



JQ eNews - 2024-04-12

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>

Lost and Found



The lost and found is filling up again. If you see anything that belongs to your child in the photos below, please come pick it up.







VSB Summer Learning 2024

Elementary Program Registration begins on April 24, 2024 at noon.

Secondary Program Registration begins on May 1, 2024 at noon.

For more information, please go to: summerreg.vsb.bc.ca

Gymnastics Program







Our students had fun participating in a gymnastics program.

Curling



Following on from the gymnastics program, over the next two weeks, students will be introduced to curling by Rocks & Rinks.

The school gym will be transformed into an iceless curling rink and students will participate during their regular gym class as well as at other times.

PAC Direct Donation

The staff and students of École Jules Quesnel wish to thank families for their donations to the 2023-2024 PAC Direct Donation Fund. The donation drive raised a total of \$8150 and your gift has been used to support school programs and supplies that benefit our students. The school remains very grateful to the JQ community for its considerable generosity, kindness and support.

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.

School Calendar & Upcoming Dates



Monday, April 22nd - Professional Development Day (last one)

JQ PAC Updates



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 questions⁴ submitted by families. The draft minutes are here.⁵

The next PAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 1 at 6:30 pm. Building on the road safety discussions, we will host guests from The Society for Children and Youth of BC ⁶(SCY) for a presentation on their Walking School Program. We look forward to your support.

⁴<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=8375ea27ee&e=afa53965a6>

⁵<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=2d8e074670&e=afa53965a6>

⁶<https://scyofbc.org/kid-commute/>

Road Safety Updates



We are sending you an update on road safety at our school neighbourhood following the devastating incident involving a Lord Byng student. Over the last two months, the PACs at Lord Byng, JQ, and Queen Elizabeth Elementary (W16th Schools Safety Coalition) have been collaborating to advocate for significant, and long term changes along 16th avenue stretch shared by our schools, and the neighbouring areas. We have also been seeking inputs from Vision Zero Vancouver, traffic advisories from DPAC, and Vancouver Coastal Health. We thank the JQ community for all the inputs provided.

The school coalition has put together this briefing piece for advocacy purposes with all relevant information. Please do take a look. Briefing Paper: W 16th Ave Schools Safety Coalition⁷ The social media page for the coalition is here⁸. In addition, our JQ PAC Safety coordinators, Risa Sargent and Miranda Holmes had written to the City of Vancouver (CoV) Traffic Engineering team stressing the need for more crossing time for pedestrians at 16th and Crown intersection. The CoV team has responded that they are planning to re-time the pedestrian phase at this specific intersection with an additional six-seconds to cross safely. This change is expected to be completed in 2024.

Finally, as was circulated by the school Principal last week, Mayor Ken Sim sent the following to our school community: Mayor's letter to JQ⁹ with further safety measures near Lord Byng and JQ. We will keep you all updated on the above. If you have any questions or comments, please write to us by responding to this newsletter.

⁷https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BQWP3fUqGp_ZaH8Q1-JsL2GKafpiC0i3/view?usp=sharing

⁸<https://twitter.com/16thavesafety>

⁹https://drive.google.com/file/d/1S5jEC_HTNZriKXVM_PaSyRlgsdgQxzMV/view?usp=sharing

Active Transportation Survey

The PAC has designed a survey in an effort to understand transportation modes at JQ, and gather baseline data about how children are traveling to and from school. The survey also includes questions to gauge interest in participation in a walking school bus program. Your responses will greatly help us identify, collaborate, and create programs that support our JQ community. The survey should take about 5 minutes to complete. Survey Link¹⁰ - we ask you to complete it by 22nd of April.

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.¹¹ It will help connecting with the other Gr 7 families, and the PAC.

Hot Lunch Coordinator needed

We are urgently looking to fill the position of hot lunch coordinator. Please let PAC know if you are interested: jqpacexec@gmail.com¹². By filling this very critical position by the end of April, we hope to continue our hot lunch program without any disruptions.

¹⁰<https://forms.gle/1Hm8Gb8GagKEfMBy7>

¹¹<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=48958db63b&e=afa53965a6>

Hot Lunch Coordinator 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.

Volunteers Needed



Urgent: We are still asking for parent volunteers every Friday to help distribute pizza to the class rooms. The time commitment is about 30 mins, between 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM. If you are free, please arrive at the Multi Purpose room (entrance by the staff parking), after presenting yourself to the Main office as a parent volunteer. Sign up in Friday Pizza volunteer sheet¹³, where you can also see future dates. It is a great opportunity to meet other parent/guardians at JQ, and your help will be VERY appreciated!

¹²<mailto:jqpacexec@gmail.com>

¹³<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=5a5a85ced0&e=afa53965a6>

Hot Lunch & Pizza Days Update



Dear JQ families:

I would like to announce our new Pizza Day Coordinator - Sristy! Thank you very much, Sristy, for volunteering to take on this role! Sristy and I can be reached for any Hot lunch and Pizza Day inquiries at our new email address: jqhotlunchpizza@gmail.com, as the grade 7 class has completed their fundraising for the year. PROCEEDS FROM HOT LUNCH AND PIZZA DAYS WILL NOW GO TO OUR JQ PAC.

We are still asking for parent volunteers every Friday to help distribute pizza to the classrooms - we will send out the sign up sheet, but if you are free on a Friday, please feel free to show up in the Multipurpose Room at 11:30! We're usually done by noon, and your help will be VERY appreciated!

