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# Jessie Wowk News / February 12 - 16

February 12 Monday	Lion Dance Performance – 1:15pm in Gym Boys Basketball Game at Blair / Girls Basketball Game at Home
February 13 Tuesday	
February 14 Wednesday	Hot Lunch: Pizza Day (Order on Munch-a-Lunch) 10 Days of Caring Begins at Wowk PAC Valentines Day after school Celebration (3:00 pm – 4:00 pm) Girls Basketball Game at Garden City
February 15 Thursday	Hot Lunch: (Order on Munch-a-Lunch)
February 16 Friday	Professional Development Day – Students Do Not Attend School

#### **Lunar New Year**



Lunar New Year occurs on February 10, 2024 this year. In Chinese tradition, each year the Chinese zodiac is associated with an animal sign. Lunar New Year 2024 is the Year of the Dragon. The dragon is considered a symbol of strength, courage and good fortune. Enjoy celebrating, gathering, and eating great food with your families and friends!

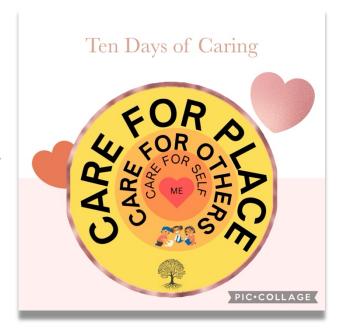
Also, families are welcome to come and join us in the gym on Monday at 1:15 pm for a performance by Vancouver Lion Dance Inc. This performance will include southern style lion dance with performers in full costumes, instruments, and information and learning about the rich history and symbolism of the Lion Dance. We look forward to this event and want to again thank our PAC committee for their financial support of this event.





#### Ten Days of Caring at Jessie Wowk

Starting on Valentines Day, we will be having a school wide focus on the importance of Caring for Others in our school community. Staff in the school will be looking for examples of the different ways that students are Caring for Others in the school day and they will they give students a heart that will be placed on our Caring Tree in the hallway. We will conclude our Ten Days of Caring with our Pink Shirt Day assembly on February 28<sup>th</sup> and celebrate the ways in which we Cared for Others during this time. We hope that this project inspires our learners to understand the many different ways we can all make important contributions to making our school community a safe and wonderful place to learn through acts of kindness. We thank Mr. Ray, Ms. Skiba, and Ms. Huang for planning and carrying out the Ten Days of Caring for our school.



#### **Richmond Children's Arts Festival**





#### **PAC Message and Announcements**

We are excited to announce that there will be a Valentine's Day Dance Party / Celebration in the gym after school for Valentine's Day (this Wednesday). All are welcome to come out and celebrate. Please see the flyer below for more details.







#### **Summer Learning 2024**

Please see the attached flyer for more information regarding Summer Learning programs being offered by our school district. A more detailed catalogue regarding programs being offered will be available in April.

#### **REAP Program**

#### **REAP – Richmond Education Assistant Program**

We are happy to announce that this year we are running a REAP part time program which started January 6, 2024 and will run until February 2025.

Do you know anyone interested in a career in education?

#### Full Time REAP 2024

Do you enjoy supporting children and youth with disabilities and diverse abilities? Are you compassionate? Are you a lifelong learner? Are you a team player? Are you passionate about inclusive learning communities?

Richmond Education Assistant Program (**REAP**) is rigorous, intense and rewarding. It is designed by the Richmond School District to prepare adults who have the passion to work with children and youth with diverse abilities and disabilities as an Education Assistant.

Full Time REAP 2024 will start in July 2024 and end in November 2024.

For more information please register by clicking on the registration link below.

#### Information Session #1 February 10, 2024 - 9:30-11 am

https://anc.ca.apm.activecommunities.com/rmdcontinuingeducation/activity/search/detail/14364?onlineSiteId=0&from\_original\_cui=true

#### Information Session #2 February 13, 2024 – 6:30-8pm

https://anc.ca.apm.activecommunities.com/rmdcontinuingeducation/activity/search/detail/14363?onlineSiteId=0&from\_original\_cui=true

Visit www.RichmondCE.ca or phone 604.668.6123 for more information

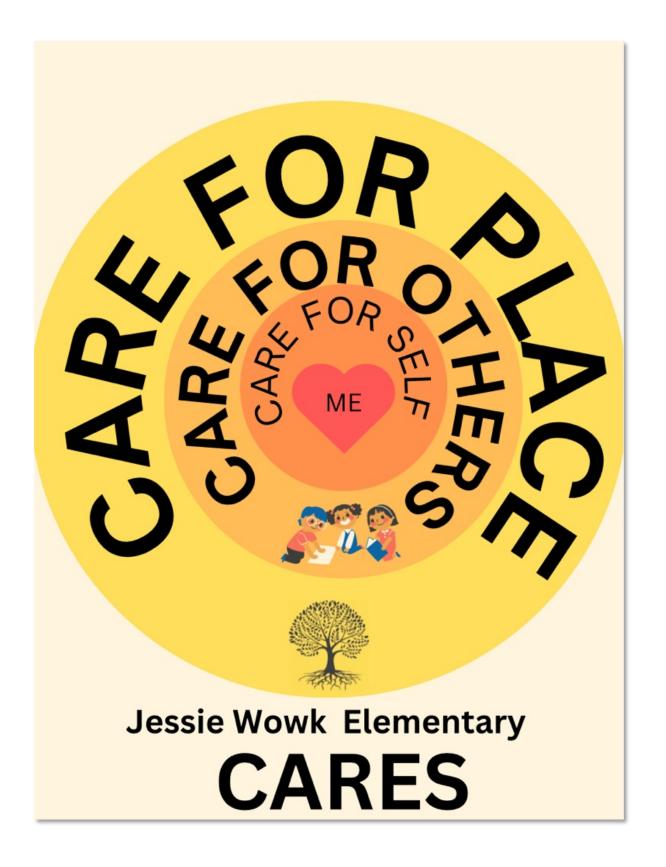


## FamilySmart In-Person Events (February and March)

In addition to <u>free, online events</u> accessible to parents/caregivers, FamilySmart is running in-person events at district ICY hub locations (Grauer and McNeely). The February session will focus on 'A Conversation for Families about Digital Well Being and Mental Health', while the March session will focus on 'Beyond Behaviours: When is it More? What it Looks Like Ages 9-12'. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

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# 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.
- 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**

## <u>February</u>

16 – Professional Development Day

19 – Family Day Weekend

23 - Fire Drill

28 - Pink Shirt Day

29 – Student Led Conferences / Dismissal

at 11:50 am

March

8 – Earthquake Drill

14 – Last Day before Spring Break

# **Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Dates (February)**

February is Black History Month

10 – Lunar New Year

14 – Vasant Panchami

14 – Ash Wednesday

14 – National Day of Action to Honour Missing Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, Trans and

2 – Spirited

15 - Nirvana Day

19 - Family Day

20 - World Day of Social Justice

21 – International Mother Language Day

24 – Lantern Festival

24 – Magha Puja Day

28 - Pink Shirt Day

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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