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JAMIESON NEWSLETTER

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“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 5

December 13, 2022

Ms. Natasha Miladinovic - Principal

Ms. Lena Ling - Vice Principal

Ms. Amy Tang - Administrative Assistant

Ms. Hayley Kellow - Extra Clerical

Ms. Olivia Lau - PAC Chair

MESSAGE

Dear Jamieson Families,

It is difficult to believe that we are into our second week of December and our last week before the winter break! Jamieson has been a busy place with many exciting activities happening. We have just wrapped up our Tennis program, which we would like to thank the PAC for subsidizing the cost. We all enjoyed Pajama and stuffie day! I think some of us wish it was Pajama Day every day at Jamieson. We are excited to watch our Winter Strings performances on Wednesday and Thursday for Divisions 1-9. In January, we have some very exciting events taking place. We will be beginning our outdoor mural, which we will have all our students participate in painting a part of it. Thank you so much to our PAC for supporting and funding this exciting project. We will also begin our Hip Hop classes towards the end of January for all students, as we will use the money given to the school from the Family and Student Affordability fund. Also, each class will receive \$40.00 per student for fieldtrips and/or in class presentations/activities which will be organized by the classroom teacher.

From our staff to your families, have a wonderful holiday season. We thank you every day for all your support at home. Enjoy the holidays and all the best for the upcoming new year! See you back on Tuesday, January 3, 2023!

Ms. Natasha Miladinovic and Ms. Lena Ling



FAREWELL.....



It is with great sadness that Ms. Amy Tang, our amazing OAA will be leaving Jamieson at the end of this calendar year to join Eric Hamber Secondary. We were SO fortunate to have her at Jamieson as we all know how incredible she is. She will be greatly missed by all our staff and families. We wish her the best of luck as she begins her new role in January. All the best, Ms. Tang.

STAFF CHANGES

Jamieson is pleased to welcome back Ms. Ellen Hsieh who is returning from Maternity Leave and will be back in Division 5. We would like to thank Mr. Taverna for all that he is done with our students in Division 5. We are excited to let you know that Mr. Taverna will be covering Division 21 for the remainder of the school year. We would like to thank Ms. Brianna Tucsock and Ms. Tammy Lee for covering Division 21 during this time of change. We wish Ms. Tucsock and Ms. Lee all the best but we know they will be back. We also wanted to let you know that Ms. Marilyn Trigo (SSA) will be retiring in January. We wanted to wish her all the best on her new journey as well as thank her for all she has done at Jamieson.

STUDENT AND FAMILY AFFORDABILITY FUND

The Ministry of Education has provided all school districts in BC with one-time funds for this school year to help support students in accessing nutritional food and clothing. Jamieson has been provided funding to help support students and families in our school community who are facing challenges and would benefit from support at this time. This funding is available to schools for one year only and must be spent by June of 2023.

Thank you to all those families who have completed the survey. The office will be in touch with you as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience while we organize the support required. With this fund, the school will be covering the cost of our upcoming Hip Hop Dance Program and Geering Up for each student. As well, each classroom will be given a specific amount of money per student for upcoming fieldtrips and events for that particular division.

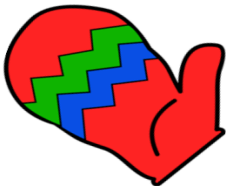
WINTER WEAR DRIVE

Division 1 presents:



Jamieson's Winter Wear Drive for Vancouver's Downtown Eastside

Your donation of at least one pair of mitts, toques, gloves or socks will be a great help for people in need in the Downtown Eastside community. We will come by your classrooms every Wednesday and Friday from November 30 – December 14 to collect the items.



Please make sure that the items you donate are:

- Warm
- New
- Adult-sized

Thank you!



GREATER VANCOUVER FOOD BANK



Thank you to all our families and staff who have brought items in or have donated to the Greater Vancouver Food Bank! We have collected over 1,000 items and \$230.00 in donations. Thank you Jamieson and thank you to our Food Drive Team (Divisions 2M, 6 and 8). A special thank you to Ms. Ho, Ms. Hwang, and Ms. Rowley.

TRAFFIC

Thank you to our families and PAC who wrote letters regarding Tisdall and 46th. Thank you so much for advocating for a crossing area for our families. A parent shared the e-mail they received from the City of Vancouver regarding the plan for pedestrian safety.

After review, a crosswalk is feasible at the intersection so I will put in the request on behalf of the school for the north side of the intersection. A drop ramp is required for the crossing so I will also put it on our list to coordinate a drop ramp installation for the east side of the T-intersection for proper accessibility. Please note that this request will take some time as construction work is packaged for the summer along with paint work when the weather is warmer and drier so that paint can properly adhere to the roads. Nonetheless, we will go through the design process in the meantime and move forward with this project.



