



## JQ eNews - 2024-02-02

JQ eNews, including information about school procedures, activities and events is emailed to families every week. Please also visit the VSB website<sup>1</sup> and the JQ school website<sup>2</sup> for information regarding district and school events.

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.vsb.bc.ca/>

<sup>2</sup><https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel>

## Safe Arrival and Reporting Student Absences



To report your child's absence, please call **604-713-5159, Ext. 39**, prior to 9:00 am on the first day of the absence. **Parents can also email [JQUattendance@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:JQUattendance@vsb.bc.ca)<sup>3</sup> to report student absences.**

If your child arrives late to school, they should report to the office and sign-in.

If you are picking up a student for an appointment during the day, please email [JQUattendance@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:JQUattendance@vsb.bc.ca)<sup>4</sup> 24 hours in advance as well as emailing the classroom teacher. Please allow extra time for pick-up. If possible, we suggest picking up your child at the beginning or end of one of the breaks in order to minimize classroom disruptions.

- Recess Break: 10:40 - 11:00 am
- Lunch Break: 12:10 - 12:57 pm

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## Update: Provincial government announced restrictions on cell phones in schools for September 2024

On Friday, January 26, the provincial government announced measures to improve student safety online. This included information about restricting cell phones in schools to be put in place by the next school year.

Currently, in the VSB, several measures are in place to guide appropriate use of cell phones and other devices. These include the District Student Code of Conduct<sup>5</sup> and Acceptable Use of Technology<sup>6</sup> administrative procedures. Staff will work with the Ministry of Education and Child Care to ensure that any necessary changes are implemented ahead of September 2024. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

Learn more about the provincial government's announcement<sup>7</sup>.

## JQ Code of Conduct and School Slogan

The JQ Code of Conduct and School Slogan are posted HERE<sup>8</sup> on the school website.

The School Slogan:

**Sécuritaire (Safe)**

**Unique et unie (Unique and united)**

**Poli/e et positif(ve) (Polite and positive)**

**Empathique (Empathetic)**

**Respectueux/euse (Respectful)**

is meant to be an easy way for students to remember behaviour expectations at school.

Please review the Code of Conduct and School Slogan with your child.

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<sup>5</sup>[https://media.vsb.bc.ca/media/Default/medialib/ap\\_350\\_district\\_student\\_code\\_of\\_conduct.693b6920650.pdf](https://media.vsb.bc.ca/media/Default/medialib/ap_350_district_student_code_of_conduct.693b6920650.pdf)

<sup>6</sup>[https://media.vsb.bc.ca/media/Default/medialib/ap\\_140\\_acceptable\\_use\\_of\\_technology.11f44c20547.pdf](https://media.vsb.bc.ca/media/Default/medialib/ap_140_acceptable_use_of_technology.11f44c20547.pdf)

<sup>7</sup><https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2024PREM0004-000088>

<sup>8</sup><https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel/page/2251/code-of-conduct>

## Lost & Found



Despite a recent donation to a charitable cause, our Lost & Found is once again overflowing. Unclaimed items are currently hanging on racks outside the north gym entrance on the main floor. If your child is missing any clothing items, lunch box, etc., please check out the Lost & Found racks when you are next in the school or are on site for the Conferences.

Please write your child's name on coats, toques, gloves/mittens, lunch bags, water bottles and other items your child(ren) may bring to school. Fewer items end up in the lost and found if they're labelled with a name and can be returned to their owner.

## Establishing Safe, Caring, & Respectful Digital Communities



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In partnership with the Ministry of Education and Childcare, Safer Schools Together will be offering training sessions designed to support families and caregivers navigate the digital world throughout the coming months.

Please use the following link for more information and to register: erase Family Sessions ([saferschoolstogether.com](https://saferschoolstogether.com))<sup>9</sup>

### Jess Dance - Week of February 5



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<sup>9</sup>[https://d2nj8J04.na1.hs-sales-engage.com/Ctc/OR+23284/d2nj8J04/JI22-6qcW7ICdLW6IZ3pDW7FbDF-74CfW\\_W6DFnw479dzG1W7QkMFk63LqSsW5THvFS8QsxlW4BY\\_v-7Pg1LgW8NJdtP7Nd7NpW14XgCw7L2-8fMF3-n8wGPW7W2mk6vj8\\_sPc5W4-fZYN1I6MdBW8Pc4wG2vVB6-W8mGFK03ndwtjN1KM-J8G\\_SPpW3wpR\\_D86DC8hW8Y7bj-69vr5sN40ylCqBTmFhW51jRzt4Zgz9sMQptBJX8fZDW8mnHr878TfrMN3hLfV1y0HJ3W8wD0Qt4x768sW531fQ-7sRP-0W93MtdT156yXvW4dZsMt7Jn1KZf8MhIP-04](https://d2nj8J04.na1.hs-sales-engage.com/Ctc/OR+23284/d2nj8J04/JI22-6qcW7ICdLW6IZ3pDW7FbDF-74CfW_W6DFnw479dzG1W7QkMFk63LqSsW5THvFS8QsxlW4BY_v-7Pg1LgW8NJdtP7Nd7NpW14XgCw7L2-8fMF3-n8wGPW7W2mk6vj8_sPc5W4-fZYN1I6MdBW8Pc4wG2vVB6-W8mGFK03ndwtjN1KM-J8G_SPpW3wpR_D86DC8hW8Y7bj-69vr5sN40ylCqBTmFhW51jRzt4Zgz9sMQptBJX8fZDW8mnHr878TfrMN3hLfV1y0HJ3W8wD0Qt4x768sW531fQ-7sRP-0W93MtdT156yXvW4dZsMt7Jn1KZf8MhIP-04)

