



JQ eNews - 2024-02-16

JQ eNews, including information about school procedures, activities and events is emailed to families every week. Please also visit the VSB website¹ and the JQ school website² for information regarding district and school events.

¹<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/>

²<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.ca³ 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.ca⁴ 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

³<mailto:JQUattendance@vsb.bc.ca>

⁴<mailto:JQUattendance@vsb.bc.ca>

Family Day - Monday, Feb. 19



A friendly reminder that **Monday, February 19th** is a Statutory Holiday, and the school will be closed.

Scholastic Book Purchase

Dear Parents,

A credit card payment for the purchase of a book from the Scholastic Book Fair did not go through the machine correctly. The purchase was made on February 15th at 3:06 pm through Visa card ending in 5940. If this purchase belongs to you, could you kindly contact Mme. Brigitte in the School Library.

Email: battalinetherton@vsb.bc.ca⁵

Thank you.

⁵<mailto:battalinetherton@vsb.bc.ca>

Lost & Found - Reminder to check



Please check out the Lost & Found rack which are located outside the north gym entrance. **We will be donating unclaimed items at the end of February.** Smaller items such as watches, necklaces, etc. are in the display case just outside the office, please let the office know if any of these items belongs to you.

Establishing Safe, Caring, & Respectful Digital Communities



SAFER
SCHOOLS
TOGETHER

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)⁶

School Calendar & Upcoming Dates



Check the JQ school website calendar⁷ for upcoming school events, and the JQ Elementary Calendar 2023-2024⁸ for a quick overview of this school year's important, pro d and non-instructional dates.

Monday, February 19 - Family Day - School Closed

Wednesday, February 21 - General PAC Meeting at 6:30 pm

Wednesday, February 28 - Pink Shirt Day

⁶https://d2nj8J04.na1.hs-sales-engage.com/Ctc/OR+23284/d2nj8J04/Jl22-6qcW7lCdLW6lZ3pDW7FbDF-74CfW_W6DFnw479dzG1W7QkMFk63LqSsW5THvFS8QsxvIW4BY_v-7Pg1LgW8NjdtP7Nd7NpW14XgCw7L2-8fMF3-n8wGPW7W2mk6yj8_sPc5W4-fZYN1l6MdBW8Pc4wG2vVB6-W8mGFK03ndwtjN1KM-J8G_SPpW3wpR_D86DC8hW8Y7bj-69vr5sN40ylCqBTmFhW51jRzt4Zgz9sMQptBJX8fZDW8mnHr878TfrMN3hLfV1y0HJ3W8wDOQt4x768sW531fQ-7sRP-0W93MtdT156yXvW4dZsMt7Jn1KZf8MhIP-04

⁷<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel/page/2257/calendar?tab=monthview>

⁸<https://media.vsb.bc.ca/media/Default/medialib/jq-elementary-calendar-2023-2024.29f94568110.pdf>


JQ PAC Updates



PAC General Meeting - Wed. Feb. 21st

Join us for our next PAC meeting next Wednesday on hybrid mode:

 **Date: February 21**

 **Time: 6:30 - 7:30 pm**

 **Where: In-person: Room 206 on the Main floor**

Online: Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6507498613?pwd=Qm90MXZZckY3Yzk2VTFKdWgyOHExZz09>⁹

Meeting ID: 650 749 8613 Passcode: 021131

We hope to have an active meeting like the last one. To ensure your questions, including related to new business, are possibly considered for discussion we encourage you to submit them prior to our meeting. Please submit by Monday, February 19 at 11:59pm by using this form¹⁰.

Our PAC is working to provide free child-care at school for parents/guardians who are looking to attend the event in-person. Stay tuned for further updates on it.

PAC - Spring Extra-Curricular Activities

Explore the Extracurriculars

Minimakers hosts its final 2-week project

Register here¹¹ for March 4 and 11 sessions.

Your little 'MAKERS' will learn about dinosaurs and fossil formation, building and constructing their own **Marching Dino STEM kit** to take with them on their Spring Break adventures!

⁹<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=5f9a349e70&e=afa53965a6>

¹⁰<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=49293e6b01&e=afa53965a6>

¹¹<https://minimakers.ca/event/ecole-jules-quesnel-march/>

Plan for Spring

Here's a peak at what's to come for Spring term activities.

Registration opens on **February 23** for the following activities:

LightsUp Theatre: Mondays – Grades K- 7 from 3:03 – 5:15

Young Rembrandts: Wednesdays – Grades 1 – 6 from 3:03 – 4:15

Happy Feet Soccer : Fridays – Grades k-7 from 3:03 – 4:05

A heads-up that we are working on finalizing the activity below and will forward registration details as soon as possible. This activity would take place after Spring Break.

WizeAcademy¹²

Program: Coding and Modding in Minecraft

Description: Students get to go beyond just playing Minecraft, they get to program it! They imagine, create and share amazing mods in Minecraft by learning programming concepts and applying them to realize their ideas. We are excited see what amazing ideas and "mods" students come up with! Students are challenged to think logically and apply their critical reasoning skills to create mods by learning to write and deploy code in the Minecraft environment. No prior coding experience needed.

