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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.”

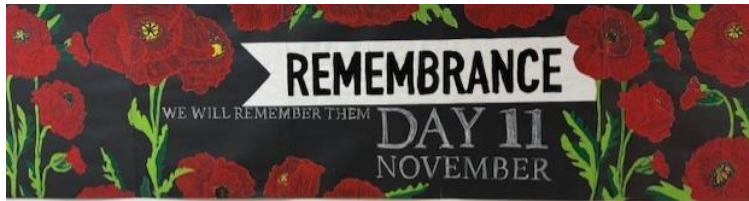
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Ms. Cathy Thomas - Principal
Ms. Davita Marsden - Vice Principal
Ms. Julie Szeto - Administrative Assistant
Ms. Hayley Kellow - Extra Clerical
Mr. Justin Leung - PAC Chair

MESSAGE



Dear Families

November is well underway already! Our Spirit Team organized a fun Halloween parade and dance last week which was enjoyed by all, and our Junior and Senior Girls volleyball have started with winning seasons.

Our Remembrance Day assembly this morning was led by Kate, Audrey and Bijoy our Grade 7 student assembly leaders. Some students from Division Seven opened the assembly by drumming to the Coast Salish anthem and Jasper from Division Five played O Canada on the piano. We listened to Divisions 8, 9 and 10 sing “Song in my Heart,” Divisions 16,17 and 18 sang “Just One Candle,” and Divisions 13, 14, and 15 sang “Take one Minute.” Divisions 13 and 14 recited the poem In Flanders Fields. A sample of the poetry read by some students in Division Two is in the next section of the newsletter. There was also a dance performance by Justina with piano accompaniment by Bowen who also played a solo piece on the piano. In honour of November 8th being National Indigenous Veterans Day, Lizzy read “The Drum beat steady,” by an anonymous Indigenous author.

I was incredibly proud of how respectful our students were on this solemn occasion. They listened and watched the performances in silence and stood perfectly for one minute of silent reflection. There will be no school on Monday as it is Remembrance Day.

Lest we Forget.

Regards,

Principal

Upcoming dates

- **Monday 11th November**- NO SCHOOL- Remembrance Day
- **Wednesday 20th November**- PAC Meeting – online
- **Friday 22nd November**- NO SCHOOL for students Professional Development
- **Thursday 28th November**- PAC Movie night- 5:45pm
- **Thursday 12 December**- Winter Singalong Holiday Concert- 11:00- 12:00- Primary (grades K-3) parents welcome
- **Tuesday 17th December**- 7pm- 8pm- Strings Concert- Divisions 6-10
- **Wednesday 18th December**- 7pm- 8pm- Strings Concert- Divisions 1-5
- **Friday 20th December**- Last Day of school

REMEMBRANCE DAY POETRY- DIVISION TWO

THE COST OF WAR

THE SUN RISES, SPILLING GOLD ON THE SKY,
A PEACEFUL MORNING, THE WORLD SOFT AND BRIGHT.
BIRDS TAKE FLIGHT, WINGS TRACING ARCS OF PEACE,
THE EARTH HUMS QUIETLY, LIKE A SONG THAT WON'T CEASE.
BUT UNDERNEATH, A WHISPER STIRS—
A SHADOW CREEPING, A STORM THAT PURRS.
THEN, THE STILLNESS BREAKS.
BOMBS FILL THE AIR, LOUD AND FIERCE,
LIKE CRACKS IN THE SKY, JAGGED AND CLEAR.
NO ESCAPE. IT'S WAR.
NO TURNING BACK. NOTHING LEFT.
LIVES TORN APART—FAMILIES, ONCE WHOLE,
SCATTERED LIKE LEAVES, HEARTS LEFT COLD.
TEARS FALL LIKE RAIN THAT NEVER ENDS. WHAT'S THE USE?
THE SKY DARKENS, CLOUDS THICK WITH GRIEF,
THE SUN HIDDEN, SWALLOWED BY THE THIEF.
THE EARTH SHAKES BENEATH THE WEIGHT OF PAIN,
MORE SOLDIERS, MORE WEAPONS, THE ENDLESS STRAIN.
WILL WE WIN, OR JUST BURN IN THE FLAMES?

BOTH SIDES LOST, PLAYING EMPTY GAMES.

WE GAIN NOTHING BUT GRIEF,

A HEAVY SORROW, LIKE A BROKEN REEF.

