



# Davie Jones Elementary School

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## Principal's Message

It's hard to believe that Spring Break is just around the corner! Our February has been busy with students working to achieve their learning goals for the term. We look forward to celebrating your child's learning with you next week at conferences. If you have a chance to stop by the office with your child and their report card, I'd love to have a chance to chat while I sign the report.

This month we had some weather challenges, however we are thankful to our PAC for providing us with a salt spreader! Students had fun playing in the snow and creating structures collaboratively. Hopefully Spring will greet us with some warmer weather! We also concentrated on our theme of Kindness for the month. Students had the opportunity to participate in a collaborative morning visiting various stations to talk about Kindness. We created a collaborative art project which is displayed in our front entrance. We also celebrated kindness with students having the opportunity to make connections within multi-age "family groups" where they were able to visit various classrooms and participated in activities together. There were collaborative art projects created and brainstorming sessions around how to be kind to one another. Included in our newsletter is our "Counsellor's Corner" with some tips around our theme for March which is self-esteem.

We have some fun activities coming up and will be celebrating Dr. Suess' birthday with some fun activities! We loved having families come out last month for our Family Read and will be inviting families to come read with their child again on Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-9:00am. We are hoping to have Starbucks donate some hot chocolate for us to enjoy while we share a love of reading.

A gentle reminder about drop off and pick up. We are fortunate to have many areas for parking, two entrances and two parking lots, something that not many schools have! We also have our volunteer leadership students who try their best to ensure they are outside in the morning and after school to help those cross the street safely. However, we are still met with some challenges. Please remember that there is no parking near the crosswalks where the curb is marked in yellow (hard to see with the snow, I know). This makes it difficult for our students to be visible when trying to cross the street. We have plenty of parking on the side streets off Blakely Road and our back parking lot often has parking available. With the back parking lot, please ensure you are using the drop off zone as a *drop off zone*, and not parking your vehicle there or getting out. Again, this makes it difficult for students to be seen and also difficult for vehicles trying to get in and out of the parking lot.

We wish all our students and families a wonderful Spring Break. Hopefully the weather will cooperate to enjoy some outdoor fun. Classes resume April 1<sup>st</sup>.

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>

## REMINDERS...

**Student Led Conferences:** Thursday, March 7/19 (11:30 a.m. dismissal), Friday, March 8/19 all day.

**Daylight Savings Time:** Sunday, March 8/19 (turn clocks AHEAD one hour)

**Spring Break:** Monday, March 18/19 until Friday, March 22/19. First day back will be April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Easter Weekend:** Good Friday will be Friday, April 19/19 and Easter Monday will be April 22/19. Schools will be closed on these two statutory holidays.

**Professional Development Day-Monday, April 29/19:** Students do not attend school on this day as staff will be involved with school growth planning.

**Victoria Day: Monday, May 20, 2019** (schools closed)

**Professional Development Day-Tuesday, May 21, 2019.** Students do not attend school on this day as staff will be involved with professional development activities throughout the district.

**Last Day for Students:** Wednesday, June 26, 2019

## PAC NEWS

The next PAC meeting will be held Monday, April 15/19 at 8:30 a.m. (There will be no PAC meeting in March) Please be sure to attend

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

*Will your child be 5 years old on or before December 31, 2019? If so, it's kindergarten registration time!*



*For information about our online registration process, including registration periods, required supporting documentation, and acceptance criteria, visit the school district website at <http://www.sd42.ca/kindergarten-registration>*

**Late Registration will began March 4<sup>th</sup> and will end June 26<sup>th</sup>.** This is for new kindergartens who missed the other registration dates for September 2019. 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.

The **Kindergarten Orientation Meeting** will be held Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to register for your time on that day by phoning 604 465-9908. Students of Divisions 15 and 16 will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. that day.

## GRADE 7 PARENT INFORMATION

Registration on the parent portal for grade 8, for the 2019/2020 school year, has ended. **Parents who miss the February 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

The Grade 7 full day visits to Secondary Schools of choice will be on **Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Transportation to secondary schools will be parents' responsibility**

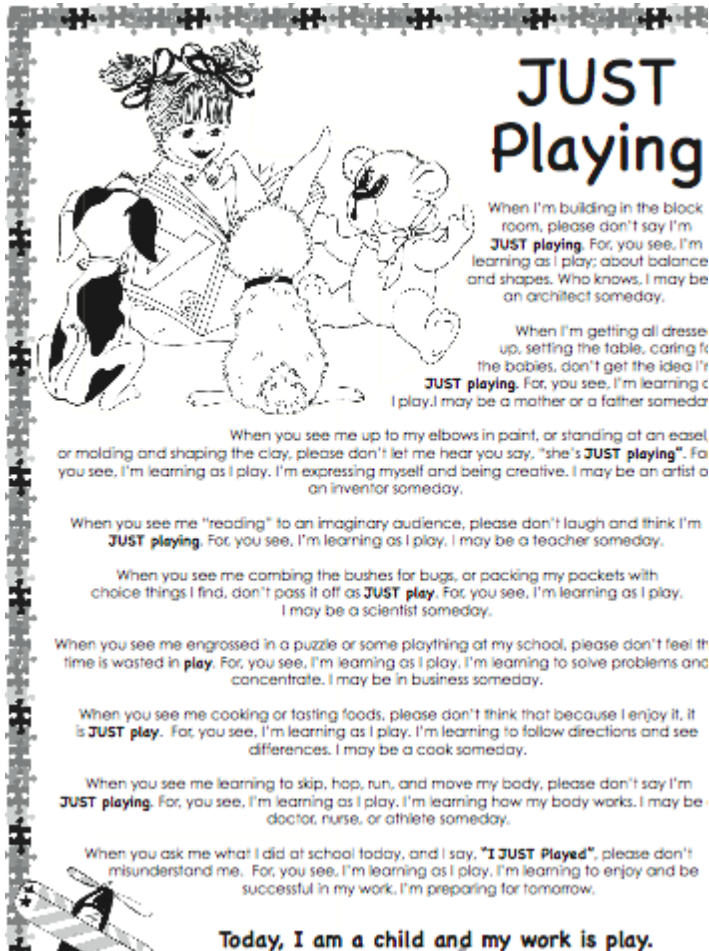
## CROSS BOUNDARY TRANSFERS, GRADES 1-6

Grades 1-6 students wishing to transfer schools for September must complete a Student Transfer Request Form from their current school, complete the transfer form including signature, and have the current principal sign and date it. Parents will be notified of placement decisions by the receiving school once a

decision has been made after the deadline of each Phase. Please make sure this is done as early as possible so that the new school can include your children in their enrolment count for September.

## TWIN DAY

Twin Day will be Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>!  
Remember to dress up with someone as twins!



## 10 What Questions to Develop a Growth Mindset in Children

1. What did you do today that made you think hard?
2. What happened today that made you keep on going?
3. What can you learn from this?
4. What mistake did you make that taught you something?
5. What did you try hard at today?
6. What strategy are you going to try now?
7. What will you do to challenge yourself today?
8. What will you do to improve your work?
9. What will you do to improve your talent?
10. What will you do to solve this problem?



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