Jarvis Traditional Elementary Newsletter

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Important Dates to Remember:

Feb. 10	Div. 2 & 12 – Ice Skating at Sungod Arena
Feb. 12	Kindergarten Registration for the 2020-21 School Year from 9:30 – 12:00 pm
Feb. 12	Yo Bro Yo Girl (Gr. 6 & 7 Students) from 3:00 – 5:00 pm in the Jarvis Gym
Feb. 13	Div. 1, 2, 3 & 4 – "Peter Pan" at NDSS
Feb. 13	Div. 5, 6, 7 & 8 – "Peter Pan" at NDSS
Feb. 14	Spirit Day (Div. 4) – Theme TBA
Feb. 14	Gr. 4 – 7 Author Visit (Kenneth Oppel)
Feb. 17	Family Day (No School for Students or Staff)
Feb. 18	Toonie Tuesday – Kernels Popcorn (Buttersalt Flavour) will be sold for $2.00 per bag at Lunch
Feb. 19	Yo Bro Yo Girl (Gr. 6 & 7 Students) from 3:00 – 5:00 pm in the Jarvis Gym
Feb. 20	Jarvis Traditional Science Fair
Feb. 21	Jarvis Traditional Movie Afternoon – *Arctic Dogs* from 3:00 – 5:15 pm in the Gym
Feb. 24	StrongStart Closed
Feb. 24	Div. 1, 2, 3 & 4 – Grouse Mountain
Feb. 24	PAC Meeting at 6:30 pm in the Library
Feb. 26	Yo Bro Yo Girl (Gr. 6 & 7 Students) from 3:00 – 5:00 pm in the Jarvis Gym
Feb. 27	Casual Day
Feb. 28	PRO-D Day (No School for Students)
Mar. 4	StrongStart Closed
Mar. 4	Yo Bro Yo Girl (Gr. 6 & 7 Students) from 3:00 – 5:00 pm in the Jarvis Gym
Mar. 5	District Science Fair at Scottsdale Mall
Mar. 6	March Sharing Assembly at 11:00 am
Mar. 9	Track & Field Assembly at 11:00 am
Mar. 10	Div. 13, 19 & 20 – OWL Presentation
Mar. 11	Yo Bro Yo Girl (Gr. 6 & 7 Students) from 3:00 – 5:00 pm in the Jarvis Gym
Mar. 12	Casual Day
Mar. 13	Last Day of School Before Spring Break
Mar. 13	Spirit Day – Theme TBA
Mar. 14 To Mar. 29	Spring Break!!

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Dear Parents:

Happy February Jarvis Traditional community! February is a very busy and important month as it is the halfway point in the school year. It is hard to believe how quickly we have reached this point in the school year! February also marks the beginning of basketball season for our Grades 6 & 7 students, and the beginning of basketball intramurals for our Grade 5 students. February is also the time of year when Kindergarten registration for the next school year takes place, and teachers prepare term two report cards.

February is also a time when, at school, we are doing everything possible to keep Jarvis Traditional Elementary a healthy place to work and learn. If your child is sick or exhibiting any flu symptoms, it is extremely important that you keep your child at home until all symptoms have disappeared. Please make sure you call the absentee phone line (available 24 hours a day) at 604-597-1768. Leave your name, your child's name and division number, and the reason your child will be absent. It's very important that you phone us every day your child is away, to help us know he or she is home safe.

Mr. K. Levenstein
Principal

Ms. S. Shove
Vice Principal

Did You Know:

Groundhog Day is celebrated every year on February 2nd. The legend of Groundhog Day predicting the weather comes from long ago in Europe. According to German folklore, if the sun comes out on Candlemas Day (the precursor to Groundhog Day), the badger will see its shadow and six more weeks of winter will follow. When German settlers came to Pennsylvania, they continued the tradition, using groundhogs instead of badgers to predict the weather.

The first official Groundhog Day was celebrated on February 2, 1886 in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. The groundhog used to see if winter will be extended was named, “Punxsutawney Phil”.

Phil’s fame began to spread and newspapers around the world began to report his predictions. Thousands of fans now make the annual trek to Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania on February 2nd to see whether Phil will see his shadow.

So, the question we need to answer is, what did Punxsutawney Phil predict for 2020? Good news everyone… Phil did not see his shadow, meaning that despite our current cold snap, Spring will be coming six weeks early!!

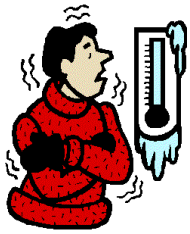
Late Arrivals and Absence Reporting:

It is very important that all students arriving after the 9:00 am bell sign in at the office and receive a late slip prior to going to their classrooms. Once your child has signed in and picked up a late slip it is not necessary for you to accompany them to their classroom. Your cooperation with this safety measure is much appreciated.

If your child will be absent, PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL before 8:50 am. The school phone has an answering machine to record messages before 8:00 am and after 3:30 pm.

Research has shown that the habits your children are forming now will have an impact on their future. As such, we would encourage students to make a concerted effort to arrive to school on time. Please help your child to develop the important habit of timeliness.

Weather Reminder:



The weather once again appears to be getting colder outside. Please ensure your children come to school dressed appropriately for playing outside at recess and lunchtime and also pack an extra pair of socks, shoes and pants into their backpacks for really rainy days! It is important for students to have fresh air and they will be going outside on rainy days.

Snow Days:

If it snows, will there be school? The short answer is… YES! During extreme winter conditions, including heavy snowfalls, all schools in the Delta School District will remain OPEN, if at all possible. It is very rare that schools would be closed due to weather conditions or other circumstances. Schools may have a delayed opening to allow for district or municipal staff to clear safe routes to schools for students and families. Any closure or delayed opening will be decided by 7:00 am at the latest, and will be announced through the media as well as through district and school websites**. Please note that no announcement will be made stating that schools are open. Only closures or delayed openings will be announced.**

Information about any closures will be sent to Metro Vancouver radio and television stations. Please check the following stations for school closure information.

