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JAMIESON NEWSLETTER

With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

"Cultivate your minds as definitely as you do your muscles.
Cultivate kindly feelings and do kindly acts and kindness will
become the law of your being."

- Dr. Annie B. Jamieson

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Ms. Cathy Thomas - Principal
Ms. Davita Marsden - Vice Principal
Ms. Julie Szeto - Administrative Assistant
Ms. Hayley Kellow - Extra Clerical
Mr. Justin Leung - PAC Chair
Joshua Zhang- VSB School Trustee

MESSAGE



Dear Families

Schools are busy places and one of the things that makes Jamieson an exciting and dynamic school are the many students who show initiative and leadership. Student led activities this term include:

- A Comic Drawing Club led by a group of Grade Five students for younger students.
- A Chess Club for students of all grades.
- A Gay Straight Alliance Club one lunchtime every other week led by a Grade Five student who in her words, wants to "stop homophobic bullying in school." The purpose of a Gay Straight Alliance club in school is to provide a safe place where students who may not identify as straight can be themselves and be joined by their friends who provide allyship.
- A French Club led by a fluent French speaking Grade Six student
- A Rock Club for younger students with previous music experience
- A Drama Club led by several Grade Five and Six students who are keen to share what they learn at out of school theatre classes.

Thank you to the staff who have agreed to sponsor the clubs and who support student initiatives.

Additionally, we have the badminton team competing in the Elementary School Jamboree this week and nearly one hundred students who are participating in the Track and Field team this term.

Finally, thank you to PAC and all parents who volunteer at the school. We are thankful to PAC for funding our wish list items which include pop up soccer goals, a class set of mats and new canopies for our sports teams and outdoor activities. Please remember to RSVP to attend our Volunteer Appreciation Event on Thursday 10th June.

Regards,

Principal

UPCOMING DATES

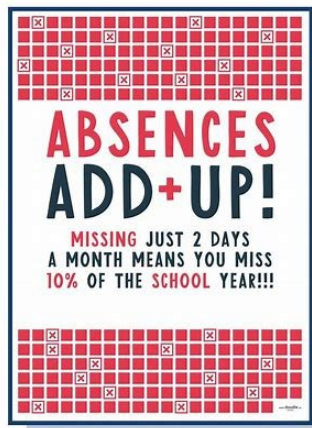
May is Asian Heritage Month

- **Thursday 8th May**- Big One at 2- Earthquake Drill
- **Wednesday 14th May**- PAC Carnival after school
- **Friday 16th May**- Sports Day 12:00pm - 2:58pm
- **Monday 19th May**- Victoria Day- no school
- **Wednesday 21st May**- Kindergarten Welcome event- 1pm (starting school September 2025)
- **Tuesday 27th May**- All day Track meet for Track and Field Team
- **Wednesday 28th May**- PAC AGM and Meeting- 7:00pm in- person and on- line
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June is Pride Month

- **Wednesday 4th June- Friday 6th June**- Grade 7 Camp
- **Tuesday 10th June**- Volunteer Appreciation- afternoon
- **Wednesday 11th June**- Junior Strings Concert- 7pm
- **Thursday 12th June**- Senior Strings Concert- 7pm
- **Wednesday 18th June**- Primary end of year concert- 11:00am- 12:00pm
- **Tuesday 24th June**- Grade 7 graduation ceremony- 3:30pm
- **Thursday 26th June**- Last day of school for students

ATTENDANCE AUDIT



This term we are reviewing student attendance to this point of the year and tracking student late arrivals. We will be contacting families whose children are chronically absent- ie. absent for more than 20 days in the school year and whose children arrive consistently late to school.

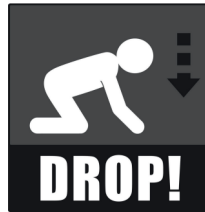
We know that there are times such as sickness and family events that are unavoidable, and we do take these reasons for absence into account. **However, attending school is important.** When children attend school consistently, they build stronger relationships with their teacher and classmates. Students feel a greater sense of belonging at school and are, therefore, more engaged and excited about learning. It is difficult to “catch children up” when they miss a significant amount of teacher instruction because of absence. When students enter class late, it is disruptive to the rest of the class, they have missed important information about the format of the day and quality learning time.

Research shows that 18 school days missed in one year can lead to one grade level of learning lost and students who miss this much school are less likely to graduate High School in Grade 12. **To put it another way, if your child misses 1 day of school every two weeks, then by the time they get to grade 10, they will have missed a full year of school- it really adds up.** Students should attend school every day unless there is an unavoidable reason.

EARTHQUAKE DRILL- THURSDAY 8TH MAY



Protect yourself during an Earthquake!



At 2:00pm, on Thursday 8th May, the school will be participating in the Vancouver School District's earthquake drill. Staff will be conducting a full evacuation onto the field and setting up the earthquake equipment as they would in the event of an earthquake. **This year we will be releasing Kindergarten students from Kindergarten- Divisions 19, 20, 21 to parents at 2:15pm.** We are going through this small-scale process of reunification so that as a school we can practice what we need to do and also to prepare parents for what the process will look like for them. **We ask that only the families of students in Kindergarten come to school to collect their child at 2:15pm and follow the process below. All other students will be dismissed at the usual time of 2:58pm.**

In the event that there needs to be a whole school evacuation this will be the process when collecting a child. You will be directed to:

- Go to the yellow sign marked 1- check-in gate (undercover area at front of school)
- Show your ID to an adult at the check- in gate and sign
- Take the yellow slip to Release gate 2 and hand to a member of staff
- Someone will go to where your child's class is waiting and collect your child
- **Your child/ children will be brought over to you at release gate 2.**

In the event of an emergency such as an earthquake where students have to be released to an adult, the school's priority at all times is the safety and well- being of the child. **We will not release a student into the care of a relative, friend or neighbor who is not on the emergency contact list- the yellow sheet that was completed earlier this school year.** I'm sure you understand that making sure we get all children into the care of the right adult will take time and we appreciate your patience while we do this. **You will be required to show a piece of identification- even if you are a parent. This is because it may not be your child's teacher or a member of staff who knows you who is handing your child to you.**

Just so you know, if there were to be a major earthquake children will be supervised by school staff for 72 hours before being placed in the care of the Ministry if they have not been collected. This will initially be onsite at Jamieson Elementary and then we would relocate to Churchill High School. Please take the time to develop a family emergency plan or to review your existing plan. This website may be useful:

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/preparedbc>

RECOMMENDED RESOURCE

Our Area Counsellor, Maria- Teresa Foster recommends this website as a resource and support for families who have a child that is experiencing mental health challenges: <https://familysmart.ca>

"We help children and young people by helping their family and other caring adults.
We know children and young people do better when the adults who care about them are supported."

BOTTLE CAP COLLECTION



Thank you to everyone who has been bringing in the plastic bottle caps. We have collected a few hundred already but are looking for more! We ask that you spread the word and support this initiative by collecting plastic caps- at home, in your workplace and with other family members.

There is a collection box at the school office. If every student brings in just 20 plastic bottle caps, we will get 10,000!

ROAD SAFETY

KEEP ALL CHILDREN SAFE- OBEY TRAFFIC LAWS!



SAFE ARRIVAL & STUDENT SIGN IN/OUT PROCEDURE

The Vancouver School Board has a safe arrival protocol district wide. **If your child will be absent or late from school, please phone the school to report this absence as early as possible.** Parents should leave a message on the dedicated answering service by calling 604-713-5367 and when prompted enter school code 1, prior to 9 am on the first day of the absence. Upon calling the Safe Arrival/Absence reporting phone line, you will be asked to leave a message and will require the following information:

- First & last name of your child (please spell the last name)
- Grade
- Division
- Reason for absence
- Date & length of absence



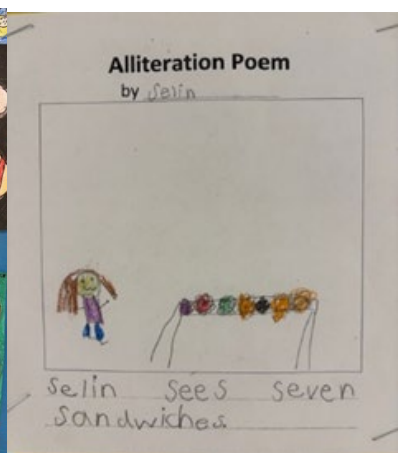
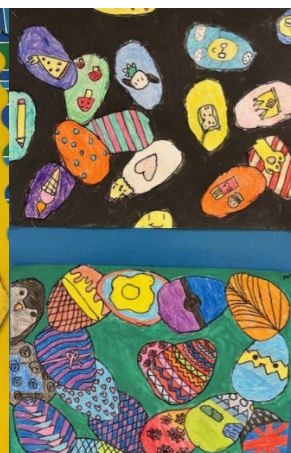
Late students:

