

### Jessie Wowk News / January 22 – 26

January 22 Monday	
January 23 Tuesday	Minoru Skating Field Trip for Divisions 3/5/6/7 from 9:45 am – 12:00 pm Fruit and Veggie Day
January 24 Wednesday	Hot Lunch: Pizza Day <u>(Order on Munch-a-Lunch)</u> Steveston London Program Planning Counsellor Visit for Grade 7s @ 1:00 pm
January 25 Thursday	Hot Lunch: <u>(Order on Munch-a-Lunch)</u>
January 26 Friday	Division 1 and 2 Ski Lesson Field Trip to Mt. Seymour (All Day)

### **Social Media Awareness Family Sessions**

Safer Schools Together, in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Childcare, is offering "Social Media Awareness" family sessions. These sessions are designed to support families and caregivers navigate the digital world. Dates, times and information to register can be found here: <u>Safer Schools Together</u>

### Notice of Intent to Attend Forms

We thank our families for handing in the blue *Notice of Intent to Attend* forms to the school. As mentioned previously, the information collected from these forms is important as it allows us to plan for the upcoming 2024 -2025 academic year. If you have not had a chance to complete the form we ask that you please hand it in to the office as soon as possible. Please also connect with the office if you cannot locate the form and we can provide a copy for you. Thank you.

### **Basketball Season is Underway**

The basketball season has begun and we are excited for this opportunity for our grade 6 and 7 students. Practices for students have started and the coaches are currently in the process of setting up games with other schools. For the girls team Mr. Ray and Mr. Kirkegaard will be coaching and Mr. Lorenz and Mr. Daum will be coaching the boys team. It's not too late for students to join and we encourage your child to connect with one of the coaches if they have any questions or are curious about joining the team.



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### **Thank You Families!**

We know that Snow Days can create challenges for some families who may need to make last-minute child care arrangements. The closing of our schools is not an easy decision for our school district to make and we thank you for your understanding. We hope that your child was able to enjoy some fun in the snow!

### Get REDI!

This is just a reminder about the upcoming REDI webinar for families.

Please see the information in this flyer for more details.

# **Get REDI** Reconciliation, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion with Richmond School District

A webinar series on Zoom for parents and caregivers to understand and support SD38 initiatives around inclusion and belonging.

This initial 60-minute session is designed to help you understand the district's commitment to reconciliation, equity, diversity and inclusion, and the values and language that inform our practices in schools. The facilitator, Destine Lord,

will draw on the district's strategic plan to drive the conversation and make connections between the plan, the district's vision, and introductory concepts of anti-oppression. By building the language, you can help support your learner as they move between home and school and back again. There will be opportunities with future sessions to further explore REDI concepts.



Destine Lord (she/her) is a consultant and facilitator actively working towards the elimination of racism in Canada. For the last 15 years, she has worked in both the private and public sectors, facilitating workshops and training sessions related to anti-racism,

change management, and reconciliation. As a Black Canadian, Destine can draw on her lived experiences to inform conversations about racism. She is excited to be supporting the Richmond School District and our work to build equity and inclusion and a sense belonging for all students and staff.



#### Registration

These repeated webinar sessions are intended for Richmond School District parents and caregivers only. As space is limited, please register in advance for one session using one of the QR codes below.

January 25, 2024 at 7 p.m.















## 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...

- Show respect for the diversity of the members of our school and district community.
  - Behave in a safe, considerate and courteous manner.
    - Not threaten, harass, intimidate or assault, in any way, any person within our school district community, through physical violence, print or electronic media.
- Not be in possession of weapons, dangerous articles, alcohol or illegal drugs while in school or work.
- Show respect and pride in our school district buildings and equipment through care and appropriate use of school district property.
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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	Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Dates (January)
January	1 – Kwanzaa Ends
29 – Professional Development Day	1 – Ochetookesaskaw – Kissing Day / Hand Shaking Day (Metis)
31 – Lockdown Drill	
<u>February</u>	2 – Mid Winter Ceremony
5 – Improv Fine Arts Performance	14 – Maghi (Sikhism)
19 – Family Day Weekend	15 – Black Excellence Day
23 – Fire Drill	17 – Raoul Wallenberg Day
28 – Pink Shirt Day	17 – Guru Gobindh Singh Birthday
29 – Student Led Conferences	21 – Lincoln Alexander Day
March	24 – World Day for African and Afrodescendant Day
8 – Earthquake Drill	29 – National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia
14 – Last Day before Spring Break	

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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