



Davie Jones Elementary School

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Dear Parent/Guardians

Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that we have already come to the end of September. This month has been very eventful and really seen us come together as a school community. Our first week back to school saw students and teachers engaging and connecting with one another thru various environments and activities.

Our local RCMP have also been very present this month as a reminder of our school zone and building relationships with students, parents and staff. We want to continue to foster this relationship with the RCMP and ensure students that having the presence of officers on the school grounds can be seen as a positive, rather than a negative.

We have seen our leadership team take on our crosswalk in the morning and afternoons. They have been doing a fantastic job ensuring students and adults are able to cross the street safely while also spreading messages of kindness.

We continue to open our school at 8:00 a.m. for students to attend Breakfast Club, Library Club and our new Open Gym. All Clubs are open to all. Students are still expected to demonstrate respectful behaviour during this morning time.

We have also come together as a School Community on Monday mornings. Most classes were having a soft start in the mornings and we have taken this school-wide and called it Mellow Monday. A further description of this was sent home to parents the 2nd week of school.

New this year, our School Counsellor, Mrs. Ferris, will be providing information and resources for parents in each newsletter. Please also check out the bulletin board at the back entrance for more resources and information.

School Spirt Wear order forms were sent home this week and forms are due back October 12th and samples are available in the office to try on. We ended our month participating in the Terry Fox Run and Orange Shirt Day.

I look forward to a year of spreading kindness and bringing our school community together thru various events and continuing to build a positive culture for all.

Ms Davis

- Please make sure you sign up for the parent portal to receive notices from the school as well as pay for field trips.
- Please be aware that we have an email setup for Davie Jones Elementary so that you have the convenience of emailing the school office to notify us of your child's absence or lateness. Please email: dj_reception@sd42.ca (dj underscore reception). Another option is to go into your Parent Portal account and at the top tab you will see "Absence Report" where you can enter information about your child's absence.

REMINDERS...**Student Information Verification Form**

If you haven't already done so, please update, sign and remember to send your child's form back to the school as soon as possible. Please include medical information and if you have moved, changed phone numbers, changed cell phone numbers, changed emergency contacts, email addresses, etc., please correct this information directly on the form. **Please date and sign the document and return to the classroom teacher promptly.**

Please expect a second notice, if you haven't returned the original sent home.



Inclement Weather: Please remember to send a change of clothes with your child to keep in the classroom, if your child tends to get wet and dirty when our rainy weather begins. This would save some phone calls home! Also, please feel free to donate those many plastic grocery bags you don't know what to do with!

Province Wide Non Instructional Day-Friday, October 19., 2018: Students do not attend school on this day as staff will be involved in workshops at various locations in the district, throughout the day.

Thanksgiving Day Monday, October 8/18. Students do not attend school for this family holiday.

NUT ALLERGIES/MEDICAL ISSUES

Please remember to update your child's Medical Intervention forms as soon as possible and return them to the school office.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS....

Sunday, November 4/18: Remember to turn your clocks **back** one hour!

FIREWORKS ARE ILLEGAL

The RCMP would like to advise all schools that fireworks are completely illegal in both Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows under Municipal Bylaw. Firecrackers, the small red-jacketed explosive, are criminally banned in Canada under the Explosives Act.

**PAC NEWS**

PAC meetings will be held on the third Monday of each month. We hope you are able to come out to some (or all) the PAC meetings and be a part of the decision making process.

The next PAC Meeting will be held Monday, October 15th at 8:30 am in the school library. Please be sure to attend!

LIBRARY

Message from Mrs. Cushing in the library:

Thank you to all the families who visited the book fair. It was enjoyable reconnecting with many families while they shopped with their children. Your purchases not only supported your child's love for reading but also gave our school library and classroom teachers free books. Each classroom teacher got to pick \$50 worth of books for their classes and the library received \$150 worth of books.

Most families are busy and it is understandable when parents aren't able to carve out time to take their children to the public library. Our school library fills that role by allowing your children to have a chance at picking their own books to read for pleasure. Most classes have assigned library times and every child is encouraged to sign out at least one book every week. Between mystery book bags in the primary grades, bookfest in the intermediate grades, reading in class and at home, our students should be on their way to being hooked on reading!



