



Jessie Wowk News / April 15 – 19

April 15 Monday	
April 16 Tuesday	Fruit and Veggie Program
April 17 Wednesday	Hot Lunch: Pizza Day (Order on Munch-a-Lunch)
April 18 Thursday	Hot Lunch: (Order on Munch-a-Lunch)
April 19 Friday	

Eid Mubarak



We would like to say Eid Mubarak to our families who celebrate. The month of Ramadhan came to an end on April 9/10, 2024. The end of this month for Muslims ends with a celebration called Eid-al-Fitr and on this day, Muslim students, families and colleagues come together to spend time with family and to enjoy feasting.

Happy Vaisakhi

We would also like to say Happy Vaisakhi to our Sikh families who celebrate on April 13th. 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. Please feel free to listen to (32 mins) **[The Secret Life of Canada: The Punjabi Market \(link\)](#)**, 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.



Also – a reminder that April is Sikh Heritage Month (from last week)



Nationally, April is the celebration of Sikh Heritage. Our local Sikh history and excellence is one to be acknowledged and shared. Once again at Jessie Wowk Elementary we are honoring our Sikh local history, students and families, by engaging in awareness and dialogue with our staffs and students by sharing this [Education Guide on the Sikh Faith](#) and by displaying Sikh Heritage posters as a way to engage our learning community in Sikh history and excellence. The following links will also provide information to families about Sikh Heritage month:

[Sikh Heritage Month](#)
[Canadian Heritage – Sikh Heritage Month](#)

Events for Parents and Caregivers

Earth Week is April 20 – 28

Earth Week is happening April 20-28 with lots of free and low-cost family-friendly activities. Please check out the following City of Richmond link for more information: <https://www.richmond.ca/culture/calendar/special-events/earthweek.htm>



Beyond Behaviours: When is it More? Ages 4 – 8 years.

It can be tricky to tell if our kids' development is on track, if they are going through a phase, or struggling with something more? You are not alone. Join us in person to watch a 30 minute video conversation with Karen Peters, a mental health therapist who supports children, teens and families, for a discussion about understanding the developmental stages of 6 to 8 year old children.

Come together with other families to watch this video presentation followed by a facilitated discussion by the Family Peer Support Workers in Richmond.

Please go here for more information: [Family Smart](#)

Connecting with Kids: An Online Event with Kim Barthell

We know that having caring, connected conversations can significantly impact the mental health of children and youth. Join us to listen to Kim Barthell talk about having more self-compassion, self-awareness and knowledge about the art and science of relationships. Our kids mean so much to us, and yet disconnection, dissociation and even the potential for self-harm is



very real. A holistic and engaging story-teller, Kim will introduce the basics of attunement, attachment theory, trauma-sensitive practice, sustainable self-care and above all the power of connection and inclusion.

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Parent Sessions on Social Media Awareness

In partnership with the Ministry of Education and Childcare, Safer Schools Together is offering parent sessions on social media awareness. These sessions all take place in the evenings from 6:30 – 7:30pm and all parents/caregivers and their children (aged 10 and up) may attend.

The dates are: Tuesday, March 26 / Wednesday, April 10 / Tuesday, April 16

Trainings can be found at this link: [erase Family Sessions \(saferschoolstogether.com\)](#)

PAC Message and Announcements

We are switching!
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Thursday

PAC IS HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE ARE OFFICIALLY SWITCHING OVER TO OLIVE LUNCH ON ALTERNATING THURSDAYS WHEN WE ARE BACK IN APRIL!