Cost: \$315 (includes \$25 one-time annual membership to their platform, accessible after the extracurricular ends)

Grades : 2 – 7

Dates: Tuesdays, 3:03 – 4:30pm in room 206

Email your questions to jqexcurricular@gmail.com¹³

Request for Volunteers on Pizza Fridays

A special thank you to those who have made it out to help distribute pizza on Fridays! Your help has been greatly appreciated.

¹²<https://www.wizeacademy.com/>

¹³<mailto:jqexcurricular@gmail.com>

We are still in need of more parent/guardian volunteers from now until the end of the school year. If you are free on a Friday from 11:30 to 12:00 pm, please sign up for a shift using the following link: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1WlhWQw3SGgePsEHAE74ho4FC6onMrUaNXDfPyKO8L48/edit?usp=sharing>. After presenting yourself to the office as a parent volunteer, please meet in the Multipurpose room on the ground floor (entrance by the staff parking lot). All Pizza Friday proceeds go towards the Gr 7 year-end trip. Thank you all for your support!

2023/2024 Gr 7 Fundraising Committee

PAC Message re Road Safety Around the School

We are writing with regards to the recent tragic incident at 16th and Wallace involving a Lord Byng student. Here is the latest in terms of response from the city: City of Vancouver upgrading intersection after teen struck by a car¹⁴.

The PAC would love to hear from you. We ask you to bring forward concerns, ideas, and suggestions on how to improve road safety and reduce congestion around JQ and the neighbouring schools. Please include your comments in this document here¹⁵. We have had discussions with our school Admin., PACs at Lord Byng and QE, and other stakeholders. We will also discuss this issue in the PAC meeting next week.

The streets around the school are very busy during drop off and pick up. Please be patient and mindful of all the parking and traffic rules when dropping and/or picking up your child. We kindly recommend, if possible, parking a block or two away from the school and walk in to come get your child.

Other links that would be of interest:

- Vision Zero Vancouver¹⁶
- CBC On the Coast Segment aired Feb 13, 2024¹⁷

¹⁴<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=371928f8fc&e=afa53965a6>

¹⁵<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=41f951ac21&e=afa53965a6>

¹⁶<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=108ceda163&e=afa53965a6>

¹⁷<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=903e0b403c&e=afa53965a6>

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.com¹⁸

¹⁸<https://www.munchalunch.com>

Go to 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. 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.com¹⁹. 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.com²⁰.

Community Links

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

Vancouver Minor Softball

The VMSA is a non-profit sports association providing softball programming for young athletes up to 19 years old. Our organization provides opportunities primarily for girls and young women in the City of Vancouver, however, we are inclusive of all gender identifications.

We believe increasing youth participation in softball is extremely important for girls and young women, as it will enhance their physical, mental, emotional, and cognitive development. More specifically, VMSA believes that providing access to softball provides young female athletes opportunities to develop: softball skills (across multiple areas); confidence; leadership; decision making; friendship and

¹⁹<http://www.jqpac.com/>

²⁰<mailto:jqpac.treasurer@gmail.com>

camaraderie; and other life skills. You can read more about the VMSA and our vision and philosophies at http://vmsa.ca/page.php?page_id=94702²¹.

Our league runs from April to June and we have opened registration for the 2024 season. We have more than five (5) past registrants from your school, however, we would love to build upon that and grow that representation in our Association. Financial assistance is available for families that need it, we want to remove all barriers to playing our sport.

We have also scheduled six clinics, free of charge, to anyone that wants to come out to try softball. These clinics will take place over three Saturdays in February and March. We are planning the first one to be indoors, while we are hopeful we will be able to run the March clinics outdoors (we will have an indoor option as a backup). Details on these clinics are located here: <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/417574/signups/new>²²

FreeKick Soccer Programs



²¹<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=43a7524334&e=afa53965a6>

²²<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=ec0c28299a&e=afa53965a6>

FreeKick will be running various Soccer Camps throughout Spring and early Summer. Registration is now open. Please visit their website at FreeKickFC.com or email: info@freekickFC.com²³ for more information.

RBL Basketball Spring programs

Registration is online at RBLBasketball.com²⁴.

²³<mailto:info@freekickFC.com>

²⁴<http://rblbasketball.com/>

BC Family French Camp



Keep your kids speaking French during the summer - Come join us at one of the BC Family French Camps in Summerland, Gwillim Lake, or Nanaimorun with monitors (councilors) from Quebec. As a JQ family that has been attending BCFFC for the past 9 years, we can definitely attest to the fun and enjoyment at camp, for both kids and parents! And parents don't need to speak French. Please find more details at <https://bcffc.com>²⁵. If you have any questions about the camp, you can contact me, Anthony (Milena's dad) at treasurer@bcffc.com²⁶.

²⁵<https://bcffc.com/>

²⁶<mailto:treasurer@bcffc.com>

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 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>²⁷

²⁷<https://fireandflowergirls.org/>

Thank you for reading!

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²⁸<mailto:studentrecordsquesnel@vsb.bc.ca>