



Davie Jones Elementary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

It's hard to believe that it is already time for Christmas Break! These past few months have flown by with many events that have brought us together as a school community. Our new PAC Co-Chairs have done an amazing job putting together our Welcome Back BBQ, Movie Night, Paint Night and most recently our Craft Fair! Thank you to all our parent volunteers who helped make these events a huge success!

Thank you to our Leadership Students for organizing our Christmas giving week, and, thank you to our school community for your generosity. It was nice to see everyone gather together for our Winter Concert this year. Thank you to those who supported DJE with the purchase of raffle tickets.

As we close out 2019 and get ready for 2020 I would like to share our School Growth Plan Goals. We continue to build on our guiding questions:

1. As a School community, if we focus on explicit school wide strategies, will students be more focused and develop skills to become more self-regulated learners?
2. If our students have developed skills to be more self-regulated learners, will they make improvements in their literacy and numeracy skills?
3. We will continue to create and build a positive, safe, connected and caring community where students, staff and parents have a sense of belonging to their school community.

At our Staff Growth Planning Day we took a deeper look into what we believe the environment and learning looks like at DJE. We came up with the following definition of what we feel an engaged learner looks like and re-vamped our Mission Statement.

We believe in creating a welcoming and safe environment and believe that the learning that happens in our building is supportive and engaging. At DJE, we believe that engaged learners:

- Will have a safe and comfortable classroom, where all students feel understood
- Are motivated to find strategies to grow and succeed when struggling with a topic
- Take risks and are comfortable making mistakes
- Have opportunities for a variety of learning experiences
- Are connected and feel loved and cared for.

Mission Statement: At DJE, we are committed to nurturing connections, growth mindsets, curiosity and empathy; leading to a community of life-long learners.

From our DJE Family to yours, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays and all the best for the New Year!

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.

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](https://twitter.com/sd42news));
- posted on the SD42 Facebook feed ([SD42Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/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](https://twitter.com/sd42news));
- the SD42 Facebook feed ([SD42Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/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>

WINTER WEATHER

With the cooler temperatures upon us, we ask that you ensure that children are dressed appropriately for the weather with warm coats, gloves/mitts, hats, etc. (a spare pair of pants, kept at school, would avoid unnecessary phone calls home for dry clothing). On the rare occasion, school may be cancelled due to extreme winter weather conditions. Public announcements affecting the closure of schools will be made by the Superintendent of Schools. For the purpose of announcing emergency closures prior to opening of schools, the radio stations listed below will be contacted by the school board office. Announcements on the following radio stations will be made between 6:00 am and 8:00 am. **You will not receive a call from the school.** You can also check the school district website at www.sd42.ca.

CKNW
980 AM

NEWS
1130 AM

CBC
690 AM



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 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 second 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 be sure to attend!

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.

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

Please find below some useful resource links:

YouTube video for parents: How To Talk to Your Children About Mental Health

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x4H7uxvD9iU>

YouTube video for children/youth: We All Have Mental Health

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DxIDKZHW3-E>

Websites:

- www.anxietycanada.com – anxiety strategies for children and families
- <https://keltymentalhealth.ca/anxiety> – parenting and mental health resources
- www.youthinbc.com – connects youth with support, information and resources

Phone/tablet applications: Woebot, Calm, [Moodtools](#), MindShift

Also available are Maple Ridge mental health services and counselling: Community Services, Youth Wellness Centre, Cythera House, ACT-2, and Child and Youth Mental Health.

The staff of Davie Jones Elementary would like to wish all Davie Jones' families a safe and happy holiday and all the best for 2020!



