



Davie Jones Elementary School

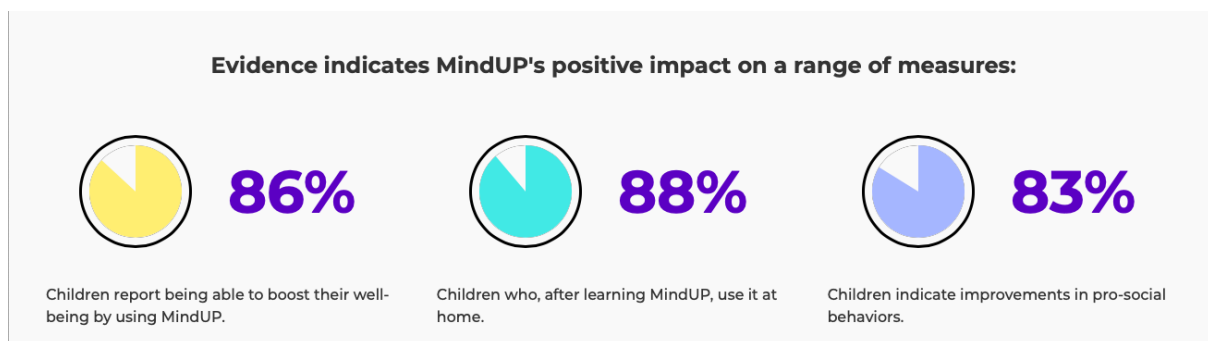
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Dear Parents/Guardians:

January has been a month of getting back to routine and setting intentions for our learning goals for not only the students but the adults as well. Students are working towards achieving goals in anticipation of our student-led conferences the first week of March.

This term of school is generally where the most growth and learning happens. Our staff spent a day together for Professional Development learning about the program Mind UP. All students have been taking part in this program, which teaches us about the parts of the brain and their functions.



One strategy that we are using as a whole school is taking brain breaks throughout the day. New research has shown the neuroplasticity of the brain. Everytime something new is learned, the brain forms new connections or prunes away unnecessary or distracting connections. Over time this leads to the development of new skills and enhanced older ones. Every morning, as the announcements are ending, we ring a chime

and take time for a mindful moment to set us up for successful learning. Individual classrooms may also take other brain breaks throughout the day.

CORE PRACTICE

The Brain Break

The Brain Break helps children develop attention and self-regulation. Practiced three times per day, this focused breathing exercise gives children a tool to help them manage stress and emotions by regulating their physiology and activating the attentional regions of the brain.

LEARN MORE

For more information on the Mind UP program please check out: <https://mindup.org>

Parent tips for bringing MindUP lessons and concepts into the home environment:

- ✓ Connect with your child through mindful moments - taking time to immerse yourself together in present activities, like listening to sounds, or taking a walk outside, can enrich enjoyment
- ✓ Practice gratitude at a family meal - simply noting one thing we are thankful about helps induce positive emotions
- ✓ Join together daily in a quiet, focused breathing exercise - together take three deliberate deep breaths to bring calm and reduce stress
- ✓ At the end of the day, ask your child to share one or more things that went well today - this helps foster a positive mindset

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!

Professional Development Day – Thursday, February 13, 2020. Students do not attend school on this day as staff will be involved with professional development activities throughout the day.

Schools Not in Session – Friday, February 14, 2020. Students do not attend school on this day as schools will be closed.

Family Day Holiday – Monday, February 17, 2020. Students do not attend school on this statutory holiday. Enjoy your time with your families!

Spring Break – March 16/20-March 27/20: Schools will reopen Monday, March 30/20.

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, February 10th at 6:30 pm in the school library. Please be sure to attend!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2020/2021

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) **was 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.

STUDENT TRANSFERS, PHASE 1

Transfer Phase 1 begins February 11/20.

If you wish to transfer your student(s) to another school in the district, please obtain a Student Transfer Request Form from the Davie Jones school office and return the completed and signed form to Ms Davis, school principal. Successful transfer Phase 1 applicants will be contacted by April 22/20.

Transfer Phase 2 begins April 20/20.

The process of Phase 2 is the same as Transfer Phase 1 (above). *The chance of a successful transfer in Transfer Phase 2 is less likely than in Transfer Phase 1.* Successful transfer Phase 2 applicants will be contacted by June 17/20.

Transfer Phase 3 begins June 15/20. The process of Phase 2 is the same as Transfer Phase 1 (above). *The chance of a successful transfer in Phase 3 is less likely than in phases 1 and 2.* Successful transfer Phase 3 applicants will be contacted by August 28/20.

LEADERSHIP CANDYGRAMS SALES

Candy Gram sales will be in the front foyer at recess time from **February 3rd – 7th** and they will range from .25 - .50 cents. All proceeds will be donated to the local SPCA. Candy Grams will be handed out on February 12th. Come out and support a great local cause!

COMMUNITY NEWS

The City of Pitt Meadows is looking for feedback from parents regarding local child care needs, which will be used to inform the City of Pitt Meadows Child Care Assessment. Please complete the survey for parents, which closes **February 21st.**

<https://www.haveyoursaypittmeadows.ca/childcareassessment>

