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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

"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, 2025

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,

As we welcome October, I would like to thank you for a smooth and positive start to the school year. September was a busy and exciting time as students settled into their classrooms, formed new friendships, and embraced learning. It was a pleasure to see so many of you at our Meet the Teacher evening, and we look forward to continuing collaboration throughout the year, including at our parent- teacher conferences next Wednesday and Thursday.

On Monday we had our Orange Shirt Day assembly during which we learned about the origin of Orange Shirt Day. Students from Division Ten opened the assembly by sharing the Land Acknowledgement and teaching us the correct pronunciation of xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation). Division Five then lead the drumming for the Coast Salish Anthem. Students from Division Two spoke about Truth and Reconciliation, the 94 Calls of Action recommended by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.

As we move through the school year, I encourage families to explore the Vancouver School Board's podcast, [After the Bell](#), which highlights district initiatives, covers topical subjects and shares inspiring stories from across our schools.

Thank you for your continued support as we move into a season of growth and learning.

Regards,

Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2025-2026

Calendar 2025-26 Jamieson Elementary School



SCHOOL OPERATION OVERVIEW

Number of Days in Session	187
Number of Days of Instruction	180
Number of Days of Non-Instruction	5 Professional Development Days 1 Non-Instructional Day 1 Administrative Day (June 26)

IMPORTANT DATES

First Day of School for Students	Tuesday, September 2, 2025
National Day of Truth & Reconciliation	Tuesday, September 30, 2025
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 13, 2025
Remembrance Day	Tuesday, November 11, 2025
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 19, 2025
Winter Vacation Period	Monday, December 22, 2025-Friday, January 2, 2026
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 5, 2026
Family Day	Monday, February 16, 2026
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 13, 2026
Spring Vacation Period	Monday, March 16-Friday, March 27, 2026
School Re-opens after Spring Vacation	Monday March 30, 2026
Good Friday	Friday, April 3, 2026
Easter Monday	Monday April 6, 2026
Victoria Day	Monday, May 18, 2026
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	Thursday, June 25, 2026
Administrative/School Closing Day	Friday, June 26, 2026

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

Friday, September 19, 2025	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, October 24, 2025	Professional Development Day (Province wide)
Friday, November 21, 2025	Professional Development Day (District wide)
Monday, January 12, 2026	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, February 13, 2026	Professional Development Day (District wide)
Monday, April 20, 2026	Non-Instructional Day (District wide)

PARENT CONFERENCE DATES

EARLY DISMISSAL TIMES

Wednesday 8 th October, 2025	Early Dismissal- 2pm
Thursday 9 th October, 2025	Early Dismissal- 2pm
Wednesday 22 nd April, 2026	Early Dismissal- 2pm
Thursday 23 rd April, 2026	Early Dismissal- 2pm

Upcoming Dates

- Monday 6th October- Photo Day (retakes November 3rd)
- Tuesday 7th October- Terry Fox run
- Wednesday 8th October- **Early Dismissal 2pm**- conferences
- Thursday 9th October- **Early Dismissal 2pm**- conferences
- Monday 13th October- Thanksgiving – **No school**
- Wednesday 15th October- PAC meeting 7pm
- Thursday 16th October- Drop, Cover, Hold Earthquake Drill- 10:20am
- Friday 24th October- Professional Day- **No school** for students
- Thursday 30th October- PAC Movie Night- 5:45pm doors open

BELL SCHEDULE AND BREAKS 2025-2026

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 TUESDAY 7th OCTOBER

We are excited to inform you that the Terry Fox Run will take place on Tuesday, October 7th 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 gravel field of the school
- 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.

This year, our goal is \$5000. So far we have raised \$1,135!

If we can achieve this goal, **Mr. Wong will have his head shaved** during a future assembly! A special draw will be made for one lucky Jamieson student to make the first cut. Let's do our part in supporting the Terry Fox Foundation!

