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JAMIESON NEWSLETTER

We acknowledge that we live, work and play on the unceded and traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples – x^wməθkwəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Səlílwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations

“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 2

Sept 8, 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

CLASS ORGANIZATION

At Jamieson, our staff takes great care in organizing students into classes for the new school year. Although we do our best in June, several families will have moved over the summer causing uncertainty in our student numbers at each grade level. During the first week, we work hard in generating an accurate count of how many students will be attending Jamieson this school year. We are eager to organize our students into their new classrooms as soon as possible; however, we need to be certain our student numbers are accurate before we can move forward. An e-mail will be sent out once we have moved classes letting you know who your child’s teacher is and which division, they are in. We appreciate your patience as we go through this process.

Ms. Natasha Miladinovic and Ms. Lena Ling



COVID 19 – MESSAGE SHARED BY THE BOARD



The Vancouver School District and Jamieson Elementary continue to follow the guidance of the Ministry of Education and Child Care, the BC Centre for Disease Control and Vancouver Coastal Health in putting in place measures to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. The BC Centre for Disease Control updated [guidance](#) for the K-12 sector indicates that, “Transmission within K-12 schools settings accounts for a minority of COVID-19 cases even amongst students and staff.”

Measures that will continue to be in place for the coming school year include reminders to all staff, students and their families to monitor their health daily and to stay home if they are ill. Information about COVID-19 symptoms can be found on the [BCCDC website](#). Students who become ill during the school day will be asked to wear a mask and wait in a supervised area, away from other students, until they can be picked up by a parent or guardian.

Staff will continue to remind students of the importance of regular hand washing/hand sanitizing and of coughing/sneezing into their elbow or a tissue. We will continue to ensure school sinks are well stocked with soap and that hand sanitizer is available. Staff will also continue to remind students to be respectful of others’ personal space while going through daily school activities.

Wearing a mask, other than what is recommended by public health, is an important personal health choice for students and families. Some staff and students will choose to wear a mask throughout the day or for certain activities. Others will choose not to wear a mask. Individual decisions around mask wearing will be supported and respected at Jamieson Elementary.

Clean air and proper ventilation is an important part of the prevention measures in all Vancouver schools. During the past months, District staff have undertaken the refurbishment and rehabilitation of ventilation equipment in all schools and will continue to install new ventilation and heating equipment in portables. Air filters in schools have been upgraded and are replaced three times per year.

More information on COVID-19 prevention measures in Vancouver schools can be found [here](#).

REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES



Reporting Student Absences:

Student safety is of paramount importance at the Vancouver School District. Ensuring student safety is a shared responsibility. To assist schools, we ask parents to notify schools of student absences. If your child will be absent from school, please phone the school to report this absence as early as possible. Parents should call the school and leave a message on the dedicated answering service by calling 604-713- 5367 Option 1. Messages will be picked up between 8:55 am and 9:15 am. School offices are busy places: consistently notifying the school in advance of your child's absence will significantly improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Safe Arrival Morning Routine.

To Report Your Child's Absence –Call 604-713-5367 – Option 1 prior to 9 am on the first day of the absence.

Student Sign Out Procedure

When you pick up your child during the school day, please ensure that you sign them out at the school office. If you do not sign out your child or notify the classroom teacher, they/she/he will be unaccounted for, and the school will identify your child as a 'missing' student and will commence a search of school grounds. If the school staff do not locate the child, and are unable to reach a parent promptly, the school will call the Vancouver Police Department.

Therefore, clear communication is essential for ensuring the safety of your child and to prevent unnecessary searches. Thank you for helping us keep your child(ren) safe!

Extended Absences

We encourage all students to attend school consistently, on time, every day. However, we understand that there will be times where an extended absence is unavoidable. **In the case of an extended absence, please provide written notification to the school office.** All extended absences in excess of 20 school days should be discussed with Mrs. Miladinovic. Enrolment cannot be guaranteed if an absence exceeds 20 consecutive school days.

Early Pick Up

Please let your child(ren)'s classroom teacher know when your child will be picked up early. Please inform the office and sign out your child. The office staff will phone up to the classroom to let the teacher know to send your child to the office once you have arrived.

STUDENTS WITH MEDICAL CONDITIONS



It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to inform/update the school each year if your child has a medically diagnosed, life-threatening health condition. If your child requires medication please bring it to the Office as soon as possible. In addition, please complete and update the emergency contact/medical information forms which will be sent home later in September.

