



Wowk News / May 22-26

May 22 Monday	Victoria Day Holiday – No School
May 23 Tuesday	DARE Program for Grade 5s Grade 6/7 Bike Ride
May 24 Wednesday	PAC Pizza Day
May 25 Thursday	PAC Hot Lunch
May 26 Friday	Jessie Wowk's Very First Breakfast Club @ 8:15 am

Track Meet

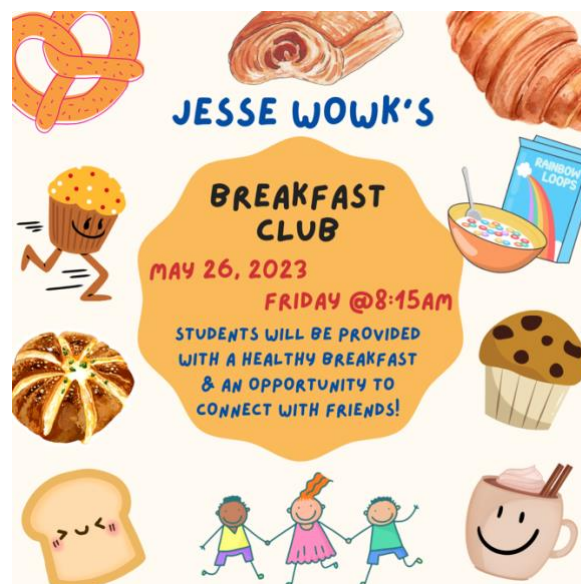
Our students in grades 3 – 7 had a wonderful experience at our district Zone Track and Field meet on Thursday at Minoru field. They all did their very best in their events and we are all very proud of the sportsmanship and positivity that they demonstrated throughout the entire day. We were very fortunate to have some warm and sunny weather and we also want to extend our gratitude to our families for both cheering them on at the event and helping ensure that your child was picked up from Minoru field and that they signed out with a staff member. Of course, to make a day like this possible you need a caring and committed group of staff members to help organize it and we want to thank our staff Track Committee for all of their hard work in preparing our students for this day. Our committee consisted of Mr. Angman, Mr. Gustafson, Ms. Teng, Ms. Li, and Ms. Liu.

Breakfast Club

We are excited to announce something new and exciting for our Jessie Wowk Community – Breakfast Club! On Friday, May 26th, all students are welcome to come to our gym at 8:15 am to have a healthy breakfast and spend some time connecting with their friends. This is free for all students.

Why are we having a Breakfast Club?

For our [Wowk Cares](#) Language, we have begun to talk about what it means to Care for Self. A big part of Caring for Ourselves is making sure that we have proper nutrition throughout the day, including at breakfast time. By having a Breakfast Club, we are bringing some awareness to the importance of having breakfast before we begin our day to help ensure that we are all ready for the day and ready to learn!



Our PAC is supporting this initiative and we thank them for making this possible for our community.

Class Placements Information for Families – Last Call

Each year at this time, we begin to make school organization plans for September based upon the number of students we know are returning and new registrations that we have received. Before school ends in June, your child's current classroom teacher, resource teacher, educational assistants and administrators will work together to place students for the upcoming school year. These plans are tentative until the first week in September when final student numbers are known. In the first few days of September, all staff meet to confirm teaching assignments and review student placements. In the organizational meetings, many factors are considered when placing students. These considerations include:

- Learning Styles and Strengths
- ELL Levels
- Learning Needs
- Contractual Language
- Work Habits
- Age
- Friendships Needs and Considerations

If you would like the opportunity to provide the school with information about your child's placement for next year, you are welcome to communicate your thoughts through a letter and email it to the school office by Tuesday, May 23rd.

In your letter, please:

- Include important information about your child, both socially and academically, that you feel is important for us to be aware of that will help us in our decision in the placement of your child



- Include your thoughts around what kind of learning environment helps your child achieve success in their learning.
- Do not include comments about / requests for specific teachers or division number

Letters may be emailed directly to Mr. Daum at cdaum@sd38.bc.ca or a hard copy may be brought directly to the office.

Please note that with limited placement possibilities, input and information can be considered but never guaranteed.

PAC News

Hello Wowk Families,

The warm weather is flashing signs that summer is just around the corner. The year might be winding down but we are gearing up for some more fun activities! Thank you for taking the time to read a few updates from PAC.

Art Program - Weeklong starting May 23

Students from all divisions will be participating in a PAC sponsored art extracurricular activity. We are looking forward to seeing some wonderful creations over the next week.

Staff Appreciation Luncheon - May 24

In recognition of all the staff at Jessie Wowk, PAC would like to acknowledge and appreciate their devotion to our children's learning experience in school. On Wednesday, May 24th, we will be celebrating our staff with an Appreciation Luncheon hosted by PAC.

There is an option to donate for this Appreciation Luncheon via [Munch-a-lunch](#) by clicking on the "Staff Appreciation Lunch" tab. Please feel free to choose between the suggested \$5 per family or any amount appropriate for your circumstance. Donations are OPTIONAL and simply provides an opportunity for families to express their gratitude. Any amount to support this event will be greatly appreciated. *Donations will be accepted until May 21st.* Thank you so much!

Breakfast Club - May 26

We are excited to support a new community event called the Breakfast Club. The Breakfast Club will be offered FREE to all students at Jessie Wowk. Our first date is set for Friday, May 26th. The gym will be open to invite students at 8:15 AM. This is an excellent opportunity for self-care, sharing a meal together and community building.

Annual General Meeting - June 8th

As we approach the end of the school year, PAC would like to invite all parents and guardians to our Annual General Meeting and PAC Executive Committee elections. We are accepting nominations or anyone with interest in joining the PAC Executive Team. All positions on the PAC Executive Team are open for elections.



This year's AGM will take place on Thursday, June 8th at 6:30 PM in the school library.

The positions open for elections are:

Chairperson
Treasurer
Secretary
Members at Large (2)
RDPA Representative

We also have appointed openings for:

Fundraising Coordinator(s)
Special Events Coordinator(s)
Fruits and Vegetable Coordinator(s)
Graduation Coordinator(s)
Outdoor Ed Coordinator(s)

If anyone is interested in these positions, please forward your interest by email to askalaric@gmail.com by June 4th, 2023.

Voting will take place during the AGM and persons interested in the PAC Executive positions will be required to attend the meeting.

For more information about these positions, please visit the link below.

<https://wowk.sd38.bc.ca/parents/parent-advisory-council/about-pac>

Regards,

Alaric
Jessie Wowk PAC

Important Dates Coming Up

May 22 – Victoria Day / No School
May 26 – Breakfast Club
June 8th – PAC AGM
June 9 – Sports Day
June 23 – Grade 7 Farewell
June 28 – Learning Updates to Families
June 29 – Last Day of School

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Dates (May)

Asian Heritage Month
Canadian Jewish Heritage Month
May 5- Dutch Heritage Day
May 5 – National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls
May 5 – International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia
May 24 – Buddha's Birthday (Buddhism)
May 25 – 27 – Shavout (Judaism)



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,

Mr. Chris Daum

Principal / Jessie Wowk Elementary

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



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