



JQ eNews - 2024-03-08

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.ca 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>

Class Photos - Monday, March 11



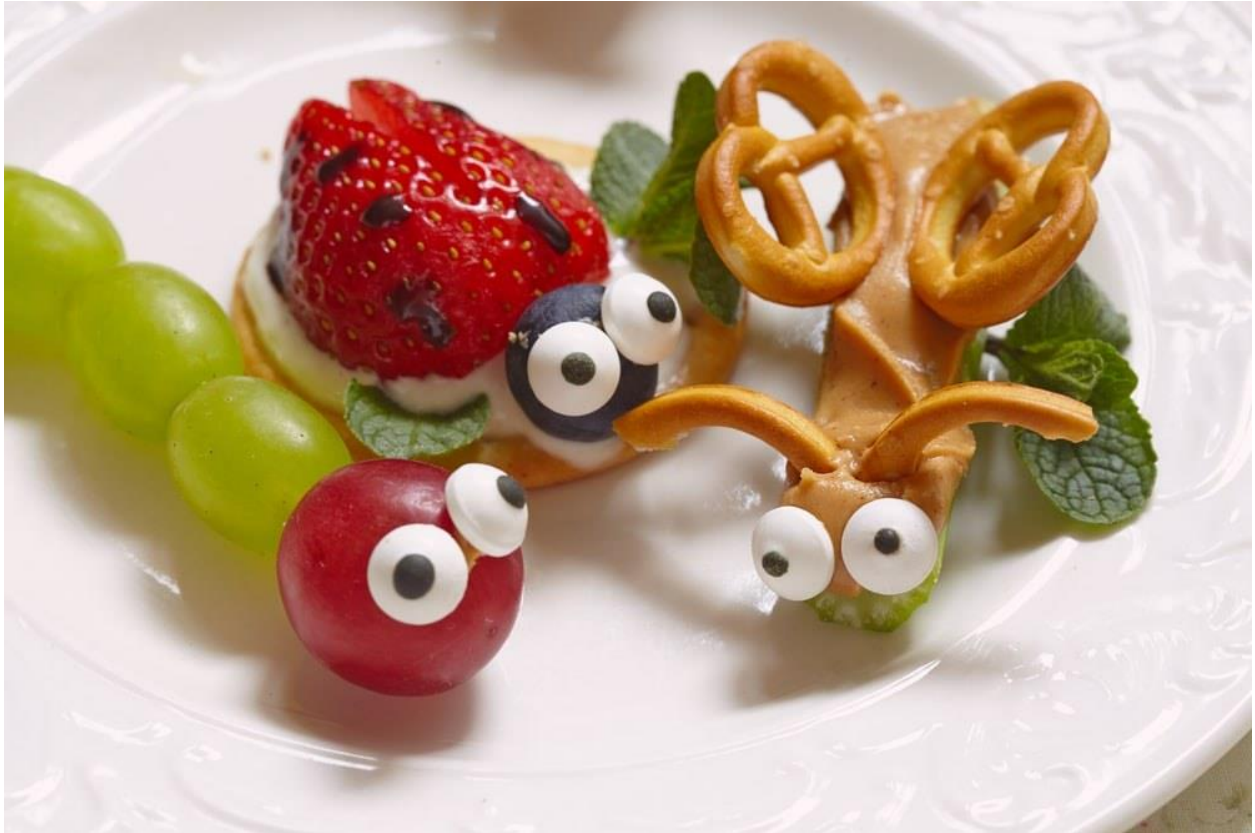
Class photo day will take place on the morning of **Monday, March 11**. This will be a photograph of the whole class and not an individual student photo.

Grade 7's will also have a group photo and may wish to wear their hoodies.

Written Learning Update 2

A second Written Learning Update will be sent home with your child on **Tuesday March 12**.

Snacks



A friendly reminder to send your child with a snack for morning recess on hot lunch and pizza days. Also, if your child is in an after-school activity, parents may wish to send an additional snack for the end of the day. Lastly, some students are feeling hungrier than usual and may be going through a growth spurt, parents may wish to check in with their child that they have enough to eat during the school day. Thank you.

Dress for cold and rainy weather

As the weather continues to be unsettled, please make sure that your child has appropriate weather to play outside during recess and lunch. **It is also suggested that students have a spare set of clothing** in the classroom in case of falls/accidents during outdoors time.

Spring Break Dates



The school will be closed for Spring Break from **Monday, March 18th to Monday, April 1st (Easter Monday)** and will reopen on **Tuesday, April 2nd**.

Will your child be returning to Jules Quesnel in September 2024?