TRAFFIC



The City of Vancouver has informed us that there will be updates to the sewers and transportation improvements along W 49th Avenue. The construction is scheduled to start on Sept 6th and the anticipated completion is Summer 2023. Unfortunately, this will impact pick up and drop off, as they have indicated that they will have to make some traffic adjustments such as restrictions on turning movements at the intersection of Tisdall and W 49th Avenue. Please see the maps provided by the City. We are encouraging families to familiarize yourself with the restrictions in order to allow more time for drop off and pick-up. There is absolutely no U-turning on any streets surrounding the school. The neighbourhood streets are quite narrow and during busy times, this adds to the congestion and confusion. Please help us keep our students safe and follow all traffic rules and posted parking regulations. We encourage everybody to walk or bike to school. It is a great way to start and end the day!

The two traffic maps (attached) will be used intermittently throughout the construction period. Below are the schedules (which are subject to change) for when these stages will be in place. We will provide updates when needed.

- Stage 1 will be in place for 2-3 days starting Wednesday, Sept 7th and Stage 2 will be in place the week of September 12th, again for 2-3 days.
- Both will be implemented for longer periods during the mainline construction as follows:
 - i. Stage 2 will be in place in October for about 2 weeks and again in April for about 1 week
 - ii. Stage 1 will be in place in January for about a week and again in April for about 1 week

BELL SCHEDULE

School hours are as follows: MONDAY – FRIDAY 9:00AM – 3:03PM	
Warning Bell	8:55AM
Instruction Time	9:00AM – 10:50AM
RECESS	10:50AM – 11:10AM
Instruction Time	11:10AM – 12:05PM
LUNCH	12:05PM – 12:52PM
Instruction Time	12:52PM – 3:03PM
Dismissal	3:03PM

ORANGE SHIRTS



September 30th is National Day for Truth and Reconciliation across the country. As a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission residential school commemoration event held in May 2013, orange shirts will likely remain a powerful symbol. Orange Shirt Day grew out of Phyllis Webstad's story of having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the Mission. It has become an opportunity to honour and remember all impacted by the residential school system and to come together in the spirit of reconciliation. Orange Jamieson shirts will be available for purchase for \$15 at the office beginning September 12th. Limited sizes and quantities available on a first come first serve basis.

LABEL YOUR CHILDREN'S ITEMS

Please label items like water bottles, jackets, lunch boxes, containers, etc to help keep track of your child(ren)'s belongings.



PACKAGE OF FORMS

Students will be bringing home a package of various forms in the next couple of weeks. Please ensure that all information on the Student Verification Form is current and correct. Also, remember that if there are changes to telephone numbers and emergency contact numbers, please inform the office immediately for your child's safety. Information such as school fees, internet use and other important information will also be provided in this package. Please take a close look at each document and return the ones that require signatures to the school as soon as possible.



SCHOOL CASH ONLINE



We have moved online with our payments! It is an easy, convenient way to pay for any field trips or programs at the school. School fees will also be paid online. An e-mail will be sent with more information regarding school fees. Please register for School Cash Online if you have not already done so. For our new families, information for how to register will be sent home with the package of forms. No more looking for exact change or writing out cheques!

CELL PHONES



We understand that parents need to stay in communication with their children. However, cell phone use is not permitted during the school day (9:00am-3:03pm), unless it is under direct supervision of a staff member. Students should not be taking pictures, making phone calls, or gaming during recess and lunch. If there is a need to make an important phone call, students can make the phone call under adult supervision or use our office phone during the school day. We want to protect the educational environment of our students. We ask that parents support the school on this matter as we ensure that our students stay safe, and are enjoying a healthy lifestyle by playing and socializing face-to-face during our recess and lunch breaks.

IMPORTANT DATES

- THURSDAY, SEPT 8, 2022 | Regular school hours for Grade 1 – 7 students
Kindergarten students – please follow gradual entry schedule
- FRIDAY, SEPT 9, 2022 | Regular school hours for Grade 1 – 7 students
Kindergarten students – please follow gradual entry schedule
- WEDNESDAY, SEPT 14, 2022 | First full day for our New Kindergarten students
- FRIDAY, SEPT 23, 2022 | Professional Development Day #1 – no school for students
- FRIDAY, SEPT 30, 2022 | National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – no school for students and staff



PHOTO DAY



Edge Imaging will be back to take photos at Jamieson on Oct 17, 2022. Save the date!