THROUGH THE CHAOS, A VOICE CRIED:

"YOU CAN'T BUY BACK THE LOST LIVES!"

THE WORDS HANG LIKE A DARK CLOUD,

EMPTY AND FINAL, FALLING TO THE GROUND.

WHAT'S THE POINT OF ALL THIS PAIN?

SO MANY LIVES LOST, AND NONE LEFT TO GAIN.

STORIES ERASED, AS IF THEY WERE DUST,

WHAT DO WE GAIN, IF NOT THE LOSS.

A WORLD UNDONE, TOO FAR GONE TO TRUST.

AND SOMEWHERE, THE SUN MAY RISE AGAIN,

BUT IT WON'T MATTER, IT WON'T CHANGE THE END.

THE WORLD STILL TURNS, BUT IT'S TOO LATE TO MEND,

THE COST OF WAR—TOO MUCH TO DEFEND.

CLAIRE

The Last Day

Armies of soldiers falling one by one,
few made it home; the numbers were close to none.
Families cried rivers filled with tears of regret,
vowing that they shall never, ever, forget.

Being in the battlefield meant to seek, target, and destroy,
but isn't it funny that at the same time, we were fighting for our rights, freedoms and joy?
This was the perspective he saw in the war,
both sides of a coin, acknowledging all the damage that had been done before.

My eyes struck in horror as the bullet tore him apart,
sadly, that was just barely even the start.
He looked up at me, grinning, as death consumed him whole,
I had no choice, but to slowly watch him lose control.

The pain stabbed me like a huge knife in the chest,
as he laid lifelessly on the ground, seemingly peacefully at rest.
When he volunteered to join the vicious bloodbath, I thought he went mad.
I had known him not only as a friend, but as the protective brother that I never had.

That image of him getting claimed by death flooded my mind and drowned me in doubt,
I tried to process what had just occurred and struggled to find a solution to soothe my soul.
It certainly didn't feel real, losing my best friend in the field.
But then, every journey must come to an end.

Echoes of his voice haunt me to this day,
reminding me of the moment he tragically passed away.
Out of the hundreds of pages about my children and my wife,
he was ultimately the most important chapter of my life.

Charmaine

Wings of Silence

In skies so vast, where clouds drift free,
Canadian pilots soared above the endless sea.
Their wings sliced through the storm's fierce breath,
Young souls chased a future that stared with death,
Above the roar of bombs that fell,
They carved their story, too well known to tell.
And below, in quiet rooms, shadows traced,
Indigenous minds, with knowledge uncased.
They cracked the codes the enemy could not see,
Their whispers woven in the war's tapestry.
Unsung warriors, their legacy sealed,
Unheard, unseen, their sacrifice concealed.
The battles they fought, the victories they won,
Now forgotten, as if they were never begun.
Yet history clings, it roots in the ground,
In every whisper, in every sound.
Their silent wings still stir the night,
A plea for justice, for their story's light.
In every gust, in every breath,
The sky remembers, the earth holds death.
We stand today, our voices clear,
To answer those who disappeared.
For their wings still flutter, wild and true,
And now we rise, remembering you.

Let us listen, let us speak,
The past is ours, its story we seek.
Their silent wings, their whispered calls,
Resound in us, forever we stand tall.
Filipe

AROUND THE HALLWAYS



S.T.E.A.M. WORKSHOPS

After school S.T.E.A.M. workshops at Jamieson available for Grades 1 to 3!

Team Dragon from Destination Imagination will be hosting.

Location: Room 123

Dates: Nov 27, Nov 28, Dec 4 and Dec 5

Time: 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$15 / workshop

Come learn how to code, make a kite, make slime, and build melty beads structures with Team Dragon. Spots are limited so register quickly!

➡ Registration link: <https://forms.gle/fFy1J3KwE1Ss9aY98>



HARDSHIP POLICY

The Board of Education is committed to ensuring that no school-age student will be denied an opportunity to participate in a course, class or program because of an inability to pay fees. Parents and guardians unable to pay some or all school fees and costs for school time programs, are invited to speak to their child's teacher, school counsellor, and/or the school Principal.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



**PRIORITY KINDERGARTEN
REGISTRATION**
NOV 1 - JAN 31

For children born in 2020

1
APPLY ONLINE
govsb.ca/kindergarten

2
VERIFY IN PERSON
Contact your neighbourhood
catchment school to make an
appointment

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.



