had a surplus of water bottle ending up in our lost and found bin. Please feel free to come to the school if you recognize your child's bottle in the photo.



April 14th is Vaisakhi

A reminder that April 14, 2023, is Vaisakhi. This Sikh New Year festival is one of the most important dates in the Sikh calendar. It marks the start of the Punjabi New Year, but it is also a day to celebrate 1699, the year when Sikhism was born as a collective faith. As part of our ongoing sharing of Sikh Excellence, during this Sikh Heritage month, we encourage you to acknowledge Vaisakhi. In addition, please feel free to listen/share (32 mins) [The Secret Life of Canada: The Punjabi Market](#), a CBC Podcast, to learn about the history of South Asian communities in BC, and how the oldest Little India market was formed in South Vancouver.

Today is International Day of Pink

[April 14, 2023--International Day of Pink](#) is an opportunity to renew our commitment to diversity and inclusion by combatting all forms of hate that fuel bullying and violence, which many LGBTQ2 youth continue to face. Despite these ongoing challenges, there is hope as we continue to make progress in breaking down barriers and making strides towards building safer and consciously more inclusive schools and communities in which everyone has equitable opportunities. Feel free to wear pink in solidarity of what this day represents internationally.

As part of Mental Health Week (May 1st - 7th), Richmond SD 38 presents....

Information Session for Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers

Tuesday, May 2, 2023 (on Zoom)

6:30 - 8 pm

Holding Onto Our Kids in a Digital World

Dr. Deborah MacNamara

As if parenting wasn't hard enough in having to deal with screens, peer pressure on kids - and then we had to add a pandemic on top of it! How can we hold on to our kids so we can influence and guide them? What do kids really need from us so as to grow into socially and emotionally responsible beings? This presentation will discuss issues from technology to peer problems and how parents are the ultimate answer for what kids need most of all. Practical suggestions for (re)building strong relationships with kids from preschoolers to teenagers will be discussed along with



managing challenging behaviour - including screen time!

BIO

Dr. Deborah MacNamara is the author of Rest, Play, Grow: Making Sense of Preschoolers (or anyone who acts like one), and her children's picture book, The Sorry Plane. She is on Faculty at the Neufeld Institute and Director of the counselling practice, Kid's Best Bet.

Parents, guardians, and caregivers can [click here](#) to register or use the QR code in the attached flyer - please register by Friday, April 28, 2023.

PAC News

Bake Sale (2:45 PM April 21st)

Families are invited to a bake sale on **Friday, April 21st** outside the main entrance of school at dismissal time. Our young bakers (Aubrey and Jocelyn) in Div 5 are generously hosting the event in support of the Outdoor Ed. We have such a great community here at Wowk, please come support the bake sale. Thank you.

PAC Meeting (6:30 PM April 25th)

Parents and guardians are invited to attend our PAC Meeting on Tuesday, April 25th at 6:30 PM in the school library. This a a great opportunity to stay updated in your child's school and upcoming events. Thank you.



Important Dates Coming Up

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



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