WHAT THE PAC FUNDS

- Extra-curricular equipment
- Field trips
- Outdoor wall mural (coming soon!)
- Classroom “sparkle” funding
- Library materials
- Grade 7 scholarships
- ... and more!

2022/23 PAC Executives

Chair: Olivia Lau

Secretary: Grace Hoffert

Treasurer: Terence Chow

Members-at-Large:

Jonathan Au
Michelle Leung
Wendy Mann
Katie Nofziger

DID YOU KNOW...

That the goal of the Jamieson Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) is to ensure YOU have a voice in the school community?

That all parents and guardians of Jamieson students are already part of the PAC?

Our all new, volunteer run 2022/23 PAC council invites you to participate as much or as little as you are able to. In fact, our first PAC meeting will be on **Wednesday September 28 at 7:00pm**. You can expect a report from our Principal, an update on PAC activities, a PAC finance update and more. Please join us! Childcare will be provided!

Our programs rely on parents and caregivers to make them happen! We are looking for volunteers to help with our Hot Lunch program on weekday mornings. Please contact volunteer@jamiesonpac.com for more information.

*Next PAC meeting @ Jamieson Elementary Library
Wednesday September 28 7:00pm*

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- Hot lunch program (information coming soon!)
- Apple fundraiser (information coming soon!)

Please visit www.jamiesonpac.com for program updates

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2022 - 2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR

SCHOOL OPERATION OVERVIEW

Number of Days in Session	185
Number of Days of Instruction	179
Number of Days of Non-Instruction	6 Non-Instruction Days 1 Administrative Day (June 30, 2023)

PROVINCIAL DATES & DISTRICT CLOSURE DAYS - SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION

First Day of School for Students	Tuesday, September 6, 2022
National Day for Truth & Reconciliation	Friday, September 30, 2022
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 10, 2022
Remembrance Day	Friday, November 11, 2022
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 16, 2022
Winter Vacation Period	Monday, December 19, 2022-Monday January 2, 2023
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Tuesday, January 3, 2023
Family Day	Monday, February 20, 2023
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 10, 2023
Spring Vacation Period	Monday, March 13 – Friday, March 24, 2023
School Re-opens after Spring Vacation	Monday, March 27, 2023
Good Friday	Friday, April 7, 2023
Easter Monday	Monday, April 10, 2023
Victoria Day	Monday, May 22, 2023
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	Thursday, June 29, 2023
Administrative/School Closing Day	Friday, June 30, 2023

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS - SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION

Professional Development Day #1 (Date set by school)	Friday, September 23, 2022
Professional Development Day #2 (Province Wide)	Friday, October 21, 2022
Indigenous Focus Professional Day (District Wide)	Friday, November 25, 2022
Professional Development Day #4 (Date set by school)	Monday, January 16, 2023
Professional Development Day #5 (District Wide)	Friday, February 17, 2023
Professional Development Day #6 (District Wide)	Monday, April 24, 2023

PARENT CONFERENCE DATES - EARLY DISMISSAL

Goal-Setting Conference – 2:00 PM Early Dismissal	Wednesday, October 5, 2022
Goal-Setting Conference – 2:00 PM Early Dismissal	Thursday, October 6, 2022
Student-Led Conference – 2:00 PM Early Dismissal	Wednesday, March 8, 2023
Student-Led Conference – 2:00 PM Early Dismissal	Thursday, March 9, 2023

Annie B. Jamieson Elementary - West 49th Avenue Upgrades Impacts (Stage 1)



LEGEND



School Drop Off/Pick Up Zone

This zone will be retained for drop-off and pick up activities during construction.



Available Travel Lanes

One travel lane in each direction will be maintained during construction.



Left Turn Bans (Except Bicycles)

Left turns will be restricted at all times throughout construction except bicycles.



Right Turn Only Lane

A right turn only lane will be available for westbound vehicles turning right from W 49th Ave onto Tisdall St to maintain access to the school drop off & pick up zone.