BLACK EXCELLENCE DAY

The Jamieson community is recognizing *Black Excellence Day* on Friday, January 13th, 2023. Students and staff are encouraged to wear black shirts on this day to show their support for Black Canadians. *Black Excellence Day* celebrates Black achievements, stories, art, innovations, people and their communities. This is also an opportunity to commemorate the ongoing struggle by Black Canadians for Civil and Human rights and to remember that small actions can make big differences.



STRINGS CONCERT



Jamieson is pleased to be hosting Winter Concerts for the families in our Strings program again. Unfortunately, due to limited space, these events will be for the families of the students who are performing.

Dec 14 – Div 6, 7, 8, 9

Dec 15 – Div 1, 2M, 3, 4, 5

CBC MUSIC CHALLENGE

Congratulations to Mr. Colpitts and the string orchestra students of Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6! These musicians have made it to the National Top 10 Stage of the 2022 CBC Music Class Challenge! Will their performance of the French-Canadian hit song "Oublie-Moi" finish in the top 3? The winners will be announced later this week. Go Jamieson Strings!!



An appreciative applause to Mr. Colpitts for organizing our students for the CBC Music Challenge. The performance was magnificent. Thank you for the incredible amount of organization and practice that went into the CBC Music Challenge.

RESPIRATORY ILLNESS SEASON



EAT WELL, SLEEP WELL,
AND EXERCISE!



WASH OR SANITIZE YOUR
HANDS FREQUENTLY



AVOID SHARING FOOD,
DRINKS, AND OTHER ITEMS
THAT TOUCH THE MOUTH



MASKS ARE PERMITTED
AND A PERSONAL CHOICE



RESPECT THE PERSONAL
SPACE OF OTHERS



COVER COUGHS
AND SNEEZES



STAY HOME WHEN SICK

Community rates of respiratory illness, particularly among children and youth, are going up as expected at this time of year. COVID-19 and a number of common seasonal respiratory viruses such as influenza, enterovirus and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) are circulating in BC.

There are many tools to get people through respiratory illness season. People are also encouraged to check daily for symptoms of respiratory illness, wash their hands regularly and practice respiratory etiquette. This includes wearing a mask, as a personal choice, covering coughs and disposing of tissues appropriately.

People who have COVID-19 are no longer required to self-isolate. However, it is still important for people with symptoms to stay home when feeling unwell to reduce the spread of the illness. Staff and students may return to work/school when their fever has resolved and they are able to participate in their usual activities.

What does well enough to return to regular activities mean? Consider how you manage other illnesses that you do not get tested for like cold and flu. Stay home if you are feeling unwell and resume your regular activities when you feel you are able to manage them. If you have a fever, you should stay home until it is gone without medication. *If your child is too sick to go outside during break times, they/she/he is too sick to come to school.*

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



Kindergarten on-line registration for children born in 2018 begins on November 1.

All kindergarten applicants are required to submit an application to their English catchment elementary school. This includes families who wish to apply for choice programs (Early French immersion, Montessori, Indigenous Focus School, Early Mandarin Bilingual, Nootka Fine Arts) and/or a cross boundary placement.

The priority registration period for Kindergarten opened **on November 1 and closes at 4pm on January 31**. Students who submit an application within this priority will be accommodated before late applicants.

Applying for kindergarten is a **2-step process**:

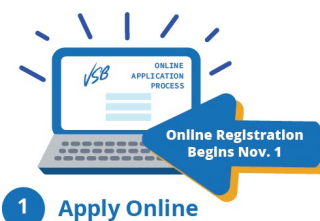
Step 1: Completion of an online application form

Step 2: Verifying documentation

1. Contact your English catchment school office to set up an appointment to bring your supporting documentation
2. Bring your supporting documentation to your English catchment school office during your scheduled appointment

Supporting Documents Needed:

- Municipal Tax Bill, Proof of Purchase, OR Rental Agreement
- Two (2) utility bills (IE: BC hydro, Fortis, cell phone, internet, tenant insurance...)
- Parent/ Legal Guardian Proof of Status in Canada
- Child's Proof of Identity
- Parents driver license (both Mother and Father required)
- Relevant documentation involving guardianship or court orders (if applicable)
- Immunization records if available (Kindergarten only)



AFTER THE BELL – A VSB PODCAST

VSB: After the Bell Podcast

The third episode of VSB: After the Bell podcast is now live. This month, we talk about all things kindergarten. We answer questions about the kindergarten process, talk about the different programs available, provide tips on preparing for kindergarten and answer questions submitted via our media channels.

