



Davie Jones Elementary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As this month draws to a close and we move into December, we have a lot to celebrate! I hope students and families enjoyed celebrating their child's learning this month. Students have been engaged in some very exciting learning. At this time, to reflect and set goals for the coming term is important. I have enjoyed having conversations with your children in regard to their learning goals.

In December, we will once again be having our food and clothing drive. Please see the announcement in this newsletter for more information. We are also celebrating the season with Winter Family Group Rotations. Students will have the opportunity to connect with a variety of teachers in multi-age "family groups" while participating in fun holiday activities for the day.

This year, our Winter Concert will take place on Thursday December 19th. We will have an afternoon show at 1:00 pm and an evening show at 6:30 pm. Each class will be singing a winter song and we will not be charging for tickets this year. That being said, please try and keep your party to 4-6 to allow all families a space to watch.

We will be having a raffle draw at the Winter Concerts for some amazing prizes! Please remember to bring cash for raffle tickets and the concession. Please see attached for a list of our raffle prizes.

Ms. Davis

Miscellaneous:

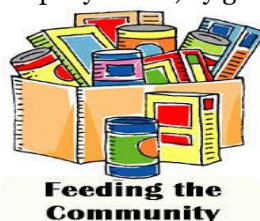
- Please make sure you sign up for the parent portal to receive notices from the school as well as pay for field trips. You will require a student linking letter which you may request from the office.
- Please be aware that we have an email setup for Davie Jones Elementary so that you have the convenience of emailing the school office to notify us of your child's absence or lateness. Please email: dj_reception@sd42.ca (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.

Davie Jones 5 Days of Holiday Giving

With the holiday season fast approaching we will begin to collect food, clothing and coins for those in need! This year, we will be collecting donations **from Monday December 9th to Friday December 13th**. We will be collecting the following items on the following days: **Monday December 9th** - Coins; **Tuesday December 10th** - Scarves, toques, and gloves; **Wednesday December 11th** - Non perishable food items; **Thursday December 12th** - Gently used jackets; **Friday December 13th** - Unopened toys

Our food donations will be going to the Maple Ridge Food Bank. The greatest need is for chunky soups, cans of beans, meals in a tin (chili or ravioli), cans of salmon/tuna and cans of fruit or vegetables, rice, pasta, Mr. Noodles, and oatmeal are all great choices. Please feel free to drop off food items in your child's classroom any day during the week of December 9 -13th. Our clothing donations will be given directly to Cythera House and the unopened toys will be going to families in need in our school community.

There will be a pizza party for the class that collects the most non-perishable food items. If you would like to bring in grocery store gift cards please drop them off at the office. Please help if you can, by giving our families a special Christmas! Thank you for all of your kind donations!



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!

Winter Concert, Thursday, December 19th.

Dress Rehearsal will be at 1:00 pm Wednesday, December 18th and the concerts will be held at 1:00 pm and 6:30 pm Thursday, December 19th.

Winter Break - Dec. 23, 2019 to Jan. 3, 2020

Schools will reopen Monday, January 6/2020.

Professional Development Day – Friday,

January 24, 2020. Students do not attend school on this day as staff will be involved with school growth planning.

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, January 13th at 6:30 pm in the school library. Please sure to attend!

**LIBRARY NEWS**

24 intermediate students participated in a district wide literary activity called Bookfest on Nov. 27th. They had to read up to 8 books within a short three-month period and meet at lunch time to discuss the books. It was not an easy feat.

Is it your child's birthday today? If it is, they get to pick a new book from the birthday book cart in the library. This is optional but most students who've had a birthday since September 1st have chosen to get a new book to keep. Students with birthdays over the Christmas break and summer will get to choose their books before the breaks.

Our "take a book, leave a book" table just outside the office sees a high turnover of books. Thank you to the families who have added or taken away from the collection. I will also take donations of gently read books for the library. Please encourage your child to read the books signed out of the library.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2020/2021

The **Sibling Phase of Kindergarten online registration will begin at 12:00 noon, January 8th and end January at 11:59 pm, January 14th.** 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, 2020.** 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 deadline for documents is January 21st.**

Choice online registration (for all students who wish to participate in any one of SD42's unique program offerings, ie Environmental School Project, French Immersion, Montessori) **will be from January 22nd until January 27th. Deadline for bringing in documents will be February 4th.**

General online registration (all new students to English Kindergarten) **will be from February 5th until February 12th. Deadline for bringing in documents will be February 25th.**

Late online registration (for parents who missed previous registration periods) **will be from February 26th until June 21st. Deadline for bringing in documents will be June 28th.**

GRADE 8 REGISTRATION

Grade 8 online registration will begin at 12:00 noon February 4th and end 11:59 pm February 19th. Once online registration closes, any late registrants must complete a paper registration form at their secondary catchment school.

Grade 8 students new to the district (not on the Portal) **register in person at the DEO Feb 4th – 19th, 2020 (opens 12:00 noon).** After the registration period ends, paper registration forms are done at their secondary catchment school.

Parents will be notified of grade 8 placement prior to Spring Break.

ELEMENTARY BAND CONCERT

Message from Mr. Renaud, Music Teacher:

Dec 11th, at 7:00 pm. Admission by Donation. We are also looking for donations of items for our Silent Auction which will be happening at the event. *A Silent Auction item could be:*

- a single item
- a gift basket
- a gift card
- or even a service!



In return, we would publicly thank and promote your business on the night of the concert by including you or your business in the program (if you wish).

On behalf of the students, **thank you** for considering this request, and we hope we will see you at the show!





SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS BE SURE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF EDUCATION SAVINGS OPPORTUNITIES!

Education Savings Week is from Nov. 18 to 22, 2019.

Almost 80% of job openings in British Columbia over the next decade will require some form of post-secondary education.

Families can open a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) and the Government of British Columbia will deposit \$1,200 into the RESP for their children. No additional money is needed to receive the \$1,200 B.C. Training and Education Savings Grant. Families can ask their local financial institution if they are one of the 56 official promoters of the grant, and, are urged to not be part of the 40% who leave this grant unclaimed.

The grant allows parents and families who may not be able to currently afford to put money aside to start a RESP. Studies indicate that children with RESPs are more likely to pursue higher education. Students can use the money to pay for their education expenses (e.g., books, tools, rent or transportation) in an apprenticeship program, a trade school, college or university.

Applications are open to eligible children between six and nine years old. Eligibility deadlines:

- Children born in 2010 have until the day before their ninth birthday to apply.
- Children born in 2011 have until their ninth birthday in 2020 to apply.
- Children born in 2012 have until their ninth birthday in 2021 to apply.
- Children born in 2013 have until their ninth birthday in 2022 to apply.
- Children born in 2014 can start applying on their sixth birthday.

The Government of Canada also offers eligible families with modest incomes up to \$2,000 for each child's RESP from the Canada Learning Bond. As well, the Canada Education Savings Grant matches RESP contributions up to a maximum of \$7,200 per child. More information can be found at:

www.Canada.ca/education-savings

Learn More:

B.C. Training and Education Savings Grant:

<https://www.gov.bc.ca/BCTESG>

