



Davie Jones Elementary School

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Principal's Message

Welcome to Spring and the final term of school! I hope everyone enjoyed celebrating their child(ren)'s learning goals with them in March. As we move into the 3rd and final term many events start taking place. Please watch for communication from your child(ren)'s teachers, the parent portal and our Facebook page.

Please see the note in regards to consideration for Class Placements in this newsletter. This process is followed District wide and all schools are communicating the same message.

Thank you to those parents who were able to come out and experience and play with your child during Mellow Monday. Almost all of our teachers were previously starting the morning with a 'soft' start and this year we decided to call it something for the purpose of bringing us together as a school community. It's really nothing different than what was happening before, except for a name. We will look to having parents join us again in the Fall for Mellow Monday.

Events coming up this month are presentations for both students and parents from Saleema Noon. Please see the portal and paper notices that were sent. Primary and Intermediate Cross Country events are also happening May 14 and May 15.

We are very excited to have our DJE's Got Talent Show on May 17th. More information as to times will be sent out shortly. We invite all parents, grandparents, etc. to come show their support! We will be having our annual Special Person Day on May 24th at 8am. DJE would like to welcome all parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, etc. to join us for coffee/tea and light snacks. Our Bookfair will also be open during this time in the library. We look forward to seeing everyone!

To finish out the month, we have our Grade 7's visiting high school May 29th, we will welcome our new family of Kindergartens May 30th, and the school will take part in a STEM Challenge day in multi-age groups with the opportunity to visit various classrooms May 29th.

Ms Davis

INFORMATION RE: CLASS PLACEMENT

We are beginning to create our classes for next year. Please be assured that staff devote considerable time, care and attention to this process. This very complex and lengthy responsibility occurs over several weeks and continues into September when class placements are finalized.

Throughout the year, there have been many opportunities for parents and teachers to discuss each child. Staff work together to consider the following criteria very carefully: **social emotional skills and relationships**, as well as **learning styles, strengths and needs**. Our goal is to create safe and engaging inclusive classrooms that balance these factors, as equitably as possible.

If you feel there is further information to consider about your child, you may submit input to the principal in writing by May 31st, 2019. *Please refrain from requesting specific teachers or peers by name.*

- 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...

Professional Development Day-Monday, April

29/19: Students do not attend school on this day as staff will be involved with professional development activities throughout the district.

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 school growth planning.

Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony-Monday, June 24th
7:00-9:00 pm, school Gym

Last Day for Students: Wednesday, June 26/19

PAC NEWS

The next PAC meeting will be held **Monday, May 27 /19 at 6:30 pm.** This will be the Annual General Meeting. If you want your voice to be heard, 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 began March 4th and will end June 26th. 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 30th. 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 11:00 a.m. that day.

GRADE 7 PARENT INFORMATION

The Grade 7 full day visits to Secondary Schools of choice will be on **Wednesday, May 29th, 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.

TALENT SHOW

We're looking forward to the Davie Jones Talent Show at 12:50 pm, Friday, May 17th. All parents/grandparents, etc. welcome to watch our children perform in the Gym! See you there!

LIBRARY NEWS

The **book fair will start on May 23rd** and run for four days after school. It will also be open at 8 am on the morning of Special Person Day on Friday, May 24th. Please consider supporting our book fair as our library and classroom teachers get rewards towards the purchase of books based on sales. This year, we will run a poster contest leading up to the book fair. More details will be provided to the students.

Check out typingclub.com if you would like your child to have some practice with typing. Some reading apps that might be helpful are:

Hoopla, Libby, Razkids, Tumblebooks, AnyBooks, and Epic

BC LEARNING SURVEY

Students in Grade 4 and 7 have had the opportunity to complete this survey. Parents are also invited to take part in the survey as well. Use the link below to access the Direct Login. You will need to enter School District 42 when it prompts you for the District number. The survey is open until May 3rd.

https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm