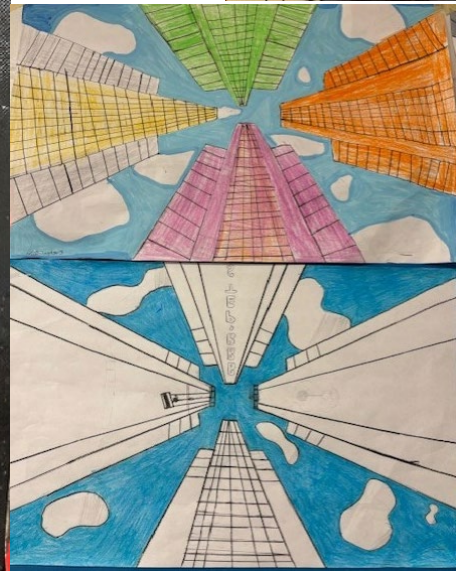
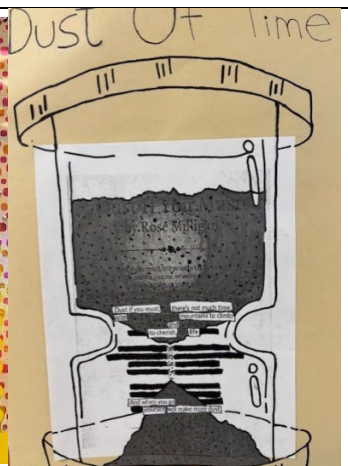
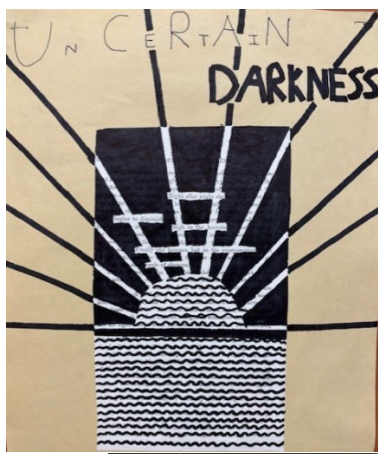
If your child is late to school (arriving past 9am), they will need to be signed in on the student sign-in sheets on the table located near the cupboard of trophies.

Student Sign-Out Procedure:

When you pick up your child during the school day, please visit or call the office upon arrival at the school. The office staff will then ask you to complete the student sign out sheet. If your child returns throughout the day, please follow the same procedure to sign them back in.

IN SCHOOL TODAY....







MANDARIN CAMPS

2025 Mandarin Immersion Summer Camp Registration at Jamieson

Dive into the Summer Camp full of Mandarin immersion where kids engage in exciting activities and field trips, all while enhancing their Mandarin skills! This summer, spark your child's love for Mandarin learning!

Highlights in 2025:

- Two-week cycle: Learning + hands-on projects.
- Small class size.
- Divided by ages (6-8 and 9-12) and language backgrounds.
- Fun themes&activities: Radio broadcasting, storytelling&little Drama, video making and field trips
- Campsite: Annie B. Jamieson Elementary School, 6350 Tisdall St, Vancouver

Website: <https://www.vancouvermandarinschool.com/2025-summer-camps>



The poster for the 2025 Mandarin Immersion Summer Camp features a photograph of two children, a boy and a girl, wearing hats and looking at something on the ground in a natural setting. The text is in both Chinese and English. At the top, it says 'This summer, spark your child's love for Mandarin learning!'. The logo for Vancouver Mandarin School (VMS) is present. The main title is '中文 Mandarin Summer Camp 夏令营'. Below this, it specifies '两周中文沉浸探索 A Two-Week Mandarin Immersion Exploration'. There are three camp options listed: Beginner Talk Studio, Pinyin Story Hub, and Chinese Literacy Lab. A schedule table shows dates and times for half-day and full-day sessions. A price of \$150 is listed with an 'Early Bird Discount'. A QR code is provided for more details. The campsite is Annie B. Jamieson Elementary School, 6350 Tisdall St, Vancouver. The contact number is +1 (672) 866-6777.

这个夏天，让您的孩子爱上中文！
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VMS
Vancouver Mandarin School

中文 Mandarin

两周中文沉浸探索
A Two-Week
Mandarin Immersion Exploration

Summer
Camp 夏令营

三大暑期 Three Camp Options
听说强化营 - 拼音故事营 - 汉字文化营
Beginner Talk Studio - Pinyin Story Hub - Chinese Literacy Lab

营期安排
Schedule

W1&W2: 7.7-11, 7.14-18
W3&W4: 7.21-25, 7.28-8.1
W5&W6: 8.5-8, 8.11-15

半天 / 全天
Half-Day / Full-Day

上午 AM: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
下午 PM: 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
全天 Full-Day: 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

三大主题+两周一次户外学习 Three Themes + Bi-weekly Fieldtrips

营地 Campsite - Annie B. Jamieson Elementary School, 6350 Tisdall St, Vancouver

电话: +1 (672) 866-6777
(Tel.)