In order for the VSB to plan staffing and class size organization for next year, could you kindly let us know as soon as possible if your child will **NOT** be returning to JQ in September 2024.

If your child will be returning, NO ACTION is required on your part and your child will automatically move to the next grade.

If you are unsure, any information you can provide the school would be most helpful. Thank you.

Lost & Found



Please check the lost and found rack located outside the north entrance to the gym for missing items. 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. **Unclaimed items will be donated before Spring Break.**

Please label your child's clothing and belongings with their name so it's easier for school staff to return lost items to their owners.

Daylight savings time begins



A reminder that clocks move forward one hour this weekend on Sunday, March 10th.

School Calendar & Upcoming Dates



Check the JQ school website calendar⁴ for upcoming school events, and the JQ Elementary Calendar 2023-2024⁵ for a quick overview of this school year's important, pro d and non-instructional dates.

Monday, March 11 - Class Photo Day

Tuesday, March 12 - Written Learning Update 2 sent home to families

Thursday, March 14 - Performance for whole school - Karima Essa Body Positive Bollywood Show

Monday, March 18 to Monday, April 1 - School Closed for Spring Break and Easter Monday

JQ PAC Updates



⁴<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-guesnel/page/2257/calendar?tab=monthview>

⁵<https://media.vsb.bc.ca/media/Default/medialib/jq-elementary-calendar-2023-2024.29f94568110.pdf>

PAC Meeting Minutes and Next Meeting Date



Thank you to everyone who joined us for the February PAC meeting. We had an active discussion, that included many questions⁶ submitted by families. The draft minutes are here.⁷

The next PAC meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 24 at 6:30 pm**. Building on the road safety discussions, we will host guests from The Society for Children and Youth of BC (SCY) for a presentation on their Walking School Program⁸

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⁸<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=363b387957&e=afa53965a6>

Road Safety



A reminder about road safety around school that was sent in the last newsletter. 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 here⁹, and thank you to everyone who has contributed.

JQ PAC has been in discussions with the PACs at Lord Byng, and Queen Elizabeth on collectively working to improve road safety, and support advocacy efforts.

Our April PAC meeting will host guests from The Society for Children and Youth of BC (SCY) for a presentation about Walking¹⁰ School Program¹¹ they are running. We will keep you updated about the above.

⁹https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fbxu_9M6PmsvVBkzV_bQA3Vm9np040uXYRN-nPBIgfU/edit

¹⁰<https://scyofbc.org/kid-commute/>

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JQ Class 2025



If your child will be entering Gr 7 in the next academic year (JQ class of 2025), could you please fill in the spreadsheet? [Link](#).¹² It will help connecting with the other Gr 7 families, and the PAC.

¹²<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=48958db63b&e=afa53965a6>

Volunteers Needed



We have two important PAC volunteer positions and it is crucial that these two positions be filled, or our hot lunch and pizza days will not be able to operate as efficiently at all. We hope you will consider, and please respond to jqpacexec@gmail.com if you are interested or have questions.

Pizza Lunch Role:

- Completing your food safe course online (quick and easy).
- Arranging a local pizza vendor to supply pizza every Friday.
- A 30-minute commitment every Friday at lunchtime with lots of volunteers! Grade 7 parents at the school.

Hot Lunch Roles:

- Liaise with hot lunch vendor - currently Calhoun's Catering - to create hot lunch menus, make payments to vendor and troubleshoot any issues.
- Be willing to receive and respond to parent inquiries.
- Liaise with school administration regarding any issues with hot lunch at the school.
- Become the Master Admin for the online ordering program - MunchaLunch.
- Send any relevant updates regarding hot lunch to school admin and PAC for distribution to the JQ parent population.
- Liaise with the Pizza Day coordinator to send the pizza ordering reports from MunchaLunch to the pizza vendor.
- Lead the decision-making regarding any changes to the hot lunch vendors or continued use of the online ordering system.

PAC - Spring Extra-Curricular Activities - Register

REGISTER FOR SPRING ACTIVITIES NOW

REGISTER for Spring Extracurricular Activities TODAY. Below is a list of activities. Email your extracurricular activities questions to jqexcurricular@gmail.com¹³

LightsUp Theatre¹⁴

Mondays / Apr 8 – Jun 17 / Grades K- 7/ 3:05 – 5:15 / \$345

ALMOST FULL

WizeAcademy¹⁵

Tuesdays / Apr 23 – Jun 11 / Grades 2 – 7 / 3:05 – 4:30 / \$315

Coding and Modding in Minecraft! 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.

