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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

I hope that you have all enjoyed our return to school. Happy Lunar New Year to our families who are celebrating the start of the Year of the Snake. Yesterday, we enjoyed a Lion Dance performance from the Hon Hsing Athletic Club.

In our assembly at the start of term, we talked about goal setting and having a growth mind set. We discussed breaking goals down into smaller parts, celebrating each achievement no matter how big or small and telling ourselves that if we can't do something, we say, "I can't do it, yet," and understanding that learning is a process. We watched this video [Growth Mindset For Kids-Growth Mindset vs. Fixed Mindset-The Power Of Yet-Elementary-Middle School](#).

February is Black History month. Jamieson is celebrating Black History month by using age - appropriate resources and curriculum materials that raise awareness of the achievements and contributions of Black people to Canadian society past and present and which challenge stereotypes and racism. This work is not limited to one month though. A diverse and inclusive school creates a space for cultural exchange and has a positive impact upon everyone. All students should see themselves and their families reflected in the resources that we use, should hear positive stories about their identity and should feel safe to be themselves and to share their cultural background and experiences. Ensuring that all students have these rights is integral to student success at school. If you would like some starting points for family discussions, [Sankofa read aloud](#) has a lot of stories.

Pink Shirt Day will be on Wednesday 26th February - a day that celebrates students taking a stand against homophobic bullying. Sadly, school staff have heard an increase in the use of homophobic language in the school

recently. Students from grades 1-7 have been using language such as, "Last one it is gay," and "That's so gay." Most of the children do not understand what they are saying, but older students do understand. We know that language matters and that words can hurt. Jamieson encompasses a large, diverse community, and our members include people who identify as Two Spirited, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (2SLGBTQ) and who have family and friends who identify as 2SLGBTQ. When we hear these slurs in school, they cause harm- to individuals and the community.

The use of homophobic language is very serious; it not only goes against our school Code of Conduct, but also the BC Human Rights Code. Regardless of our personal beliefs there is no place in our school or society for derogatory or discriminatory language. Jamieson is committed to being a safe and inclusive place for all members of our community. We know that students thrive socially and academically in schools that are safe, inclusive and welcoming to all. We appreciate your support in reinforcing the message that it is not OK to use these words.

Thank you to PAC for the funding of the iPads for the library. The cart has arrived, and the iPads are being configured by the I. T. Department- we hope to have them in use in the next couple of weeks. We have also booked the Bollywood dance workshops with Karima Essa for the first week of March. There will not be a performance for parents, but a whole school celebratory dance on the Friday afternoon.

Stay warm,

Regards,



Principal

UPCOMING DATES

- **Tuesday 4th February**- Digital Literacy and Safety for Parents and Caregivers online 6:30pm- 8:30pm
- **Friday 14th February**- Pro D day- no school for students
- **Monday 17th February**- Family Day- no school
- **Thursday 20th February**- PAC Movie night- 3:30pm and 6:15pm
- **Wednesday 26th February**- Pink Shirt Day
- **Monday 3rd March- Friday 7th March**- Bollywood Dancing workshops- paid for by PAC
- **Friday 14th March**- Last day of school before Spring Break
- **Monday 17th March- Friday 28th March**- Spring Break
- **Friday 18th April**- Good Friday- no school
- **Monday 21st April**- Easter Monday- no school
- **Wednesday 23rd April**- Parent- Teacher conferences- early dismissal at 2:00pm
- **Thursday 24th April**- Parent- Teacher conferences- early dismissal at 2:00pm

WINTER IS HERE!

Follow VSB on social media to stay updated about school closures due to severe weather.



During extreme weather conditions (heavy snowfall, extreme cold, freezing rain, extreme heat, etc.) VSB schools will remain open if possible. **If a District-**

wide closure is necessary, it will be announced by 6:30 a.m.

Stay updated:

Facebook: [Vancouver School Board](#)

Instagram: [@vsb39](#)

X: [@VSB39](#)

VSB website: [vsb.bc.ca](#)

ONLINE INTERNET SAFETY WORKSHOP FOR FAMILIES

Over the next couple of weeks, each Intermediate classes will have an Internet Safety workshop delivered by [The White Hatter – The White Hatter Digital Literacy & Internet Safety](#) organization. To support parents in understanding what their child is learning and how to ensure their family is using the Internet safely, an online parent and caregiver workshop has been organized before the student workshops on **Tuesday 4th February from 6:30pm – 8:30pm.**

Here is the link and information to access the workshop. Please do not share this with families whose children do not attend Jamieson Elementary

LINK: <https://app.sli.do/event/8fMGvPPa1paEuUSz8Lo4EG>

PASSWORD: 8885

On the day and time of the presentation, all a participant needs to do is click on this link, enter the password and they will be allowed access to the SLIDO platform where we will be hosting our live event. It is strongly recommended that parents' bookmark/save the link and password that you will send them, and sign into the event 10 minutes prior to the scheduled event going live, as we will be starting promptly at the designated time
Thank you to PAC who are paying for the parent workshop.

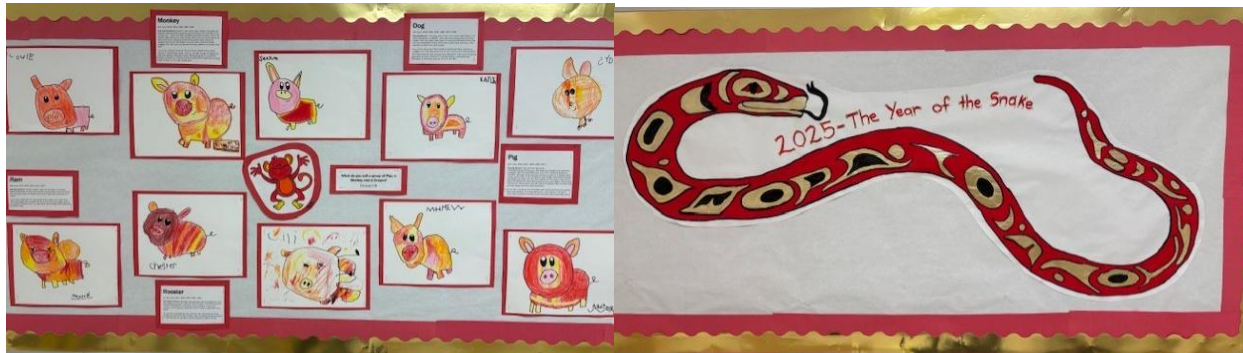
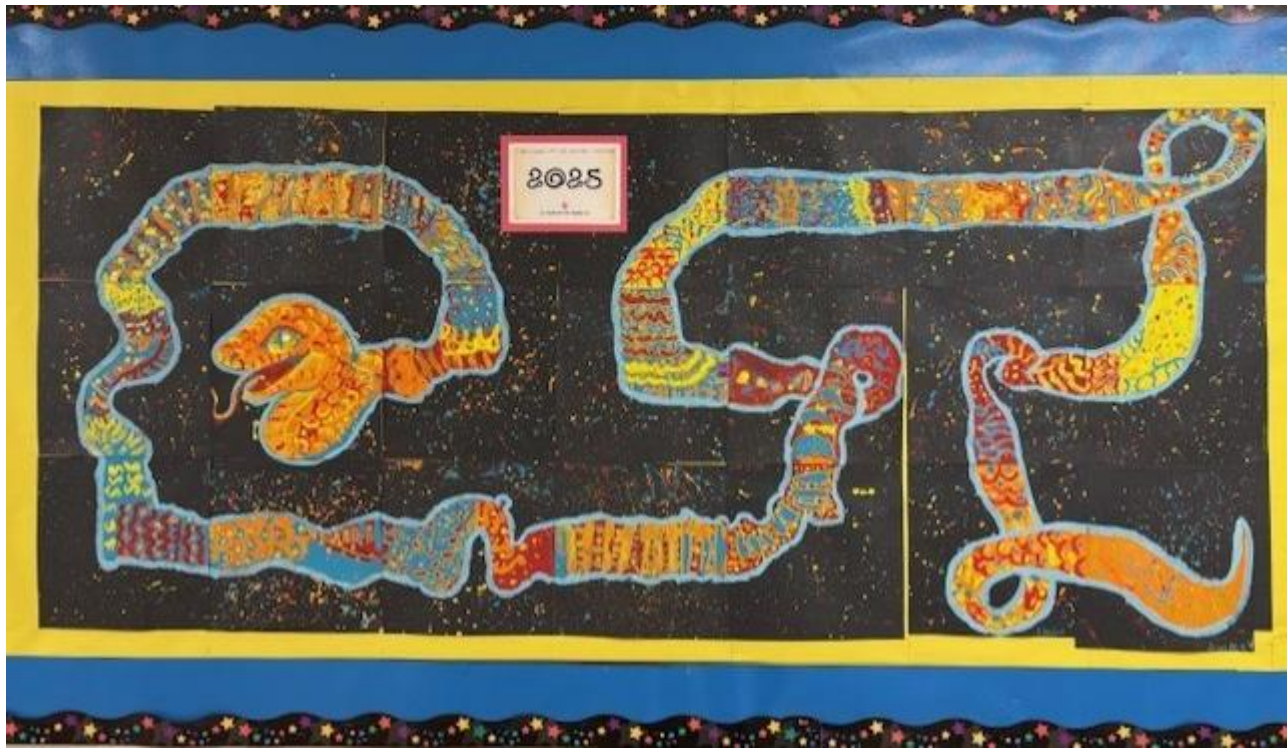
ARE YOU RETURNING NEXT YEAR?

We are currently working to confirm our registration numbers for 2025-2026. Please go to <https://forms.office.com/r/RudWRGFXsW> to **complete the form no later than Thursday, February 13th, 2025.** If you have more than one child attending Jamieson, please fill out one form for each child. Once confirmed, students who will be returning to Jamieson are automatically registered for the upcoming school year. Grade 7 students moving to high school do not need to complete this form. We understand that situations may change, so please let the Office know if there are any changes in the future. Thank you to the families who have already completed the form.

LEARNING AT JAMIESON









Division 5 Drum making this morning, led by Ms. Marsden

ROAD SAFETY

The VPD has been outside again recently at pick up and drop off. They plan to return regularly.

KEEP OUR STUDENTS SAFE- OBEY TRAFFIC LAWS.

This year, drivers have been warned and tickets have been issued for:

- **Not stopping at the crossing on Tisdall when people are waiting**
 - **Turning left onto 49th Avenue**
 - **Doing U- turns on Tisdall Street**
 - **Double parking on the street**
- **Parking on corners outside the parking spaces**



SPARE CLOTHES

Now that the weather has changed and it is wet outside, a lot of students are calling home for a change of clothes after slipping on the grass or playing in puddles while playing outside. All students should keep a spare pair of socks and pants to change into just in case.....



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.

LUNCHES AND UTENSILS

We kindly ask for your cooperation in ensuring that your child's lunch is packed in their backpack before school.

If you plan to drop off lunch for your child, we request that you communicate this with them beforehand. Please label the lunch with your child's name and division and leave it on the bench across from the office. Additionally, we encourage the use of eco-friendly utensils with the lunches. **Please ensure your child has the utensils that they need to eat their lunch. We have a very limited supply at school that has run out recently.**



Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

VANCOUVER PUBLIC LIBRARY

At the Oakridge branch, we have some [free and fun events](#) coming up that will be of interest to your children, including STEAM, and craft programs. Please see the flyer attached to the email.

Winter 2025 CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS
FREE!
Oakridge Branch
6184 Ash St. 604.665.3980

STEAM Makers
Thursdays | 3:30-4:30pm
Come experiment, create and get creative with fun activities as we explore science, technology, engineering, art and math (S.T.E.A.M.) For Grades K-7 | Drop-in
Jan 09 Kebab Planks
Jan 23 LEGO® Blocks
Feb 06 Orablocks
Feb 20 Sticks and Straws

Character Party: Pokémon®
Thursday, Mar 20 | 3:30-4:30pm
Don't you wish that you could party with your favourite characters? We have crafts and games all inspired by the characters from the Pokémon® series! Have fun and celebrate the characters you know and love.
For Grades K-7 | Drop-in

Studio Thursdays
Thursdays | 3:30-4:30pm
Jan 16 / Feb 13 / Feb 27 / Mar 13
Come and be inspired by our library materials and have some hands-on fun with simple art activities. Please dress to get messy.
For Grades K-7 | Drop-in

Builder Feet
Thursday, Mar 27 | 3:30-4:30pm
Caution, construction ahead! Use mystery materials to engineer a structural masterpiece. Connect with other kids and let your imagination run wild as you build and create!
For Grades K-7 | Drop-in

Lunar New Year Celebration
Thursday, Jan 30 | 3:30-4:30pm
Celebrate Lunar New Year with stories, songs and crafts.
For Grades K-7 | Drop-in