Construction Zone

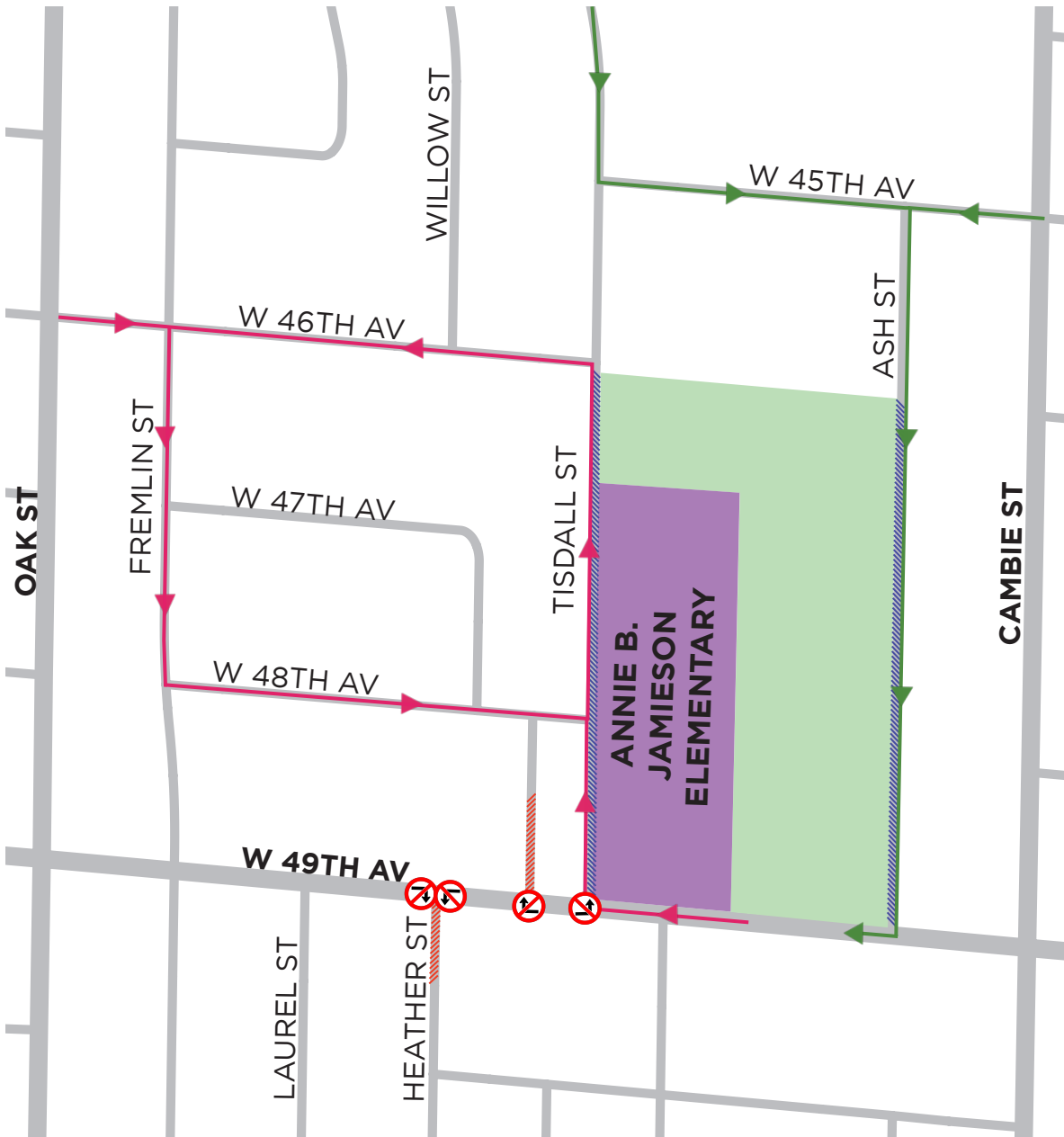
Pedestrian crossing available only on the east leg of the intersection.

Support Active Transportation

Keep the area around your school a safe place to walk, cycle and roll by following the posted signs. If you are driving, consider the "Drive to 5" initiative. Park five minutes away and walk to school. It is an active way to start and end the day.



Annie B. Jamieson Elementary - West 49th Avenue Upgrades Circulation Map 1



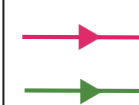
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No Left or Right Turn

No left or right turn for vehicles travelling westbound and eastbound at:

- Tisdall St
- Heather St
- W 48th Av



Suggested School Circulation

Clockwise circulation during pick up and drop off enables students to arrive and leave close to the school property



Suggested Pick Up & Drop Off Zone



Road Closed

Road closed due to street upgrades

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Annie B. Jamieson Elementary - West 49th Avenue Upgrades Impacts (Stage 2)



LEGEND



School Drop Off/Pick Up Zone

This zone will be retained for drop-off and pick up activities during construction.



Available Travel Lanes

One travel lane in each direction will be maintained during construction between Laurel St and Tisdall St.



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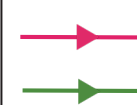
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