



Davie Jones Elementary School

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Principal's Message

It's hard to believe that another school year is about to wrap up. We have had many exciting events that have occurred throughout the year and many more to come before our year comes to a close.

As we look to close out the year, we understand that this can be an anxious time for many. There are numerous events and field trips occurring and of course the anticipation and unknown of next year. Staff will be putting careful thought and consideration into the planning for next year and tentative plans for placements are made before the end of the year. These plans are not shared until September due to the uncertainty of things like staffing and population numbers. Please do not ask your child's teacher where your child has been placed for next year. Plans for start-up will be shared before September, however things will look very similar to last year.

This month we welcomed Saleema Noon to our school to talk with parents and students, and we practiced evacuating our school with a few fire drills. We thoroughly enjoyed an amazing Staff Appreciation Lunch put on by our PAC and parent volunteers! We were very thankful! Our gym was once again filled during our Special Person's Day. Thank you to everyone who was able to make it out. It was nice to see everyone come together resulting in a great community feel in the gym!

We were able to showcase the many talents of our students this month through various activities. Our Intermediates participated in Public Speaking, with some participating in the District Public Speaking event after being chosen to represent our school. We also had our Primary and Intermediate Cross Country events this month with many students coming out! A huge thank you to Mrs. Kitts who put on a fabulous DJE's Got Talent show! We have many talented students at DJE!

DJE welcomed our newest Kindergartens during our Welcome to K afternoon, while the Grade 7s got to experience camp and high school! We came together as a Learning Community this month with our Family Group STEM Rotations. This time our Grade 3s were able to participate in the Intermediate Rotations in efforts to help transition them for next year.

In preparation for our Welcome Back BBQ on September 12th, our DJE staff have been collecting some incredible donations for our raffle draw that will be held during the month of September. Stay tuned for some sneak peaks at our prizes! If you or someone you know have anything you would like to donate, please contact the office.

Ms Davis

Miscellaneous:

- 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.
- Please remember to **update your Portal account** if you have a change of address as school staff is unable to do this.
- **Track & Field, Grade 4/5:** Thursday, June 6th at Maple Ridge Secondary School
- **Track & Field, Grade 6/7:** Friday, June 7th at Maple Ridge Secondary School
- **Fun Day:** Monday, June 24th Grades K-6 (the grade 7s will be running the stations)
- **Grade 7 Leaving, 7:00 pm:** Monday, June 24th
- **Kindergarten Leaving Ceremony, 8:30 am:** Tuesday, June 25th
- **Last day for students, 12:00 Dismissal:** Wednesday, June 26th
- **Year-end Administrative Day:** Thursday, June 27th Last day for staff



REMINDERS...

School Textbooks/Library Books: Please check at home for school books, etc. and return them to your child's teacher. Replacing missing books can be very costly for the school.

STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCH

We would like to once again extend a great big **THANK YOU** to our amazing PAC for the fabulous lunch spread offered to the Davie Jones staff Wednesday, May 8th! We are very appreciative of the generosity and time volunteered by our Davie Jones parents for this event.



PAC NEWS

The next PAC meeting will be held Monday, June 17/19 at 6:30 p.m. This will be the new executive planning meeting. 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.

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.

LIBRARY NEWS



Thank you to the many families who visited our book fair. Your purchase benefited our school as we got a credit for new books in the library. Our first annual book fair poster contest was a great success with 111 entries. If you didn't get a chance to check out all the posters, come by the school to look at them in the hallways and library. 7 students whose winning posters were picked by three members of our PAC and Mrs. Cushing each won a prize of \$20 credit towards the book fair. Any successful event cannot run itself and a huge thank you goes out to Jeanine Halstead, our book fair coordinator and her team of parent helpers. Andrea Hunter, Catrena Kilthau, Deanna Chaves, Jackie Kostyniuk, Kristy Managh and Lynette Larsen freely gave of their time to help us out.

Mrs. Cushing would also like to acknowledge the consistent and reliable help of four parent volunteers in the library throughout the year. Andrea Hunter, Deanna Chaves, Judy Tilby and Kristy Managh always helped with checking in and shelving books. This is much appreciated! Andrea Hunter went above and beyond and helped with bulletin boards, display shelves, labeling, organizing books, etc. The library saw an average of 450 books checked out every week. Thank you to the families who donated books, returned books on time and contributed to the love of reading in their children.

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Division 14 (Ms. Taheri's class) spread their kindness throughout the local community by leaving positivity notes and picking up garbage. They sure felt great after completing their random acts of kindness!



AFTER HOURS ACTIVITY

If you see any inappropriate activity at the school after hours, please call the non-emergency **police line at 604-465-2401**.

We are trying our best to keep our school grounds safe for our students and free of litter.

PACKING A HEALTHY LUNCH

To prepare a healthy lunch, stick to the basics. Include food from each of these groups:

- fruits and vegetables
- whole grains
- source of protein



Try matching up oranges, snow peas, whole wheat pita and a hard-boiled egg, for example. Or Asian pear, red peppers, brown rice and canned salmon or tuna. Cut and peel fruit so it's quick and easy to eat. Include water or an unsweetened milk or soy beverage to drink.

Find more on healthy food choices on the Fraser Health website: www.fraserhealth.ca/health-topics-a-to-z/children-and-youth/healthy-eating-for-children/healthy-food-choices-for-children-and-teens#.XLDoOuaot9A

Breakfast is Important

Sometimes it can be tough to get the family out the door on time *and* provide a nutritious breakfast. Here are some simple and quick breakfast ideas for wh you're running low on time:



- Cook oatmeal in the microwave in three minutes. Add milk, fruit and nuts for a nutritious meal.
- Hard boil eggs and keep them in the fridge. Pair them with toast and a piece of fruit for a balanced meal that'll keep kids full all morning.
- No time? Grab a piece of fruit and a yogurt for a breakfast on the run. Or try preparing breakfast the night before.

Learn more about healthy breakfast grab and go items: www.fraserhealth.ca/health-topics-a-to-z/children-and-youth/healthy-eating-for-children/healthy-eating-in-a-hurry#.XLDoEOaot9A