ROAD SAFETY

PLEASE BE A SAFE DRIVER AND FOLLOW THE CITY BYLAWS FOR PARKING AND STOPPING IN THE STREET- KEEP OUR STUDENTS SAFE.



Please do not walk through the staff parking lot. It is unsafe and can be busy at certain times of the day.

FREE KICK SOCCER PROGRAM

FreeKick

**PLAY PLAY PLAY INDOOR
AFTER-SCHOOL SOCCER**

\$135 (Includes Timbits Uniform, Soccer Ball, Socks & Medal)
EARLY BIRD \$125 before NOV th

**JAMIESON
Wednesdays**

Nov 13th - Dec 11th

3:15 - 4:15pm Boys & Girls Grades K - 4
4:15 - 5:15pm Grades 4 +



SOCCER
timbits

info@freekickfc.com
604-551-7006

**REGISTER LIMITED SPACE
FreeKickFC.com**

Due to popular demand, there will be an additional program offered for students in Grades 4-7 from 4:15- 5:15. There are a few spaces left in the grade K-4 session from 3:15pm- 4:15pm.

USE THE CODE 10CREDIT for a \$10 discount at registration.

[REGISTER HERE LIMITED SPACE](#)

\$135 (Includes Timbits Uniform, Soccer Ball, Socks & Medal)

WEDNESDAYS

Jamieson Elementary School

Nov 13th – Dec 11th

3:15 - 4:15pm: students go straight to the gym at the end of school

Boys & Girls Grades K – 4

4:15pm- 5:15pm- Grades 4-7

www.FreeKickFC.com

Jamieson 2024/2025 September PAC Newsletter

A HUGE thank you for all the parents - whether you are volunteering for Field Trips or Hot Lunch/Snack Shop, or behind the scenes making sure specific classes/activities have the help they need. PAC is looking to bring back more community events such as more Family Movie Nights and a Spring Carnival (May 14th, 2025!). Jamieson hasn't had a Spring Carnival in several years - so if you have ideas and want to help out please join us: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/LojNFTEkBL0HJd8RcanRkG>

Jamieson Family Movie night is BACK featuring "Elemental"! - Nov 28th, 2024 @ 5:45 PM at the Jamieson School Gym!

Admission is FREE but limited to 220 tickets (max 4 tickets/family) due to occupancy limits.

Get your tickets on Nov 7th and Nov 8th after school!

Grade 7's will also be selling pizza/chicken bites via School Cash Online for dinner!

Holiday Gift Cards are also returning to Jamieson after many many years! Not sure what to get someone for a Christmas present? Couldn't find a perfect gift during Black Friday/Cyber Monday deals? Or maybe using gift cards for regular day to day purchase? Gift Cards purchased will give a % back to support the school! (ex. White Spot gives 15-20% back to the school!)

➔ Order ONLINE at: <https://jamiesonpac.com/gift-card-fundraiser/>

Order closes at the end of Black Friday/Cyber Monday sales on Dec 2nd, 2024 @ 11:59PM - incase you weren't able to find the perfect gift during the sales!

Deals: We have added some more deals to help Jamieson families save money! Remember to check out the [Dominos discount](#) and [Pedalheads discounts!](#) (PAC also gets money back! - so parents save \$ and \$ goes back to the school!)

School newsletters are also posted on <https://jamiesonpac.com/school-newsletters/> with translations available in most of the languages spoken at school. This is best effort to translate School Newsletter to help parents stay informed, especially for those without an easy access to a translator. Translations are not 100% correct. Please check with the school for any questions/clarifications.

As always, please reach out directly or at info@jamiesonpac.com if you have any questions, suggestions or concerns for the PAC!

Every Friday at Lunch
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

SPECIAL FLAVORS

DOUGH RAISER
SEPT 2024 - JUNE 2025

USE COUPON CODE "ABJE"
FOR 25% OFF ALL MENU ITEMS AND WE WILL DONATE

20% OF ALL SALES
USING THIS CODE TO

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VALID ONLINE AT WWW.DOMINOS.CA



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

For more information, check out the Jamieson PAC [Website | 網站 | 웹사이트 | ウェブサイト | trang web | sitio web | site | وب سائت | websayt | ويب سائت | веб-сайт | web sitesi | वेबसाइट | ເວັບໄຊ](#) @ <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.