\$150
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Scan for details

PAC NEWS

Upload Yearbook Photos by May 15th!

Reminder all parents who want to submit photos to the yearbook. Last day to submit is May 15th. Link to upload the photos is in the division chats on WhatsApp with each division's user name and password. If there are common photos (not specific to a division), they can still be uploaded to the division folder your child is in. Note that only good quality school related photos will be included in the yearbook.

Open Roles for PAC Exec! - Need Parent Volunteers!

Many PAC Executives have students entering their final year at Jamieson - We're looking for Parent Volunteers to fill certain roles of the PAC Exec team or start transitioning roles over the next school year. PAC Would not be possible without the support of all parents at Jamieson. Activities such as

Talent Show, Yearbook, Movie Night, Carnival are run and organized by the PAC. Fundraising and Hot Lunch Program are also run by parent volunteers. Without a strong PAC Community and PAC Execs to lead these initiatives, Jamieson would not be able to subsidize Field Trips or purchase technology such as Laptops and iPads for the children. Extra-curricular events this year such as Curling, Parent's Internet Safety, Bollywood Dancing, UBC Geering Up are all funded by the PAC. If you are interested in contributing or leading the following roles, please reach-out via info@jamiesonpac.com or through WhatsApp to any of the executives. All executives roles for the next school year will be voted on at the Annual General Meeting.

Roles:

- Chair
- Vice-Chair
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Hot Lunch Coordinator
- Coordinators for individual events (ie. Spring Carnival, Movie Night, Yearbook, Talent Show, etc...)
- Website/Tech
- District PAC (DPAC) Representative
- School Planning Council (SPC) Representative.

The current PAC Executives and Committees can be found: <https://jamiesonpac.com/pac-executives-and-committees/>

More Detailed Role & Description can be found: <https://jamiesonpac.com/pac-executive-role-descriptions/>

Hot Lunch & Snack Shop

Hot Lunch & Snack Shop are not possible without parent volunteers. In 2025, we have had challenges with enough parent volunteers to help support and distribute hot lunches. As a result, Hot Lunch may be cancelled without 2 parent volunteers signed up 1 week before. Snack Shop on Friday may be cancelled without 5 parents signed up by Thursday night. If we are consistently unable to have enough parent support, then the number of Hot Lunch days may need to be reduced.

Jamieson Volunteers: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/BNwlawIJjuy6FWvAU2Be3S>

Hot Lunch Sign-Ups: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44AEAD2AA6FAC43-54046989-jamieson>

We would really appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to complete this short survey to share your valuable feedback on the hot lunch program and how we can improve. Please submit your response by Feb 28. Thank you again! <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf9JUpEdwhA47YKgIXS2yXpV7U7JySMFwXwhYX7oFfoHP-YTw/viewform>

Save The Date !!! May 14th, 2025 - Spring Carnival.

Spring Carnival is returning to Jamieson!! Entrance will be FREE. There will be games, food trucks, face painting, snack shop, and a silent auction with donations from the community! The details are still in planning but if you're interested in volunteering and helping out, please sign up <https://forms.gle/fC2czJTSSTqiasfA7>



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Keep up to date with the [Jamieson PAC Community on WhatsApp](#) for latest announcements, events, and network with parents in your child's Division.

Snack shop every Friday



For more information, check out the Jamieson PAC [Website](https://jamiesonpac.com) | 網站 | 웹사이트 | ウェブサイト | trang web | sitio web | site | وب سائٹ | websayt | ويب سائٹ | веб-сайт | web sitesi | वेबसाइट | เว็บไซต์ @ <https://jamiesonpac.com>

Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) came into effect on July 1st, 2014. By joining the Jamieson PAC Community on WhatsApp, you are providing express consent through an opt-in mechanism to receive commercial electronic messages (CEM) from the PAC Executive. This may include announcements, event invitations, newsletters, and other electronic messages which may contain advertising or promotions regarding the school and school district fundraisers, field trips, the sale of yearbooks, student pictures, books, canteen/cafeteria sales, grad or dance tickets or similar events and offers. You may unsubscribe at any time by leaving the WhatsApp Community.