Listen1 to VSB: After the Bell and remember to subscribe wherever you get your podcasts.

CHOICE PROGRAM APPLICATIONS 2023/2024

Kindergarten Choice Program Registration: Beginning **January 9** you can apply for up to three choice programs through the VSB online application process. To apply you must have completed your child's registration at their English Catchment School by the end of January. The application period for Kindergarten Choice Programs closes on **February 3 at 4pm**.

All K Choice applications are done through the K Choice Program Application website: K Choice Program Application. More information can be found here: [VSB K Choice Programs](#)

Gr 1-7 Choice Program Applications: VSB is proud to offer a wide range of educational options for different types of learners. Our Choice programs include French Immersion, Mandarin Bilingual, Indigenous Focus, Montessori and fine Arts.

Applying to Choice Programs in Grade 1 to 7 currently requires a paper form submission. This form and more information can be found on the VSB website at: [VSB Choice Programs](#).

Gr 1-7 application forms must be received by the Choice program school by the last day of January to be considered in the priority groupings. Within this grouping, draws will be held at the school if there are more applications than spaces.

REGISTRATION 2023/2024

Registration for **2023/2024 School Year**

If you know of families who live in catchment and wish to register their child to attend Dr. Annie B Jamieson Elementary, please let them know that registration opened on November 1, 2022. Registration can be completed via the VSB website – search for Student registration



IMPORTANT DATES

- WEDNESDAY, DEC 14, 2022 | Div 6, 7, 8, 9 Winter Strings Concert
- THURSDAY, DEC 15, 2022 | Div 1, 2M, 3, 4, 5 Winter Strings Concert
- FRIDAY, DEC 16, 2022 | Last day of school before Winter Break
- MONDAY, DEC 19, 2022 | Winter Break starts – no school for students and staff
- TUESDAY, JAN 3, 2023 | School re-opens after Winter Break



LOST AND FOUND



Items in the LOST AND FOUND will be displayed in front of the office all this week. Kindly collect any items belonging to your family.

Items not collected will be donated to charity.

PAC NEWS

Hot Lunch

The Winter Hot Lunch program will offer a local favorite, White Spot!

Orders will open on [Munch-a-Lunch](#) December 28, 2022 for meals starting January 11 2023.

Purdys Fundraiser

Thank you for supporting this new fundraiser! We made \$1,305.68 in profit from 34 supporters.

We hope that you will enjoy these treats with your friends and family this holiday season!

*Happy
Holidays from
the PAC!*

Contact Us

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Hot Lunch Program:
lunch@jamiesonpac.com

Latest News and Updates:
jamiesonpac.com

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Teacher and Staff Holiday Lunch

Our fundraisers raise money to support various programs at Jamieson, including appreciation events. On December 13, the PAC is pleased to host a Holiday Lunch for Jamieson teachers and staff on behalf of all students and parents.

It's just a small token of appreciation for everything that they do! We also could not do this without YOUR continued support for our various fundraisers throughout the year. Thank you!

Pedestrian Safety

Thanks to YOUR advocacy, the City of Vancouver's [School Active Travel Program](#) will create a crosswalk on the North side of Tisdall St. and W. 46th Ave! The work will include a new curb and will likely occur mid 2023.

Feel free to email SchoolActiveTravel@vancouver.ca with any concerns with walking or cycling to school.

In the meantime, we would like to remind drivers to drive carefully and to park in designated areas only.

Sneak Peek!

Calling all singers, musicians, dancers, martial-artists, lip-synchers, magicians.... and more! We know that Jamieson has a lot of talented students, so we wanted to give them an opportunity to shine in a safe, supportive environment!

Please encourage your children to [sign up](#) for this special event, it will be a great experience!

January 30th 2023: Application form and Audition video due

April 13th 2023: Lights up - showtime!!

Next PAC meeting to be held virtually

<https://meet.google.com/kis-rrmn-psf>

Wednesday January 11, 7:00- 8:00pm

NEWS FROM MS ALEXANDER IN THE LIBRARY

Hard to believe the holidays are fast approaching, autumn seems to have flown past so quickly.

We are running a little contest in the Library for our kindergarten and grade one students.... There are two prizes, one, a book from Knowledge Kids called *Which Way Back*, and two, a t-shirt with the characters from the book, Inkie, Chip and Luna. (See photo below). Each student filled out an entry ticket and the prize draw will be this Friday, December 16th.



We've been buying many new books to add to our collection. Below are some of the highlights.
Picture Books



Still This Love Goes On by Buffy Sainte-Marie, illustrations by Julie Flett.

