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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 x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwətał (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

NEWSLETTER NUMBER 1

Oct. 02, 2024

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

I can't believe that we are already at the start of October. September was a busy month with everyone settling into the routines of new classes and making new friends. It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Meet the Teacher night and we are looking forward to seeing you again later this month for our goal- setting conferences on Wednesday 23rd October and Thursday 24th October (early dismissal on both days at 2pm). We have Junior Girls soccer and cross-country teams representing our school and volleyball practices started this week

On Friday, we acknowledged Orange Shirt Day with an assembly. We focused on the meaning of Reconciliation, talked about acts of Reconciliation that we can undertake and watched this video [What is Reconciliation? CBC Kids](#) We also shared a Reconciliation Blanket designed by x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam) artist educator and master weaver, Debra Sparrow. Debra Sparrow has gifted every school in the Vancouver School District with a beautifully woven blanket as part of a legacy project- Blanketing the city of Vancouver and Blanketing the school district with her weavings. The blanket is on display in the case near the library.

Thank you to the PAC at the end of last year, for purchasing 30 laptops for our Intermediate students and for approving the purchase of an iPad cart and 30 iPads for the Library and Primary classes. We are also thankful for the money given to each class to subsidise field trips and for class funds. We appreciate the support of PAC- for their fundraising, organizing community building opportunities and support of the whole school community. For more information about the role of PAC in the school, please use this link [Parent Advisory Councils \(PAC\) \(vsb.bc.ca\)](#)

Regards,

Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2024-2025

SCHOOL OPERATION OVERVIEW

Number of Days in Session	187
Number of Days of Instruction	180
Number of Days of Non-Instruction	6 Non-Instructional Days 1 Administrative Day (June 27)

IMPORTANT DATES

First Day of School for Students	Tuesday, September 3, 2024
National Day of Truth & Reconciliation	Monday, September 30, 2024
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 14, 2024
Remembrance Day	Monday, November 11, 2024
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 20, 2024
Winter Vacation Period	Monday, December 23, 2024-Friday, January 3, 2025
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 6, 2025
Family Day	Monday, February 17, 2025
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 14, 2025
Spring Vacation Period	Monday, March 17 – Friday, March 28, 2025
School Re-opens after Spring Vacation	Monday March 31, 2025
Good Friday	Friday, April 18, 2025
Easter Monday	Monday April 21, 2025
Victoria Day	Monday, May 19, 2025
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	Thursday, June 26, 2025
Administrative/School Closing Day	Friday, June 27, 2025

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS (SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION)

Friday September 20, 2024	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, October 25, 2024	Professional Development Day (Province wide)
Friday, November 22, 2024	Professional Development Day (District wide)
Wednesday January 15, 2025	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, February 14, 2025	Professional Development Day (District wide)
Monday, April 28, 2025	Professional Development Day (District wide)

PARENT CONFERENCE DATES

EARLY DISMISSAL TIMES

Wednesday 23rd October, 2024	2:00pm
Thursday 24th October, 2024	2:00pm
Wednesday 23rd April, 2025	2:00pm
Thursday 24th April, 2025	2:00pm

BELL SCHEDULE AND BREAKS 2024-2025

School hours are as follows: **MONDAY – FRIDAY 9:00AM – 2:58PM**

Warning Bell	8:55AM
Instructional Time	9:00AM – 10:30AM
RECESS	10:30AM – 10:50AM
Instructional Time	10:50AM – 12:10PM
LUNCH	12:10PM – 12:55PM
Instructional Time	12:55PM – 2:58PM
Dismissal	2:58PM

TERRY FOX RUN ON FRIDAY 4th OCTOBER

We are excited to inform you that the Terry Fox Run will take place this Friday, October 4th at 2pm, rain or shine!

Come and run, walk and/or cheer on the students.

- Our Kindergarten students will be running in the centre of the grass field in Tisdall Park.
- Students in grades 1-3 will run around the path of Tisdall Park
- Intermediate students, grades 4-7, will be running south from the front of the school on Tisdall Street, east along 49th Avenue, north on Ash Street and west across the park back to Tisdall Street.

If you would like to make a direct donation to the Terry Fox Foundation, please go to: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/78751>

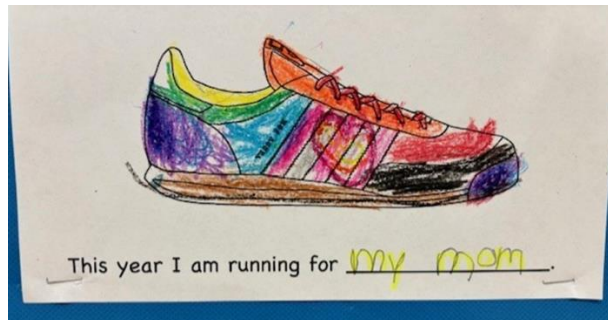


PHOTO DAY- MONDAY 7th OCTOBER

YOUR PHOTO DAY IS APPROACHING!

Showcase Your Best Smile

- Students will be photographed at school.
- On photo day, no order form or payment is due.
- Review your images and purchase online with ease!



