



Davie Jones Elementary School

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Dear Parent/Guardians

Principal's Message

October has been another busy one at DJE! We welcomed a few guests to our DJE Community this month. We had a presentation from Green Thumb Theatre entitled "What If" which was about making new friends and overcoming social anxiety. We also had a visit from Jacqueline Way of 365 Give. She presented her 365 Give project which involves students doing one small give a day. Classrooms will be signing up to complete the challenge for a week. Classroom teachers will be sending communication home in regards to the week they are signed up for. If you are interested you can watch Jacqueline's Ted Talk at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=78nsxRxbf4w> You can also check out the website at <http://www.365give.ca>

We embraced our monthly theme of "choices and consequences" with a collaborative rotation of primary and intermediate students. Myself, our School Counsellor and the Support Teachers engaged students in various activities in the gym in relation to the theme while our teaching staff and EA staff were able to collaborate. This month we also welcomed Mrs. Howarth who is our District Aboriginal Resource Teacher. She facilitated a station of collaborative hummingbird art which can be seen in our hallways. Our parent board also has resources and information in regards to our monthly themes. Thank you to Melissa, our school counsellor for coming up with our themes. Next month's focus will be on self-regulation.

Another way in which we came together as a collaborative community this month is with our new art project in the hallway. Katie Wagstaff is an artist and also a new parent to our DJE community. She volunteered her time to help our students create a beautiful piece of collaborative art in which each student was a part of creating. Every student's hand touched this painting and had an effect in seeing this project through. Thank you Katie for sharing your vision with us! It was nice to see all the students come together to create something.

We had our first Movie Night of the year put on by our PAC. Thank you to the PAC for hosting this event. We hope to see more of you out at our next one! Reminder to sign up to take part in the Paint Night sponsored by PAC that will take place in November. We closed off our month with our Halloween Assembly and Costume Parade. Thank you to our leadership students for running a great assembly!

Next month we look forward to students sharing their learning and setting their goals for the term in our **student led conferences which will be held November 29th (11:30 Dismissal for all students) and November 30th (all day).**

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.

REMINDER

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!



Remembrance Day Assembly, Thursday, November 8/18 10:45-11:30 am

All parents/guardians/grandparents are welcome attend.



District Non Instructional Day-Friday,

November 9, 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.

Remembrance Day Monday, November 12/18.

Students do not attend school on this day to observe Remembrance Day.

Student-Led Conferences: Thursday, November 29/18 in afternoon (11:30 dismissal) and Friday, November 30/18 all day. **Students only come for their conference time.**

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.

GRADE 6 IMMUNIZATIONS

Immunization day will be held Thursday, November 8th beginning at 8:30 am. The public health nurse will have already spoken with the students and handed out the consent forms. Please return your child's completed consent form as soon as possible in preparation for this event.

**PAC DONATIONS**

Thank you to parents who have turned in their PAC donation forms. These donations go to each staff member to supplement materials needed for their classroom and much more! Please see attached "What does your PAC Annual Donation pay for?"

BIG THANK YOU!

Thank you to our PAC and all our parent volunteers for helping out with numerous activities throughout our school community: volunteering in the library, counting money for hot lunch, hot lunch delivery, treat days, Fruit & Veggie program, and our PAC movie nights, etc.!

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, November 19th at 6:30 pm** in the school library. Please be sure to attend!