With breathtaking lyrics by internationally renowned Cree singer-songwriter Buffy Sainte-Marie and stunning image from Metis-Cree author/illustrator Julie Flett, this book, based on the song of the same name is a love letter celebrating the seasons, place, Indigenous traditions and community. It is a song of hope, a song of home. The sheet music is enclosed in the back of the book, and you'll be wanting to listen to Buffy's own rendition of the song, which can be found on youtube https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pZyJCdH_u8

If You Find a Leaf by Aimée Sicuro

When a child collects fall leaves, a whole world is created as they imagine what a leaf could be.... A boat, a hat, a hot-air balloon to take you high above the trees. This story celebrates fall and encourages children to let every leaf spark a new idea. The story is accompanied by real photos of many of the commonly found trees in Vancouver....

I Forgive Alex, A Simple Story About Understanding by Kerascoet

A simple but powerful picture book exploring the complicated feelings that come with apologies and forgiveness.

Island in the Salish Sea by Sheryl McFarlane, illustrations Leslie Redhead

A wonderful picture book about the simple joys of spending summer vacation on an island in the Salish Sea with Gran. Lavish illustrations highlight BC's natural heritage – exploring tidepools, eating blackberries, big leaf maples, watching harbour seals and orcas, taking ferries to the gulf islands.

Over and Under the Waves by Kate Messner with illustrations by Christopher Silas Neal.

Explore the wonders and beauties of the ocean's kelp forests in this non-fiction book, the latest addition to the acclaimed *Over and Under* series from award-winning duo Kate Messner and Christopher Silas Neal, this time exploring the rich, interconnected ecosystem of the ocean! Over the waves, the sea lions bark and seagulls wheel and call. The bay is smooth and bright in the sun. But under the waves, there's a whole hidden forest, full of whales and wolf eels, sardines and sea bass, leopard sharks and luminous jellies, as well as the waving kelp that shelters them all. Discover the magical depths of the kelp forest, and all the fascinating creatures living just a paddle's length away—over and under the waves.

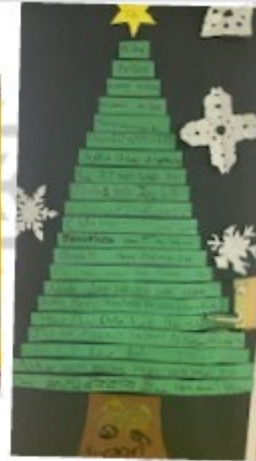
Returning to the Yakoun River by Sara Florence Davidson and Robert Davidson

"Experience a Haida fish camp through the delighted eyes of children as they learn from the land and from their Elders. Based on author Sara Florence Davidson's childhood memories, this illustrated story captures the joy and adventure of a Haida fish camp. Every summer, a Haida girl and her family travel up the Yakoun River on Haida Gwaii, following the salmon. While their father fishes, the girl and her brother spend their time on the land playing and learning from Tsinii (Grandfather)" (From the book cover)

Check back in January for news of our recent additions of new chapter books.

Have a wonderful Winter Break. Take time to relax with a good book!

