



Davie Jones Elementary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

It's hard to believe that Spring Break is just around the corner! Our February has been busy with students working to achieve their learning goals for the term. We look forward to celebrating your child's learning with you next week at conferences. If you have a chance to stop by the office with your child and their report card, I'd love to have a chance to chat while I sign the report.

A gentle reminder about drop off and pick up. We are fortunate to have many areas for parking, two entrances and two parking lots, something that not many schools have! Please remember that there is no parking near the crosswalks where the curb is marked in yellow. This makes it difficult for our students to be visible when trying to cross the street. We have plenty of parking on the side streets off Blakely Road and our back parking lot often has parking available. With the back parking lot, please ensure you are using the drop off zone as a drop off zone, and not parking your vehicle there or getting out. Again, this makes it difficult for students to be seen and also difficult for vehicles trying to get in and out of the parking lot.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms. Lehman, our amazing school secretary for her countless hours of work over the last 7 years at Davie Jones. Ms. Lehman will be retiring at Spring Break and we are very sad to see her go! The students and staff are celebrating her last days with each class coming down and surprising her with a gift, treat or card on a given day. Ms. Loven will be joining us after Spring Break.

We wish all our students and families a wonderful Spring Break. Classes resume March 30th.

Ms. Davis

DONATIONS FOR SCHOOL BUNNIES

They are cute, but they are expensive! Any donations you may be able to provide would be greatly appreciated, ie *Oxbow Juvenile Bunny Food* (any Petsmart store), *Timothy Hay* (from the Pitt Meadows Co-op), and *Yesterday's News* cat litter.

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.

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!

Student Led Conferences: Thursday, March 5/20 (11:30 a.m. dismissal), Friday, March 6/20 all day.

Daylight Savings Time: Sunday, March 8/20 (turn clocks AHEAD one hour)

Spring Break: Monday, March 16/20 until Friday, March 27/20. First day back will be March 30th.

Easter Weekend: Good Friday will be Friday, April 10/20 and Easter Monday will be April 13/20. Schools will be closed on these two statutory holidays.

Victoria Day: Monday, May 18/20 (schools closed)

Professional Development Day-Tuesday, May 19/20. Students do not attend school on this day as staff will be involved with professional development activities throughout the district.

Last Day for Students: Wednesday, June 24/20.

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, April 6th at 6:30 pm in the school library. Please be sure to attend! There will be no PAC Meeting in March.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2020/2021

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.**

The **Kindergarten Orientation Meeting** will be held Tuesday, May 26th. 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 11:30 a.m. that day.**

GRADE 8 REGISTRATION

If you missed registering your grade 7 student for grade 8 on the Parent Portal, paper registration forms are done at their secondary catchment school.

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

The Grade 7 full day visits to Secondary Schools of choice will be on **Wednesday, May 27th. Transportation to secondary schools will be parents' responsibility.**

STUDENT TRANSFERS, PHASE 1

Transfer Phase 1 began 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.

ENJOY YOUR SPRING BREAK!