Young Rembrandts¹⁶

Wednesdays / Apr 24 – Jun 12 / Grades 1 – 6 / 3:05 – 4:15 / \$176

Your student will draw an array of things, from motorcycles, hummingbirds, a Beethoven portrait, and the butterfly life cycle! Check out the attached flyer for details.

HappyFeet Soccer¹⁷

Fridays / Apr 12 - Jun 21 / Grades K - 7 / 3:03 – 4:05 / \$211

FULL

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Hot Lunch & Pizza Days Update! Spring Session Coming Soon!



Dear JQ families,

The Spring 2024 Hot Lunch session will be open for ordering starting **Thursday March 15th at noon!** The first Hot Lunch after Spring Break will be Tuesday April 2nd. Please don't forget to place your order before 8 am on April 1st.

Spring 2024 will be the final Hot Lunch session of the school year, so please make sure to use up your credits before the end of June - there will be NO refunds at the end of the year.

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

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

The Grade 7 Grad Committee would like to thank everyone for their support throughout this school year!!!!

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 HotLunch Coordinator can help with any MunchaLunch issues.

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

VSB Financial Plan

The VSB wants to hear from us all about what we think is important for VSB to consider in the budget for next year. Please see emails received from VSB on this. The survey is available here: [online survey](#)¹⁸. It will be open until March 8, 2024.

Superbes Artistes & Photographes

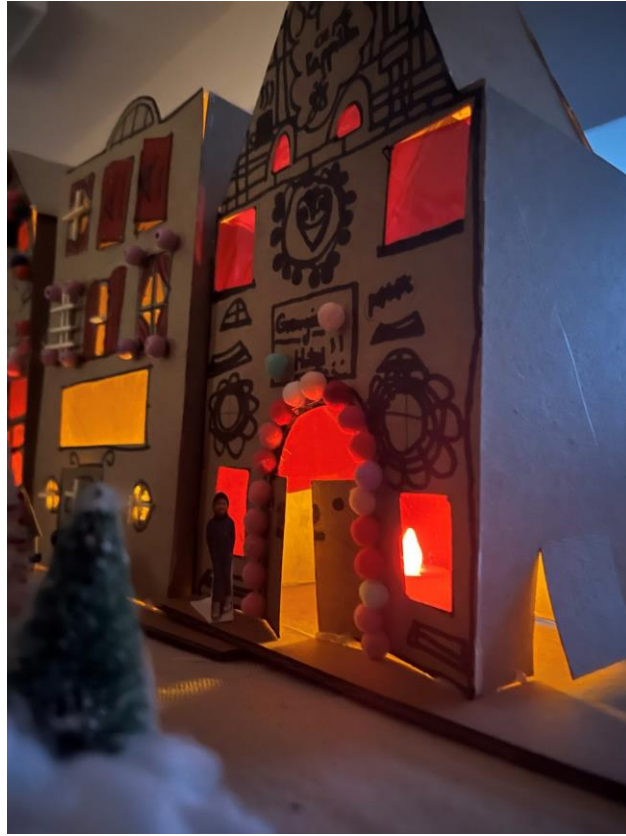
We are including the winter submissions by our students as a part of the Student Art & Photo/ Superbes Artistes & Photographes contest. A big thanks again to all the children and their families who submitted.

The five-winners for this round, which were all selected at random, are Adri, Alen, Audry, Leona, and Livia. Congratulations to the five! Be sure to check out their work below. The winners have been sent an email as a confirmation. All the submissions we received for the month are at the following link¹⁹.

¹⁸<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=68c2aa3029&e=afa53965a6>

¹⁹<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=e52256aa20&e=afa53965a6>

The theme for the SAP contest for the month of March and April will be "The first signs of spring" "Les premiers signes du printemps." Please share this theme with your children. The deadline is April 30, 2024, and we cannot wait to receive your photo or artwork.







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.com²⁰. 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.com²¹.

Community Links

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

The Vancouver Basketball Academy™, Nike Basketball Spring Break Camps!

Nike Basketball Elementary Spring Break Camp²²

Location: Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School

Date: March 18 – 21

Nike Basketball Elementary Spring Break Camp²³

Location: Britannia Secondary School

Date: March 25 – 28

Terry Fox Spring Break Activities

Looking for some fun activities to keep your kids busy this Spring Break? Check out The Terry Fox Foundation's Kids' Corner²⁴ for lots of Terry fun! There's word puzzles, colouring pages, a fun Spotify playlist and even a scavenger hunt!