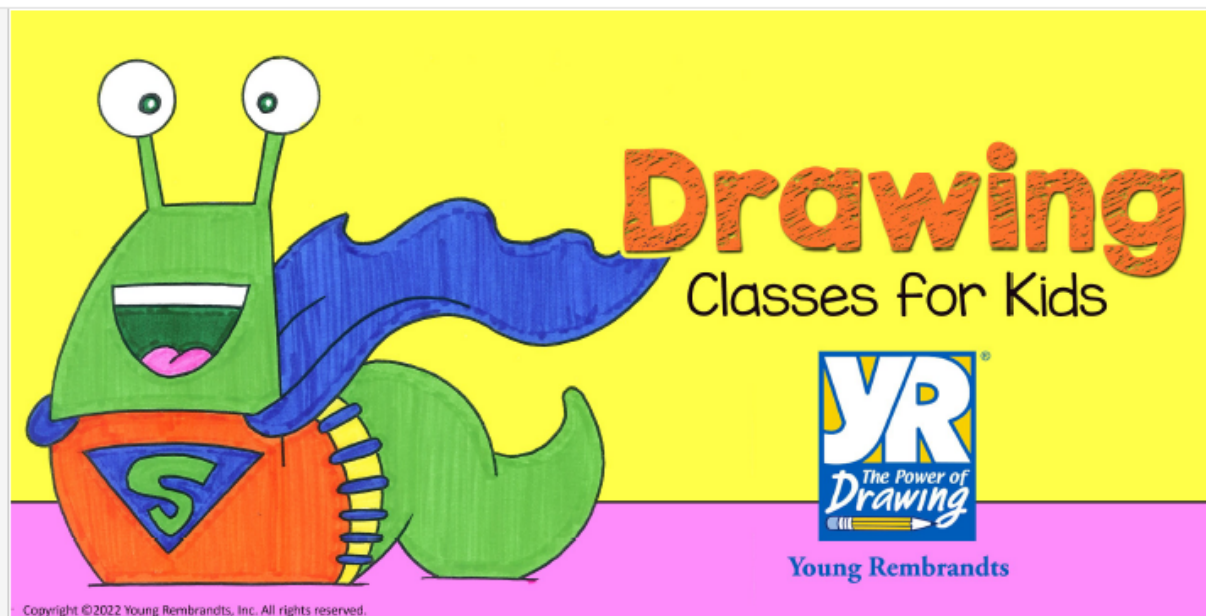
A WALK THROUGH THE HALLS





YOUNG REMBRANDTS – AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

Starting January 19, 2023, Young Rembrandts will be offering drawing classes for kids after school on site at Jamieson. Please email metrovancover@youngrembrandts.com or call 604-345-9053 if you have any questions.



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Jamieson Elementary

Grades 1st to 6th

Your child will laugh and learn while drawing our fun Superhero Expressions lesson in the month of January. In February, our students will jump for joy and spring into action with our Unlikely Heroes lesson. Then there's no better way to prepare for spring than with our Bird vs. Worm drawing sequence. Sign up your child to have fun, be challenged artistically, and to create amazing pieces of artwork.



classes

3:05 PM - 4:15 PM

Thursdays Jan. 19 - Mar. 9

OR

Mondays Jan. 23 - Apr. 3 (No Class: 02/20, 03/13, 03/20)



tuition

\$ 164.00 + GST

8 classes



enrollment

ENROLL ONLINE at

www.youngrembrandts.com/

metrovancover/

ALL NEW LESSONS EVERY SESSION!

YOUNG REMBRANDTS provides all classroom supplies and a trained instructor. Classes are held immediately after school inside the school. Parents are responsible for transportation at class end.

Young Rembrandts is an independent afterschool program and is not affiliated to the School Board

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JAMIESON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PRESENTED BY THE PAC

WE ARE LOOKING FOR TALENT!

Share your awesome talents to the whole
student body!

SHOW DATE:
THURSDAY APRIL 13, 2023
6 P.M.- 8 P.M.
SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

TO APPLY FOR AUDITION:
[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/QUGZNDP6AP](https://forms.gle/QUGZNDP6APACXWDV7)
[ACXWDV7](https://forms.gle/QUGZNDP6APACXWDV7)

We want to witness Jamieson Elementary's
most talented and impressive acts for this
school year's "You've Got It!" showcase!

Direct all questions to
info@jamiesonpac.com

Must Read: Application +
Audition details on next
page



It's your time to Shine!

SIGN UP YOUR ACT BEFORE
MONDAY, JANUARY 30TH, 2023!

Talent Showcase Rules & Info:

*Not every child that auditions will be chosen

- Complete application form here: <https://forms.gle/qUGzNDp6ApacxWdv7>
- (Audition video, music, lyrics must be submitted with application)
- Auditions selected for the Talent Show will be notified by March 1st, 2023
- **Selected auditions will be based on an anonymous vote by members of the PAC**
- Talent may include (but not limited to) singing, dancing, instrument, magic, comedy, martial arts, and juggling
- Act must not exceed three (3) minutes.
- Students may audition for only (1) act
- This is a talent showcase, not a competition, no prizes will be awarded
- All performers must be current Jamieson Elementary School students
- Group acts are limited to a maximum of three (3) performers
- In a group act, ALL PARENTS must fill out and sign a separate application. All applications must be submitted together before the deadline (Jan 30th, 2023)
- All performances will be screened for appropriateness by the Talent Show committee
- Acts must follow the school code of conducts and school policies. Acts containing inappropriate words, clothing, music or gestures will not be chosen. Keep in mind this show is for elementary school age students
- Parents need to preview the words to your song and attach a copy of the words with your application along with the music.
- If your act requires recorded accompanying music, the music must be provided to the Talent Show committee (instructions on application form)
- All Participants must be able to attend the rehearsal before the show. No exceptions.
- Keep variety and uniqueness in mind, judges will choose between acts that have similar music or style content
- The talent showcase will feature approximately 20 acts
- Performers must be prepared to perform in front of an audience of 100+ people
- All chosen performers have priority to purchase three (3) tickets prior to general sale of tickets
- All ticket proceeds will go towards to the PAC for funding school initiatives