Babytime
Wednesdays, Jan 15 - Mar 05
10:30 - 11:00am
For ages 0 - 18 months | Drop-in

Book Maker Spaces
Thursdays, Mar 06 | 3:30-4:30pm
Drop in to this book maker space and learn how to make fun pop-up books, cool accordion books or tiny books for writing and drawing.
For Grades K-7 | Drop-in

Baby Stay and Play
Wednesdays, Jan 15 - Mar 05
11:00 - 11:30am
For ages 0 - 18 months | Drop-in

Family Storytime
Tuesdays, Jan 14 - Mar 04
10:30 - 11:00am
For children ages 0 - 6 years | Drop-in

For more events, program details or to register, visit [vpl.ca](#).

MANDARIN CAMPS

2025 Mandarin Immersion Camps – Registration Now Open | 2025中文沉浸营 报名开始

Vancouver Mandarin School is excited to offer **2025 Mandarin Immersion Camps (中文沉浸营)**, providing students with engaging language and cultural experiences both locally and in China.

Vancouver Camps (温哥华本地营) – February - August

- **Pro-D Day Camp (一日营):** February 14 & April 28
- **Spring Camp (春令营):** March 17-28 (Weekly Camp 周营)
- **Summer Camp (夏令营):** July 7 - August 15 (Weekly Camp 周营)

China Study Tours (中国游学营) : <https://www.vancouvermandarinschool.com/2025-trip-to-china>

- **Spring Camp (春季营) – March 18-27:** Registration Now Save Up to **\$450** Per Person!
- **Summer Camp (夏季营) – August 4-18:** Choose from two routes (两条线路可选)

For more details and to register, please visit our website (了解更多详情并报名, 请访问官网)

: <https://www.vancouvermandarinschool.com/mandarin-immersion-camps>

PAC MOVIE NIGHT/ GRADE SEVEN FUNDRAISER

Jamieson Elementary School

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Feature Movie:
The Super Mario Brothers

2 SHOWINGS
Thursday Feb 20, 2025

Movie: 3:30pm
(Doors open at 3:15pm)
*Snacks available for purchase

OR

Movie: 6:15pm
(Doors open at 5:45pm)
*Pizza and Chicken Bites available via School Cash Online for purchase

Admission: Free
Get your tickets on Feb 3 + 4 at 3:15pm (back of school undercover)- while quantities last
Maximum 4 Tickets / Family
** Everyone must have a ticket to enter the movies**

Parent(s) must accompany their children during the movie

*Free floor seating; Bring your own mat / chair *

Brought to you by the PAC and Grade 7s

ONLY 220 TICKETS AVAILABLE EACH SHOWING



GRADE SEVEN FUNDRAISER

NEW SPIRITWEAR AVAILABLE- INCLUDING PINK T- SHIRTS, JOG PANTS AND SHORTS

<http://www.beastvan.com/jamiesonspirit>

Samples will be available to try for size after school on Tuesday 4th February at the office area.



JAMIESON SPIRIT WEAR RETURNS!
SALE DATE 24 JAN - 5 FEB

Designed to celebrate the unique spirit of Jamieson, we have NEW products for our Spirit Wear Collection for purchase.

To make your order, click here:
<http://www.beastvan.com/jamiesonspirit>

Brought to you by Jamieson's Grad Class of 2024-2025

Or scan QR code to buy: [QR Code]

*Delivery date to be confirmed

Show your school spirit and support the grad class!
Buy Spirit Wear for the whole family!

PAC NEWS

Talent Show Application form (plus audition video) cutoff date is Sunday Feb 9th. Please read guidelines before applying attached to this email) and any questions to be directed to info@jamiesonpac.com.



Jamieson Elementary Talent Show 2025

APR. 15 TALENT SHOW DATE
6:30 - 8:30 pm

APPLICATION + AUDITION DUE DATE FEB. 09

APPLY THROUGH HERE

*Please read ALL application and audition guidelines

Questions to: info@jamiesonpac.com

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pedalheads.com/british-columbia

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

JAMIESON SNACK SHOP

SNACKS

CHIPS	\$1.50
CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES	\$1.00
WELCH'S	\$0.50

FROZEN YOGURT

COOKIES & CREAM	\$3.00
COTTON CANDY	\$3.00
MANGO	\$3.00
STRAWBERRY	\$3.00
PINK LEMONADE	\$3.00

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