



# Davie Jones Elementary School

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Dear Parent/Guardians

## Principal's Message

As this month draws to a close and we move into December, we have a lot to celebrate! I hope students and families enjoyed celebrating their child's learning this month. Students have been engaged in some very exciting learning and this time to reflect and set goals for the coming term is important. I have enjoyed having conversations with your children in regards to their learning goals.

Our theme this month was self-regulation and primary and intermediate students gathered in the gym to engage in a variety of activities related to our theme. Students learned what self-regulation was and how to get their brains ready to learn. Students talked about things that may 'interrupt' their learning and also learned some different strategies to help calm the brain. Ask your child to teach you some strategies ☺

In anticipation of inclement weather we have been hosting Lunch Clubs in the Library that occur during outside time. Students have the opportunity to play outside or participate in either Lego Club on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, or Board Games Club on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On occasion we may open the gym for drop in Basketball and Floor Hockey. All students then return to their classrooms during eating time.

We would like to thank the Schramek family for their generous donation of a stove to our Breakfast Club Program! Thank you so much!!

In December we will once again be having our food and clothing drive. Please see the announcement in this newsletter for more information. We are also celebrating the season with a PAC Treat Day and our Christmas Family Group Rotations. Students will have the opportunity to connect with a variety of teachers in multi-age "family groups" while participating in fun holiday activities for the day.

Thank you to Mrs. Kitts for organizing the Polar Express! Our show will be on Thursday December 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm and 6:30pm. All our students will be taking part in the performances. Ticket information will be out shortly.

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](mailto: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.

## POWER OUTAGE BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS

In cases where building conditions prevent instruction but otherwise pose no safety concerns, the school district will try to keep the school open for students, but will ask parents/guardians to make alternate arrangements for their children where possible and return them to school once power is restored.

In cases where building conditions prevent instruction and also raise safety concerns, the superintendent will request that the school be closed.

The decision to close schools is made in a timely manner as circumstances allow. Details and updates will be:

- posted on the SD42 Twitter feed ([@sd42news](#));
- posted on the SD42 Facebook feed ([SD42Facebook](#));
- shared with News 1130, CKNW, and CBC 690 radio stations;
- posted on the SD42 Website ([www.sd42.ca](#)).

## POWER OUTAGES WHILE SCHOOL IS IN SESSION

In cases where building conditions prevent instruction but otherwise pose no safety concerns, the school district will keep the school open for students until the end of the school day.

In cases where building conditions prevent instruction and also raise safety concerns, the superintendent may authorize early dismissal, depending on the time of the day the outage occurs. The school will contact parents directly. Details will also be posted to:

- the SD42 Twitter feed ([@sd42news](#));
- the SD42 Facebook feed ([SD42Facebook](#));
- the SD42 Website ([www.sd42.ca](#)).

For the most up to date information on power outages, visit the BC Hydro Outage website at <https://www.bchydro.com/power-outages/app/outage-map.html>

## WINTER WEATHER

With the cooler temperatures upon us, we ask that you ensure that children are dressed appropriately for the weather with warm coats, gloves/mitts, hats, etc. (a spare pair of pants, kept at school, would avoid unnecessary phone calls home for dry clothing). On the rare occasion, school may be cancelled due to extreme winter weather conditions. Public announcements affecting the closure of schools will be made by the Superintendent of Schools. For the purpose of announcing emergency closures prior to opening of schools, the radio stations listed below will be contacted by the school board office. Announcements on the following radio stations will be made between 6:00 am and 8:00 am. **You will not receive a call from the school.** You can also check the school district website at [www.sd42.ca](#).

CKNW  
980 AM

NEWS  
1130 AM

CBC  
690 AM

## Davie Jones 12 Days of Holiday Giving

Our holiday season is fast approaching which means our annual food & clothing drive is beginning! We would like to bring in as many non-perishable food items as possible which will go directly to the Maple Ridge Food Bank. The greatest need is for chunky soups, cans of beans, meals in a tin (chili or ravioli), cans of salmon/tuna and cans of fruit or vegetables. (The Food Bank is in great need of canned fruit) Also rice, pasta, Mr. Noodles, and oatmeal are good choices. Beginning December 3/18, leadership students will put food collection boxes in every classroom. Please feel free to drop off food items in your child's classroom until December 18th. There will be a pizza party for the class that collects the most non-perishable food items. If you would like to bring in grocery store gift cards please drop them off at the office. Please help in giving our families a special Christmas! Thank you for all your kind donations!

Leadership students will also be helping out our community with organizing a clothing drive. This will also take place from December 3-18/18. All gently used coats, toques and gloves can be dropped off in the bin at the foyer of the school. Please also refer to the calendar page of 12 Days of Holiday Giving. Thank you for all your support and donations!





## 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!

## **Winter Break – Dec. 24/18 to Jan. 4/19**

Schools reopen Monday, January 7, 2019

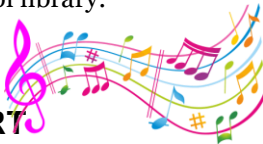
## **Professional Development Day – Friday,**

**January 25, 2019:** Students do not attend school on this day as staff will be involved with school growth planning.

## PAC NEWS

Neufeld Farm orders can be picked up  
**Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 pm.**

The next PAC Meeting will be held **8:30 a.m.**  
**Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>** in the school library.  
Please be sure to attend!



## ELEMENTARY BAND CONCERT

Pitt Meadows Secondary is having a Christmas Concert on Dec 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at PMSS in the Multipurpose Room. This concert will feature Concert Band, Elementary Band and various soloists/performers from Pitt Meadows Secondary school and Pitt Meadows elementary schools  
**Admission is by donation for the Food Bank.**

Band students involved must wear white shirts and black pants, looking neat and professional as well, and should be at the school by 6:30 pm. Doors open at 6:45.

## cusqunela REGISTRATION

cusqunela Elementary registration is open to students who will be in kindergarten through to Grade 7 in September 2019 and want to register for this new school. cusqunela Elementary is located at 24093 – 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Maple Ridge, and is scheduled to open for the 2019/20 school year.

For additional information about the cusqunela registration process, visit:  
<http://elementary.sd42.ca/cusqunela>



## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

The **Sibling Phase of Kindergarten Registration will begin January 21<sup>st</sup> and end January 25<sup>th</sup>.** This is open for siblings of students already attending the desired elementary school. Your child must be **5 years old on or before December 31, 2018.** Please remember to bring in your documents (birth certificate, care card, proof of address, etc.) as soon as you have received the email requesting this.

**Choice Registration** (for all students who wish to participate in any one of SD42's unique program offerings, ie Environmental School Project, French Immersion, or Montessori) **will be from February 1<sup>st</sup> until February 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**General Registration** (all new students to English Kindergarten) **will be from February 12<sup>th</sup> until February 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**Late Registration** (for parents who missed previous registration periods) **will be from February 27<sup>th</sup> until June 26<sup>th</sup>.**

## MAPLE RIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Maple Ridge Winter Fun Fair  
Saturday, January 26th 11am-2pm



Come and celebrate Maple Ridge Winter Fun Fair on Family Literacy Day at Maple Ridge Public Library! Join us for an action-packed day with Showstoppers Academy and a Family Dance Party. Meet local community groups to learn about the many amazing programs and services available in our community. There will be lots of fun family activities, popcorn, contests and prizes for all ages! Everyone is welcome!



**Thursday, Dec 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**1:00 pm & 6:30 pm**  
**School Gym**