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.com¹⁴

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 us at our new address: jqhotlunchpizza@gmail.com¹⁵

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 HOTLUNCH DAYS

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 link¹⁶.

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>

¹⁴<https://www.munchalunch.com>

¹⁵<mailto:jqhotlunchpizza@gmail.com>

¹⁶<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=e52256aa20&e=afa53965a6>

The JQ PAC website is www.jqpac.com¹⁷. 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.com¹⁸.

Community Links

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

Kitsilano Gymnastics Club

Kitsilano Gymnastics Inc. provides safe, fun and developmentally appropriate gymnastics instruction and programs to children and teenagers. All of the participants will be introduced to all of the gymnastics apparatus and learn the basic and advanced skills. Our coaches will ensure a safe and fun learning environment and at the same time offer a variety of exercises and gymnastic elements to suit every child's fitness level.

Website: kitsilanogymnastics.ca

Email: kitsilanogymnastics@live.ca¹⁹

Phone: 604-349-8167

Quadra Daycare is Celebrating 50 Years!

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Open House Saturday, May 25, 2024, 12 - 4 PM

4315 W. 6th Avenue, Vancouver

Additional if space is available: Fun for all ages, with activities including face painting, balloon artistry, photos of Quadra through the ages, a 50/50 raffle, refreshments and of course, cake! Everyone is welcome.

Architecture - French Summer Camps at Le Petit Architect's Studio

This summer, enroll your little architects into a fun-filled architecture camp filled with design thinking, problem solving, and learning about architecture through fun hands-on activities (electronics free)! Camps are in both French or English.

Design a Dream Home Ages 7 yo 12 July 22 to July 26 Time: 9:30 am to 3:00 pm - \$460 plus fees

¹⁷<http://www.jqpac.com/>

¹⁸<mailto:jqpac.treasurer@gmail.com>

¹⁹<mailto:kitsilanogymnastics@live.ca>

Create a Green City Ages 7 to 12 July 8 to July 12 Time: 9:30am to 3:00 pm - \$430.00 plus fees

Address: 2490 West 37th Avenue, Vancouver.

Le Petit Architect also offers Spring classes and workshops, after-school programs, camps and birthdays.

For more information, please visit: www.petitarchitect.com

Royal Soccer Club

The Royal Soccer Club, a registered non-profit community organization, is proud to host their 32nd annual grassroots summer day camps. The program is designed to promote personal development, team building and of course, FUN! Uniquely designed to offer a more soccer focused morning with a leisure swim with other organized activities in the afternoon. The program operates during all weeks in July and August for children aged 5 to 13. For more information or to register, visit royalsoccerclub.com²⁰ or call 1-800-427-0536.

ELMACON

ELMACON is Vancouver's elementary math contest for grades 5-7 which gives students the opportunity to experience math as an exciting sport. Prizes include: electronics, gadgets, games, and more! The contest will be held on the UBC Campus on Saturday, May 4th, 2024.

For registration and more details visit <https://elmacon.org>.

Questions: elmacon@pims.math.ca²¹ or (604) 822-3922

Deadline: April 14, 2024

Fee: \$30

Location: UBC Earth Sciences Building, 2207 Main Mall, Vancouver

Generation Health FREE 10-week healthy lifestyle family program

Generation Health is a **FREE 10-week healthy lifestyle program** for children and their families, delivered through YMCA BC and in partnership with the Childhood Obesity Foundation. Program participants will meet virtually or in person to learn about healthy eating, physical activity, goal setting, body image, self-esteem and more!

We have 2 program days to choose from: Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 pm. This program requires prior registration through these details: phone 1-888-650-3141 or send an e-mail to generationhealth@bc.ymca.ca²².

²⁰<https://royalsoccerclub.com/>

²¹<mailto:elmacon@pims.math.ca>

²²<mailto:generationhealth@gv.ymca.ca>

Families who join this program receive a complimentary membership to the YMCA.

Marpole Soccer Club's Spring program



SPRING ACADEMY
TUESDAYS OR THURSDAYS
APRIL 2 TO JUNE 27

Marpole Soccer Club is dedicated to our players and their individual development in a safe and fun environment.

- ✓ Trained Coaches
- ✓ Ball mastery
- ✓ Physical literacy
- ✓ Fun games
- ✓ Guarantee no cancellations
- ✓ Academy T-Shirt
- ✓ 13 Weeks!

U4 to U7 BOYS & GIRLS - 5:00pm to 6:00pm
U8 to U13 BOYS & GIRLS - 6:00pm to 7:00pm
LOCATION: Kitsilano Turf Field

TUESDAYS ONLY - \$230
THURSDAYS ONLY - \$230
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS - \$390.00

REGISTER TODAY!

Questions? registrar.marpole@gmail.com

Spring Market - West Point Grey Community Centre



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=94702²³.

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.

²³<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=43a7524334&e=afa53965a6>

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>²⁴

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.com²⁵ for more information.

RBL Basketball Spring programs

Registration is online at RBLBasketball.com²⁶.

²⁴<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=ec0c28299a&e=afa53965a6>

²⁵<mailto:info@freekickFC.com>

²⁶<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>²⁷. If you have any questions about the camp, you can contact me, Anthony (Milena's dad) at treasurer@bcffc.com²⁸.

²⁷<https://bcffc.com/>

²⁸<mailto:treasurer@bcffc.com>

Thank you for reading!

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Visit us on the web at <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel>.

²⁹<mailto:studentrecordsquesnel@vsb.bc.ca>