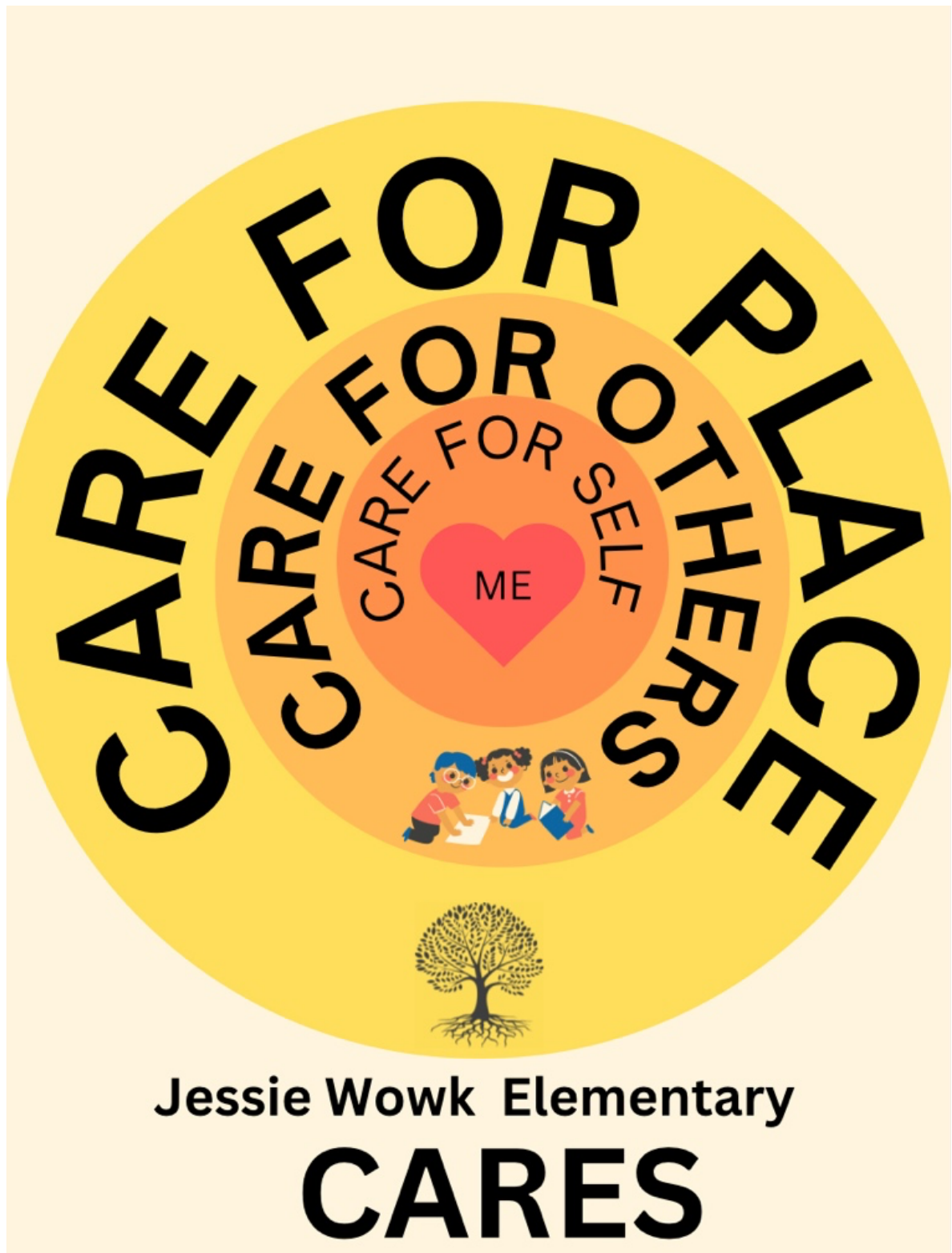
IT WILL BE REPLACING WIN WIN CHICKEN!

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EACH

Options:

- TOMATO CHEESY BEEF PASTA (CONTAINS DAIRY)
- TOMATO SAUCE ITALIAN MEATBALLS PASTA (CONTAINS DAIRY)
- TOMATO SAUCE WITH MUSHROOM PASTA (VEGAN & NON DAIRY)

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE EMAIL
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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

April

22 - Class Photo Day

24 – Reports / Learning Updates Go Home

May

9 – Steveston London Fun Day (grade 7s attend)

16 – Track and Field Meet at Minoru

17 – Professional Development Day

20 – Victoria Day (no school)

23 – Welcome to Kindergarten

June

7 – Sports Day

21 – Grade 7 Farewell

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Dates (April)

April

Sikh Heritage Month

Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month

1 Easter Monday †

9 Ramadan Ends ☾*

9-17 Chaitra Navratri ॐ

9 or 10 Eid-al-Fitr Celebration ☾*

13 Vaisakhi ☪

14 International Day of Pink

14-20 Bangla Heritage Week

17 Ram Navami ॐ

22-30 Pesach ☪

23 Hanuman Jayanti ॐ



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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