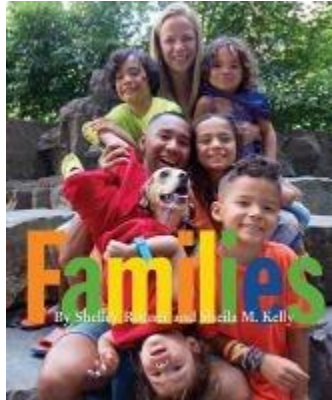
Next week, all students will participate in dance lessons during their regular PE sessions. Have your child wear comfortable clothing on their gym day.

**Conferences - February 14 & 15, early dismissal for all students at 2 pm**



A reminder that conferences will be held on **Wednesday, February 14th and Thursday, February 15th**. Next week, classroom teachers will send information to parents on how they can sign-up for a conference spot. **Please note that there will be an early dismissal at 2 pm on both days for all students.**

## Family Week during the week of February 12



At JQ we celebrate families. For the third year in a row, we have chosen as a school to have more inclusive practices and instead of celebrating Mother's Day in May and Father's Day in June through cards and crafts at school, we have decided to celebrate all families during the week of February 12th. This year, together, we can all be more inclusive. This is important, as we have all types of families and wish to celebrate them all! Of course, we know that families will continue to celebrate caring adults according to their own traditions at home.

**Scholastic Book Fair - Feb 14 & 15**





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During the Celebration of Learning at Jules Quesnel (Feb 12 to 15) I will be hosting our annual Scholastic Book Fair, selling both English and French books. This year, as an act of solidarity, the rewards points collected from the amount of money raised will be shared with another elementary school near the Downtown Eastside. Thank you for supporting our Book Sale! Your purchases will contribute to new books for many readers!

**Hours open to families:**

**Wednesday, February 14: 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm (after school)**

**Thursday, February 15: 8:15 am to 9:00 am and 2:00 pm to 4:30pm (before and after school)**

The Book Fair will also be open to **students in grades 2 and up on Wednesday and Thursday during school hours.**

If anyone would like to volunteer to help out at the Book Fair, please contact Mme Brigitte (battalinetherton@vsb.bc.ca).

***Brigitte Attali-Netherton, M.Ed***

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Enseignante Bibliothécaire - Teacher Librarian

## **Traffic Safety**

**Parents may wish to review traffic safety with their children.**

Students can follow some simple road safety guidelines to prevent pedestrian injuries:

- Always cross streets at corners where there are traffic signals and designated crosswalks.
- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.
- Always walk on sidewalks.
- Be aware of cars that are turning or backing up.
- Never run out into the street or cross between parked cars.
- Don't text and walk.
- Younger children should walk to school with a buddy.

**Drivers can also enhance traffic safety with the following practices:**

- Respect the 30 km/hr school zones and playground zones.
- Do not stop in a "No Stopping" zone for any reason.
- Do not park in a "No Parking" zone.

- Do not pass other vehicles in a school zone.
- Do not double park or park on the wrong side of the street to pick up or drop off.
- Do not drive into the school parking lot to pick-up or drop-off children.
- Do not make U-turns, back up or make 3 point turns in a school zone.

**If your children walk to school**

- Pedestrians should wear bright or light coloured clothing to be visible to drivers.
- Pedestrians must look both ways for approaching traffic when crossing the road.

## JQ PAC Updates



## Hot Lunch & Pizza Days



### **HOT LUNCH & PIZZA DAYS UPDATE! WINTER SESSION IS OPEN!**

Dear JQ families - The Winter 2024 Hot Lunch session is **OPEN** for ordering! Hot Lunch days are still Tuesdays and Thursdays. Pizza Days continue to be on Fridays. The deadline for ordering is still 8 am the day before.

