



Davie Jones Elementary School

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Dear Parent/Guardians

Principal's Message

Merry Christmas Davie Jones!

Thank you to our Leadership Students and Mrs. Rajora for their organization of our DJE 12 Days of Christmas Giving. What a success!! We donated over many items to the Maple Ridge Food Bank and to the Cythera Transition House which will go to benefit families in need this Christmas.

I hope everyone enjoyed The Polar Express show! A huge thank you to Mrs. Kitts for taking this on and also to the many staff members and parents who helped make the show a success. What an amazing show!

I would also like to remind families of the message that I included in last month's newsletter as there have been rumours that students are being "locked out" at lunch time. This was the message communicated last month:

"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."

If students are outside and need to use the washroom, they need to simply ask the lunch hour supervisors to be let in the building. Once students make the choice to either play outside or participate in a Lunch Club, they should remain there to avoid wandering un-supervised in the hallways.

I would like to encourage parents to please call the office or email me directly (Michelle.Davis@sd42.ca) if you have a question or concern.

I would like to take this time to wish all our DJE families a wonderful holiday season of wonder and joy! We hope you enjoy your time with family and friends and we look forward to seeing everyone back to school on January 7th.

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.

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](https://twitter.com/sd42news));
- posted on the SD42 Facebook feed ([SD42Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/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](https://twitter.com/sd42news));
- the SD42 Facebook feed ([SD42Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/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

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!



C kindergarten through to Grade 7 in September 2019 and want to register for this new school. **cusqunela** Elementary is located at 24093 – 104th 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>

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

The next PAC Meeting will be held **6:30 p.m. Monday, January 21st** in the school library. Please be sure to attend!

cusqunela REGISTRATION

cusqunela Elementary registration **begins January 7-31, 2019** and is open to students who will be in

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

The **Sibling Phase of Kindergarten Registration will begin January 21st and end January 25th**. This is open for siblings of students already attending the desired elementary school. Your child must be 5 years old on or before December 31/19.

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 1st until February 4th.**

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

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

GRADE 7 PARENT INFORMATION

Registration for grade 8 for the 2019/20 school year will be done on the parent portal. **The portal will open February 5, 2019 at 12:00 noon** and will close 11:59 pm on February 20, 2019. **You MUST have a portal account set up with your child**

linked to your account, before you can register.

If you haven't done this, please be sure to pick up the linking letter from the school office. Please refer to the district website for the policy on secondary enrolment priorities: <http://www1.sd42.ca/student-registration>

Parents who miss the February 20th online deadline must complete a paper registration form at their catchment SECONDARY school.

Parents will be notified after Spring Break of their child's high school placement.

COMMUNITY NEWS, South Bonson Community Centre Arts Program

Registration is now open online at www.pittfitandfun.ca. Please see attached flyer.

The staff of Davie Jones Elementary would like to wish all Davie Jones' families a safe and happy holiday and all the best for 2019!

