



# Davie Jones Elementary School

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## Dear Parents/Guardians,

This month I would like to share with parents what DJE has been doing as a Learning Community. Each month students gather in various grade groups for Collaboration Time with myself and our Support Teachers. This gives me the opportunity to connect with students and for them to share their learning with me. While the students are in Collaboration, their Classroom Teacher, Support Teachers and Education Assistants are meeting together to talk about how best to support all students in their classes. Some great conversations and plans are made during this valuable time.

In September all students participated in a Mind Up Lesson and learned about their brains and how it effects their emotions. Ask your children what “flipping their lid” means and get them to explain the brain using their hand. More information about Mind Up can be found here: <https://mindup.org>. Students also had the opportunity to create a balloon that is displayed throughout our hallways for our #whatliftsyoudo project. Check out Kelsey Montague’s website at <https://kelseymontagueart.com>.

October brought us to our theme of Gratitude and had all students participating in a yoga lesson with an indigenous focus led by our Aboriginal Support Worker Janna Dahlin. We also had Paula Howarth, our District Aboriginal Resource Teacher share with us the importance of oral story telling.

An important focus in the redesigned curriculum is bringing Indigenous views and perspectives into our learning. As a District we focus on the First Peoples Principles of Learning:

- Learning ultimately supports the well-being of the self, the family, the community, the land, the spirits, and the ancestors
- Learning is holistic, reflexive, reflective, experiential and relational (focused on connectedness on reciprocal relationships and a sense of place).
- Learning involves recognizing the consequences of one’s actions.
- Learning involves generational roles and responsibilities.
- Learning recognizes the role of indigenous knowledge.
- Learning is embedded in memory, history, and story.
- Learning involves patience and time.
- Learning requires exploration of one’s identity.
- Learning involves recognizing that some knowledge is sacred and only shared with permission and/or in certain situations.

Next month we look forward to celebrating your child’s learning with you at our Student-led conferences on November 28<sup>th</sup> (dismissal at 11:30am) and November 29<sup>th</sup>.

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. You will require a student linking letter which you may request from the office.
- 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.

**REMINDERS....**

**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!

**Professional Development Day-Friday, November 8, 2019:** Students do not attend school on this day as staff will be involved in workshops at various locations in the district, throughout the day.

**Remembrance Day Monday, November 11/19.** Students do not attend school on this day to observe Remembrance Day.

**Student Led Conferences:** Thursday, November 28/19 in afternoon (11:30 dismissal) and Friday, November 29/19 all day. **Students only come for their conference time.**

**PAC NEWS**

PAC meetings will be held on the third Monday of each month. We hope you are able to come out to some (or all) the PAC meetings and be a part of the decision making process.

The next PAC Meeting will be held Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the school library. Please be sure to attend!

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS.....**

**Sunday, November 3/19:** Remember to turn your clocks **back** one hour!

**FIREWORKS ARE ILLEGAL**

The RCMP would like to advise all schools that fireworks are completely illegal in both Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows under Municipal Bylaw.

Firecrackers, the small red-jacketed explosive, are criminally banned in Canada under the Explosives Act.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS****Casual-On-Call Education Assistants**

The Maple Ridge - Pitt Meadows School District (SD42) is looking for qualified **Casual-On-Call Education Assistants**. For more information please visit our website: ([www.sd42.ca](http://www.sd42.ca) and click on the careers tab)

**Interested in becoming an Education Assistant?**

Ridge Meadows College has a second cohort for the Education Assistant program starting in January 2020 and have extended the deadline for application to **November 15, 2019**. A program overview, list of admission requirements and the application package is available on-line at <http://rmcollege.ca/education-assistant-certificate/> or in person at Riverside Centre, 20575 Thorne Avenue. A limited number of applicants will be accepted.

**GRADE 6 IMMUNIZATIONS**

Immunization day will be held Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>/19 beginning at 8:30 am. The public health nurse will have already spoken with the students and handed out the consent forms. Please return your child's completed consent form as soon as possible in preparation for this event.