Ordering for both Hot Lunch and Pizza Days is ongoing through our user-friendly online ordering platform [www.munchalunch.com](https://www.munchalunch.com)<sup>10</sup>

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Go to [munchalunch.com/schools/julesquesnel](http://munchalunch.com/schools/julesquesnel) to take a look at our menu offerings and to get ordering!  
Your child will thank you:-)

***We ask that you please do not send your child to school without lunch if you are unsure that you have ordered for that particular day*** - we are seeing an increase in the number of kids who come to school on hot lunch or pizza days without lunch and without an order placed.

Sincerely,

Adrienne Lipson

Hot Lunch Coordinator

PS: If you have any questions about Hot Lunch or Pizza Day, or need any assistance, please email [jqgradeseven2024@gmail.com](mailto:jqgradeseven2024@gmail.com). Please do not contact MunchaLunch support directly - the JQ Hot Lunch Coordinator can help with any MunchaLunch issues.

**NOTE: PLEASE SUPPLY YOUR CHILD WITH CUTLERY ON HOT LUNCH DAYS**

## PAC Newsletter

Are you receiving our JQ PAC newsletters? If you are not, and would like to, please subscribe directly at the following link: <http://eepurl.com/4Qp2f>

The JQ PAC website is [www.jqpac.com](http://www.jqpac.com)<sup>11</sup>. We aim to keep it up-to-date with the latest information, so it can once again be a resource for our community. Please email any comments to Simon, our treasurer and tech support: [jqpac.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:jqpac.treasurer@gmail.com)<sup>12</sup>.

## Community Links

See below for information regarding community activities, events and programs.

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<sup>11</sup><http://www.jqpac.com/>

<sup>12</sup><mailto:jqpac.treasurer@gmail.com>

## ICORD Special Event



### Register to come to ICORD's Celebration of Women & Girls in Science

**BSCC, February 9**

On **Friday February 9**, ICORD will celebrate the **UN International Day for Women & Girls in Science**.

Researchers and students (of all ages and genders!) are invited to celebrate women and girls in science, enjoy light refreshments, and have the chance to learn about:

- support and mentorship for women already established in STEM fields
- support and mentorship for women and girls studying to enter STEM fields
- encouragement and inspiration for women and girls thinking about getting into STEM

**Free! Bring your kids/young friends! Click here to register.**<sup>13</sup>

## Fire & Flower's Spring Break Empowerment Camps - Girls & Non-Binary Youth Ages 10-12

Fire & Flower empowers self-identified girls and non-binary youth in their incredible transition or rite of passage into adolescence. Through mentorship, nature connection, and community-building, we create a space of radical acceptance for youth to know how amazing they are, just as they are. Participants are equipped with the mindset, tools, and friendships to confidently move into their next life stage. This is a LGBTQ2SIAP+ inclusive space, and a space where we honour each other's ancestries.

Throughout the week, we explore relevant topics about growing up and integrate the learning with invigorating nature time, crafts, and games. Topics include positive body image, media literacy, physical changes including menstruation, friendships, and stress & anxiety. A parent/caregiver/special adult is

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<sup>13</sup><https://icord.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=84f7b343f673175c933d8ead1&id=9d459b1ff8&e=b38caa8963>

invited to join us on Friday afternoon for some facilitated quality time with their child. Major bursaries available.

For more info & registration: <https://fireandflowergirls.org><sup>14</sup>

## Split Second Basketball Saturday Competition and Games (Grades 3-6) at VTT

Use DISCOUNT CODE: SAT50% to save 50% and register here<sup>15</sup>.

## School Calendar & Upcoming Dates



Check the JQ school website calendar<sup>16</sup> for upcoming school events, and the JQ Elementary Calendar 2023-2024<sup>17</sup> for a quick overview of this school year's important, pro d and non-instructional dates.

**Wednesday, February 14** - Early Dismissal at 2 pm for Conferences

**Thursday, February 15** - Early Dismissal at 2 pm for Conferences

**Friday, February 16** - Professional Development Day, District Wide

**Monday, February 19** - Family Day - School Closed

**Wednesday, February 28** - Pink Shirt Day

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<sup>14</sup><https://fireandflowergirls.org/>

<sup>15</sup>[https://splitsecondbasketball.leagueapps.com/camps/4091456-boys-only-saturday-competition-and-games-grade-3-6-](https://splitsecondbasketball.leagueapps.com/camps/4091456-boys-only-saturday-competition-and-games-grade-3-6-vtt?_gl=1*7lwhws*_ga*MzQ0MzMwNDQ1LjE2Njk5MzYzMTU.*_ga_FDZKNW1TCH*MTcwNDgyMjYyMC4xLjEuMTcwNDgzNzM0MjY4xLjAuMA..)

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<sup>16</sup><https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel/page/2257/calendar?tab=monthview>

<sup>17</sup><https://media.vsb.bc.ca/media/Default/medialib/jq-elementary-calendar-2023-2024.29f94568110.pdf>

Thank you for reading!

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