Scan the QR code that will direct you to our school fundraising site or use this link [Dr. Annie B. Jamieson Elementary - Vancouver, BC | Terry Fox School Run](#). Thank you for your support!



PHOTO DAY- MONDAY 6TH 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.



MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARY

Ms. Lee would like to thank the team of 45 library monitors who will be assisting her before and after school starting this week. We are also accepting donations of gently used books to add to the school library. Finally, library book bags are available for purchase costing \$15. Let your child's teacher know if you are interested in buying a library book bag and you will be directly invoiced through cash online.

The library is open to students and parents for quiet reading and book exchange until 3:15pm every day.



FEES AND FUNDING

As I shared at the last PAC meeting, there has been some clarification from the School District recently about what families can be asked to pay for as part of their child's education in the BC public school system. Families will see a change in some of the wording on requests for money for activities such as performances, field trips and instrument rentals. This is because we are a public school system and any activity that every child is expected to participate in is considered "mandatory" and therefore free to access. If there is a cost for a school activity then that means that it is not mandatory, and parents can choose to opt their child out and not pay the fee.

If a family opts their child out of a non-mandatory activity such as a field trip or a whole school performance and does not pay, then an alternative educational opportunity will be provided while the class and the teacher participate in the activity. This alternative may be independent study in the library or the office for the day, depending on the age of the students, how many students will not be participating in the activity and which teaching staff and space are available.

The school district has a financial hardship policy, which means 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 are invited to speak to their child's teacher, school counsellor, and/or the school Principal.

Please note:

- Deposits are charged for JUMP Math workbooks and the deposit can be refunded at the end of the school year if the workbook is returned in good condition and can be used the next year by another student.
- Under the School Act, there can be a rental charge for musical instruments for a student's personal use. At Jamieson, every child can use a violin in class. If they do not pay for the rental of the instrument, the violin will stay in school. If a student wants to take the violin home, or chooses to play the cello, there will be a rental fee for the instrument.

Be aware that if a lot of families opt out of an activity and the money collected by the school does not cover the cost of the activity, the activity will be cancelled. If you have any questions about fees and funding, please do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher or the Principal, Ms. Thomas.

EXTENDED ABSENCES

Please note that the Vancouver School District has an Administrative Procedure if families take their child out of school for more than 20 consecutive days during the school year. [ap 300 admission to school.9be67c14473.pdf](#)
Section 9 of AP300 states:

9. Rules Respecting Withdrawal of Students After 20 Consecutive School Day Absences:

9.1 Students who have never attended by the end of the first week of school in September will be withdrawn, unless a prior arrangement has been made with the school Principal.

9.2 School Principals have the authority to withdraw any student who is absent for more than 20 consecutive school days.

9.3 When determining whether or not to withdraw a student who has been absent for more than 20 consecutive school days Principals may take the following factors into consideration:

- Family circumstances
- Availability of space for waitlisted catchment students at full schools
- Other relevant factors

9.4 Withdrawn students do not have continuing status at their former school.

9.5 Once withdrawn, an enrolment application to their catchment school is required for students who wish to be re-admitted.

9.6 If a space is not available at the time of application, the student will be placed on a waitlist for their catchment school and placed at another school within the District

Jamieson Elementary is a full school with waitlists at every grade, so be aware that it is possible that your child or children will lose their place at Jamieson Elementary if they are absent for more than 20 consecutive school days for a reason other than illness.

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



Please do not only email the teacher because if the teacher is absent, the office does not get the message and you will receive a phone call.

Late students:

If your child is late for 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 tell them to collect it from the bench outside the office when lunch starts at 12:10pm. Please label the lunch with your child's name and division and leave it on the bench across from the office. Please do not wait to give it to them or deliver it to their classroom.

For any lunches ordered and delivered through a meal delivery service, we cannot sign for the delivery. Tell the driver to leave it on the bench outside the office, clearly labeled with your child's name.



Additionally, we encourage the use of eco-friendly utensils with 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.

ONLINE PARENT LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

The VSB is proud to present: **Raising AI Ready Youth: Safety, Privacy, Ethics, and Success Plans.**

Date: Tuesday, October 7th

Time: 6PM - 7:30PM

This is a **FREE** live virtual presentation and open to **all VSB parents**. Parents will need to sign up with their email and the School(s) their child(ren) attend. We will send them the video conference link and pass code closer to the day.

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.

Here is the registration link: <https://forms.office.com/r/MT6JHL2YCK>

Please register by Oct 3, 2025.

ADAPTIVE SOCCER OPPORTUNITY

MARPOLE ADAPTIVE SOCCER FALL/WINTER 2025 - 2026

Marpole Adaptive Soccer is a free, weekly soccer program designed for children and youth aged 3 - 17 with physical, intellectual and/or developmental disabilities.
No diagnosis is required for participation!



From October 8th 2025 - February 12th 2026

Mighty 1 - Ages 3 - 5:

Thursdays from 6:00 - 6:45pm

Mighty 2 - Ages 6 - 9:

Wednesdays from 6:00 - 6:45pm

Juniors - Ages 10 - 13:

Thursdays from 7:00 - 7:45pm

Majors - Ages 14 - 17:

Wednesdays from 7:00 - 7:45pm



Sexsmith Elementary School
7410 Columbia St., Vancouver

REGISTER NOW



[https://marpolesoccer.com/
adaptive-soccer-program/](https://marpolesoccer.com/adaptive-soccer-program/)



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VPD AND ROAD SAFETY

Our grade six and seven safety patrol student leaders have received training from the Vancouver Police Department (VPD) Road Safety program. They have started their safety patrol shifts and will be outside before and after school, ensuring students cross the road safely at Tisdall and 48th Street. **We have already had reports of drivers failing to stop at the crossing and their licence plate has been reported to the VPD.**



The VPD have been on Tisdall Street speaking to drivers about dangerous and illegal parking and letting children out of the car on the road. On 49th Avenue the VPD has pulled over many drivers turning left from Tisdall Street at pick up and drop off. I have been told that the VPD will now be handing out tickets to drivers breaking the traffic laws.

Please do not walk through, let your child play in or run 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 once again offering parents the ability to purchase voluntary student accident insurance plans if they choose. These plans offer coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness. The two companies offering this coverage are Insuremykids and Industrial Alliance (The Family Accident Reimbursement Plan). These plans are ideal for supplementing costs not covered by provincial health insurance or existing employer extended health and dental plans.

Families can find more information and register online to purchase and participate in any of these insurance plans by using the URL provided here:

<https://insuremykids.com/schoolresources/>

<https://www.solutionsinsurance.com>

CITY OF VANCOUVER SIDEWALK UPGRADES

A message from the City of Vancouver Engineering Services Department

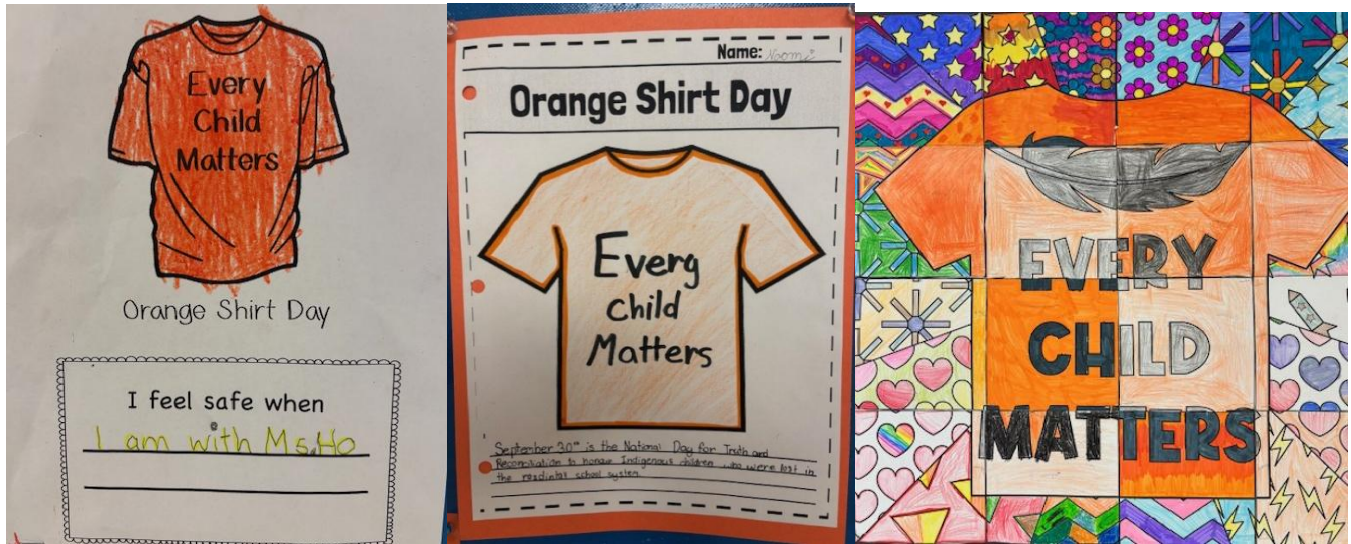
RE: Pedestrian Improvements at the Intersection of Tisdall & W 46th Ave Annie B. Jamieson Elementary School

The City of Vancouver is planning pedestrian improvements at the intersection of Tisdall St & W 46th Ave. These improvements will support pedestrian access to Annie B. Jamieson Elementary School.

The intersection of Tisdall St & W 46th Ave will be upgraded with a marked crosswalk and drop ramp. These additions will increase the visibility and comfort of pedestrians crossing the street. These changes are expected to be implemented in Fall 2025.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these changes, please call 3-1-1 or email us at SchoolActiveTravel@vancouver.ca

IN THE HALLWAYS



PAC News

Thank you to all the parents that attended the first PAC meeting.

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

- PAC voted in favor of the budget for 2025-2026
- Save the Date! – **May 20th, 2026** for Spring Carnival. Full meeting minutes will be posted here: <https://jamiesonpac.com/agenda-and-minutes/>
- Next **PAC Meeting** is on Oct 15, 2025 In Person @ School Library
 - Virtual @ <https://meet.google.com/anr-jnkx-rua>

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

Spiritwear

Grade 7 Fundraiser's Spirit Wear is BACK! Order [Spirit Wear – Jamieson PAC](#)

Snack Shop

Snack Shop is back every Friday starting Oct 3rd, 2025 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)

Movie Night!

Save the date- Thursday 30th October, 2025 at . All children must be accompanied by a parent.

Farm Fresh Apples!

Get your order in for Sun-Oka Apples by Oct 6th, 2025

<https://jamiesonpac.com/apples-fundraiser/>



Farm Fresh Apples For Sale

FRESHLY PICKED OKANAGAN APPLES

DON'T MISS OUT!

Sales Date:
September 16 – October 6

All orders must be submitted and payment received by 8pm on Monday, October 6th, 2025!

Pick up Date:
Mid-October to Mid-November (dependent on harvest)

If you can't pick up your order, please arrange for a friend to pick up on your behalf. No overnight storage available.

Returning to Jamieson for 2025! 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>



DOUGH RAISER

Sept 2025 - June 2026

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

20% OF ALL SALES
USING THIS CODE TO

Annie B Jamieson Elementary

VALID ONLINE AT WWW.DOMINOS.CA

Valid [ONLINE](#) at 3 Dominos Stores:
6469 Oak Street (49th)
1312 West Broadway (Birch)
728 West Broadway (Heather)

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

Every Friday at Lunch



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

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



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