²⁰<http://www.jqpac.com/>

²¹<mailto:jqpac.treasurer@gmail.com>

²²<https://www.academybasketball.com/programs-2/nike-basketball-elementary-spring-break-camp-at-churchill>

²³<https://www.academybasketball.com/programs-2/nike-basketball-elementary-spring-break-camp-at-britannia>

²⁴<https://terryfox.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=9c16f8b6c2b735d53eb75ef97&id=02663081d2&e=7d70afacbe>

Spring Market - West Point Grey Community Centre



West Point Grey Community Centre Volunteer Opportunity

Looking for a fun way to engage with the community? Develop your leadership skills while having fun with the parents and kids for West Point Grey's Breakfast with Bunny Easter event! Our team is looking for energetic, assertive, outgoing and responsible assistant leaders to assist with our special events. The event will take place on Saturday March 23rd from 10am-12pm, however you will be scheduled from 9-2pm.

If you are interested in this event or any of our future special events, please fill out the application form. Please note that any applicants who are 16 years or older must obtain a Police Information Check. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at leeanne.trieu@vancouver.ca²⁵.

Application Form: <https://westpointgrey.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Volunteer-Application-Form.pdf>

Let me know if you have any questions, I look forward to hearing from you.

²⁵<mailto:leeanne.trieu@vancouver.ca>

GIRLsmarts4tech Workshop

This March, GIRLsmarts4tech will be running 4 new Computer Science/Technology workshops over the course of the March 23-24 weekend. There will be both a Saturday program and a Sunday program and open to students in grades 6/7/8. For each program, students will be able to participate in two workshops over the course of the day:

- Saturday March 23: Introduction to Artificial Intelligence and Internet of Things
- Sunday March 24: Programming 101 - Video Games and Database

All programs will take place on UBC Campus and lunch will be provided for students. There is a workshop fee of \$35 per program, however, they do offer bursaries to cover registration fee to make their workshops accessible to as many youth as possible.

Registration and other information on the workshops are here²⁶. Poster for this workshop is here²⁷.

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 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=94702²⁸.

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

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have an indoor option as a backup). Details on these clinics are located here: <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/417574/signups/new>²⁹

FreeKick Soccer Programs



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.com³⁰ for more information.

RBL Basketball Spring programs

Registration is online at RBLBasketball.com³¹.

²⁹<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=ec0c28299a&e=afa53965a6>

³⁰<mailto:info@freekickFC.com>

³¹<http://rblbasketball.com/>

BC Family French Camp



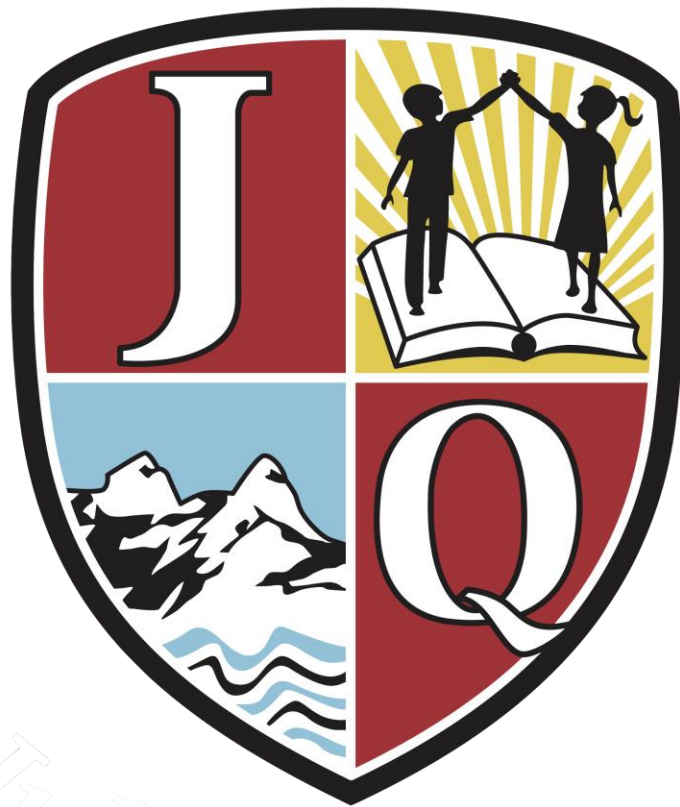
Keep your kids speaking French during the summer - Come join us at one of the BC Family French Camps in Summerland, Gwillim Lake, or Nanaimorun with monitors (councilors) from Quebec. As a JQ family that has been attending BCFFC for the past 9 years, we can definitely attest to the fun and enjoyment at camp, for both kids and parents! And parents don't need to speak French. Please find more details at <https://bcffc.com>³². If you have any questions about the camp, you can contact me, Anthony (Milena's dad) at treasurer@bcffc.com³³.

³²<https://bcffc.com/>

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Thank you for reading!

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