DON'T FORGET

School photos are a Canadian tradition to capture the school year and preserve your continued growth.



GET REMINDERS

Sign up for notifications at edgeimaging.ca/photoday to get real-time updates about your photo day and stay in the know with Edge.



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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.

LEGO DONATION REQUEST

We have a number of students who love to use lego. If you have any gently used lego blocks that could be donated to our school, it would be very much appreciated.



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

On Wednesday, our grade six and seven safety patrol student leaders received training from the Vancouver Police Department Road Safety program. In the next couple of weeks, they will start their safety patrol shifts and will be outside before and after school, ensuring students cross the road safely at Tisdall and 48th Street.

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.

VOLUNTARY STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE PLAN

The VSB is offering parents access to two voluntary student accident plans which offer coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical/dental expenses and critical illness. The two companies that are offering this product are the IA Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FARP) and Study Insured.

Families can register online to purchase and participate in either of these plans by using the URL's provided below;

<https://www.solutionsinsurance.com/aonbc>

www.studyinsuredstudentaccident.com

VANCOUVER PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMS

We have [over three hundred Programs for K – 7](#) kids from now until winter break, and many of those [programs have a STEM focus](#). We are also thrilled to have the popular [Reading Buddies](#) and [STEAM Buddies](#) programs back for another season and registration for both big and little buddies is filling up fast.

We also have a variety of [Book and Writing Clubs online](#) for those kids who cannot get to a branch after school!

Attached please find the brochure of the children's **programs available at Oakridge branch** this fall.

EQUAL PLAY SOCCER PROGRAM

The Equal Play soccer program started at school this week and will run each Wednesday lunchtime until the end of the Winter Break. This free lunchtime program is open to girls in grades 3-7. It is run by Carrie Serwetnyk, a former Hall of Fame Canadian national team member and USSF A National License Coach. The goal of the program is, "to encourage positive change for girls on and off the field."

Information about the program is available here: [EqualPlayFC](#)

Jamieson 2024/2025 September PAC Newsletter

Thank you to all the parents that showed up for the first PAC meeting. This was the biggest turn-out yet & we're working on improving the audio/video for future meetings.

Some key highlights for parents that couldn't make it:

- PAC voted in favor of purchasing a new iPad Cart (30 iPads) for our children
- Save the Date! – **May 14th, 2025** for Spring Carnival. The first big Community Event since 2019!!! Join the "Carnival Committee" group chat if you're interested in helping out!

Full meeting minutes will be posted here: <https://jamiesonpac.com/agenda-and-minutes/>

Next PAC meeting will be **VIRTUAL ONLY** on November 20th, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

Hot Lunch

Please bring utensils as vendors do not provide any utensils.

You can order/update 7 days before the day of Hot Lunch.

Please send any questions/feedback to lunch@jamiesonpac.com

Snack Shop

Snack Shop is back every Friday starting Oct 4th, 2024 at Lunch time. Menu below.

Discounts!

Save **25% off** Domino's Pizza ONLINE with coupon code "**ABJE**" at the following locations:

- 6469 Oak Street (49th)
- 1312 West Broadway (Birch)
- 728 West Broadway (Heather)

Farm Fresh Apples!

Get your order in for Sun-Oka Apples by Oct 9th, 2024

<https://tinyurl.com/JamiesonApplesFundraiser>



Our farm fresh apple fundraiser is back by popular demand.

Don't miss out!



Sales Date:

September 12 – October 9

All orders must be submitted and payment received by 8pm on Wednesday, October 9th, 2024!

Pick up Date:

Mid-October to Mid-November
(dependent on harvest)

Returning to Jamieson for 2024! Delicious Ambrosia and Honeycrisp apples direct from Sun-Oka Fruit farms!

Profits from this fundraiser go towards supporting Jamieson student programs.

Order now: <https://tinyurl.com/JamiesonApplesFundraiser>



Ambrosia Apples

10lb box · \$23.95

Exceptional crunch and flavour



Honeycrisp Apples

10lb box · \$29.50

Blissfully sweet and juicy

Thanks for supporting your school! Any questions, please contact info@jamiesonpac.com.

Starts Oct 4th, 2024
Every Friday at Lunch



JAMIESON SNACK SHOP



SNACKS

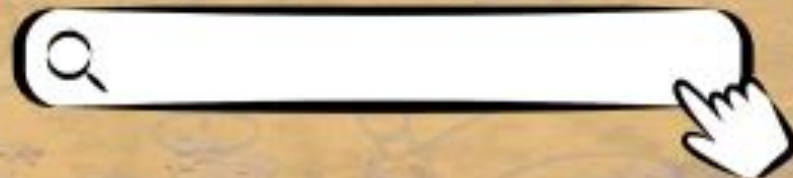
CHIPS	\$1.50
CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES	\$1.00
WELCH'S	\$0.50

FROZEN YOGURT

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



SPECIAL FLAVOR





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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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 | سایت | وب | websayt | ويب سائت | веб-сайт | web sitesi | वेबसाइट | เว็บไซต์ @ <https://jamiesonpac.com>

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