



Jessie Wowk News / December 4th – 8th

Dec. 4 Monday	
Dec. 5 Tuesday	
Dec. 6 Wednesday	Hot Lunch: Pizza Day (Order on Munch-a-Lunch)
Dec. 7 Thursday	Hot Lunch: (Order on Munch-a-Lunch) Hold and Secure Drill @ 1:15 pm / Grade 6/7 Volleyball Game at Westwind
Dec. 8 Friday	

Grade 7 Volleyball – Richmond Colts Volleyball Tournament



We want to congratulate all of our grade 7 volleyball players who attended the Richmond Colts Volleyball Tournament on Thursday, November 29th at Richmond High. The team showed outstanding sportsmanship throughout the night and encouraged one another to do their best. We want to extend our appreciation to Richmond High for inviting us to this event and to the senior leadership students who helped out with all of details to make this tournament possible for our students.

Thursday's Hold and Secure Drill

We're writing to let you know about a safety procedure that we have at the school called a Hold and Secure 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 also 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 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 "Hold and Secure" drill on Thursday, December 7th at 1:15pm to simulate effective responses to potential safety threats from outside of the school. Most staff members have practiced the drill before in previous years and classroom teachers will discuss the steps involved in a school hold and secure 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.

School Age Parent Survey – On Behalf of the Ministry of Education and Child Care

Dear Parent/Guardian,

On behalf of the Ministry of Education and Child Care, we are sharing the survey information below to help inform the Province's [ChildCareBC](#) initiatives:

We know that many families depend on school-age child care to ensure their children have a quality, affordable, and inclusive place to be during a parent's full work day. That is why the Province's [ChildCareBC plan](#) is working to expand access to child care for all families that want and need it.

The Ministry of Education and Child Care is conducting a parent survey to better understand the regional and provincial demand for school age child care.

While we know there is unmet demand for school-aged child care, there is no current provincial or regional data quantifying the demand. Your participation will help the Province plan for future school-aged child care expansions.

This survey is intended for all parents, regardless of the type of child care you currently use or even if you are not using any child care at all.

Who should fill out this survey?



If you have children attending Kindergarten to Grade 7 at a B.C. school, we want to hear from you about your family's child care needs.

What will this survey be used for?

The survey results will be used to support planning for future initiatives under the ChildCareBC plan. All responses are voluntary and anonymous; you and your child will not be identified as a result of your participation in the survey. Information received will be combined and shared with your school and district as a summary.

How do I complete the survey?

The survey is now available online at:

<https://www.awinfosys.com/surveyfull3/minofed/main/SchoolAgeParents.asp?SchoolNumber=817>

and is available in 18 languages. The survey will take 10-15 minutes to complete and is available starting November 21. Please only complete the survey once. The link is intended especially for you. Please do not share the link with anyone else. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at ChildCareBC.Engagement@gov.bc.ca. If you encounter any technical difficulties, please contact the web survey provider (AWIS) at support@awinfosys.com.

We greatly appreciate your input and thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,

Ministry of Education and Child Care





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FASTER & EASIER
TO RETURN YOUR
DRINK CONTAINERS

4 Easy Steps:

- 1 Bring your unsorted containers in sealed, clear or transparent bags of under 90-litre capacity to an Express site. Tip: put only a maximum of 12 glass bottles in each bag to prevent breakage.
- 2 Use the school's phone number **604-668-6198** to login at an Express Kiosk at Return-It OR **get labels from Mrs. Lunny** at Wowk's Office
- 3 Put the label on your bag(s) and leave them with Return-It
- 4 Return-It will sort & count, and Wowk's Account will be credited with the deposit refund. Jessie Wowk will redeem the money afterwards.



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Richmond, BC V7C 5K1



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Unit 110 - 11020 Horseshoe
Way, Richmond, BC V7A 4V5



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DISTRICT CODE OF CONDUCT

HOW WE LEARN AND WORK TOGETHER

The Board of Education recognizes its obligation to provide all members of our school district community with a positive climate and a safe, healthy environment.

As we learn and work together, we will...

- 1** Show respect for the diversity of the members of our school and district community.
- 2** Behave in a safe, considerate and courteous manner.
- 3** Not threaten, harass, intimidate or assault, in any way, any person within our school district community, through physical violence, print or electronic media.
- 4** Not be in possession of weapons, dangerous articles, alcohol or illegal drugs while in school or work.
- 5** Show respect and pride in our school district buildings and equipment through care and appropriate use of school district property.
- 6** Respect the non smoking environment of our schools and school district facilities.

Our expectations for how we learn and work together shall apply to everyone in our schools and at school functions.



The complete code of conduct
is available online at:
sd38.bc.ca/codeofconduct

Important Dates Coming Up

November 29 – Grade 6/7 Volleyball
Tournament at Richmond High

December 19 – Band Concert

December 20 – PAC Winter Celebration

December 21 – Learning Updates /
Reports Go Home

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Dates (December)

2 – International Day for the Abolition of Slavery

3- International Day of Persons with Disabilities

6 – National Day of Remembrance and Action
on Violence Against Women

9 – International Day of Commemoration and
Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide
and of the Prevention of this Crime

10 – Human Rights Day

7 – 15 – Hannukah (Judaism)

8 – Bodhi Day (Buddhism)

21 – Winter Solstice

24 – Christmas Eve (Christianity)

24 – Quviaskuvik Begins

25 – Christmas Day (Christianity)

26 – Kwanzaa Begins

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

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