Radio	Television
CBC 690 AM	Global BC
CKNW 980 AM	CBC TV
NEWS 1130 AM	CTV TV
Fairchild 1470 AM	City TV

Announcements will also be made on the district website at https://www.deltasd.bc.ca. **To keep phone lines clear we ask that you please refrain from phoning the school to check that we are open.**

During extreme weather conditions, it is also common for police and other authorities to advise citizens to avoid unnecessary travel. Parents should take this advice as well. Parents/Guardians are responsible for their children's safe travel to and from school. If, for any reason, a parent/guardian feels that a child cannot travel safely to school, then they should make other arrangements. Schools will be kept open under extreme circumstances to provide the option of attendance for all, but the decision is the responsibility of each family. Should you choose to keep your child at home, please call the office and leave a message reporting your child's absence.

Non-District and Non-Catchment Applications for the 2020-21 School Year:

Please let friends and family members know that non-catchment and non-district applications for **Grades Kn – 7 began last Monday, February 3, 2020 at 8:30 am**. The earlier you get your application into the school of your choice the better.

Kindergarten Registration at Jarvis Traditional:

Our Kindergarten registration for the 2020-21 school year will take place from **9:30 – 12:00 pm on Wednesday, February 12th** for children who will turn five-years-old by December 31, 2020. Please bring the following information with you when you come to register your child(ren):

- An original Canadian birth certificate, Canadian passport or Permanent Resident Card (for the student **AND** one parent)
- Immunization records
- Care Card
- Proof of residence (current property tax assessment or mortgage agreement documents) or rental agreement

Parents of Kindergarten students are required to register at their catchment area school, but they may pick up a Non-Catchment or Non-District Application Form and take it to the school they wish their child to attend, anytime on or after **February 3, 2020 at 8:30 am**. *The earlier you get your paperwork into the school of your choice the better. Please note that registrations will not be accepted unless all of the documentation above has been provided.*

Basketball Season:

It's the beginning of February and basketball season is well underway! This year, the Jarvis Traditional basketball program will consist of four teams. The Grade 7 Boys Basketball team is being coached Ms. Crawford, the Grade 7 Girls Basketball Team is being coached by Ms. Purdy, the Grade 6 Boys Basketball Team is being coached by Mr. Levenstein (assisted by Ms. FayazKamal and Ms. Dergousoff), and the Grade 6 Girls Basketball Team is being coached by Mr. Levenstein (assisted by Ms. McCallum). Mr. Nason, Mr. H. Pandher and Ms. Sanghera will be running a basketball intramurals program for our Grade 5 students. Hats off to the Jarvis Traditional staff who have volunteered their time to provide our senior students with this exciting opportunity. Go Jaguars Go!

Practices for the four basketball teams are as follows:

Grade 7 Boys:

- Mondays (12:15 – 1:07 pm) and Thursdays (8:00 – 8:55 am)

Grade 7 Girls:

- Mondays (8:00 – 8:55 am) and Thursdays (12:15 – 1:07 pm)

Grade 6 Boys:

- Mondays (3:00 – 4:15 pm) and Wednesdays (8:00 – 8:55 am)

Grade 6 Girls:

- Tuesdays (8:00 – 8:55 am) and Wednesdays (12:15 – 1:07 pm)

Grade 5 Intramurals takes place on Tuesdays and Fridays, from 12:30 – 1:07 pm.

Jump Rope for Heart:

Jarvis Traditional students are becoming Heart Heroes one skip at a time! Please join us in embracing healthy living and social responsibility by skipping and raising money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Let's work together to make a difference in our school and across the country. A representative from the Heart and Stroke Foundation was in attendance at our Jump Rope for Heart kick-off assembly on Wednesday, February 5th. Students brought home an information package regarding fundraising last week. Fundraising envelopes will be going home sometime this week. Our "skip off" will take place on Wednesday, February 26th. Students who wish to participate in the fundraising aspect of this event are asked to secure pledges from family members, relatives, and close friends. **For safety reasons, we do not encourage students to go "door-to-door" to collect pledges**. Last year, the Jarvis Traditional community raised an incredible $2,300.00 during our Jump Rope for Heart event. Our goal is to raise even more funds for this worthwhile cause!

PAC Meeting:

Our January PAC Meeting is set to take place on **Monday, February 24th at 6:30 pm in the Library**. All parents are members of the Jarvis PAC and invited to attend these meetings. Please note that babysitting services will be available for this meeting.

Lost and Found:

There is a large collection of coats, hoodies, pants, etc. Smaller items like jewelry and keys are at the office. **All unclaimed items will be donated to charity on Friday, March 13, 2020.**

Animal Crackers Children's Centre – Jarvis Traditional Elementary

We are accepting registrations for the 2020-2021 preschool year. Please feel free to come in our classroom to take a look around, ask questions, and register. We offer a flexible, but structured play-based program. We focus on socialization, open-ended play, fun and academic activities. Our class times are from 9:00 – 12:00 pm and 12:15 – 2:30 pm.

We also have spaces available for our Before and After School Care programs. This program offers supervised activities such as arts and crafts, baking, outdoor time, homework time and occasional outings. We are open from 7:00 – 9:00 am and 3:00 – 6:00 pm

If you have any questions, regarding our programs, please feel free to call us at 604-597-0181 or check our website at www.deltaanimalcrackers.ca. More information can be found on our Facebook Page @ deltaanimalcrackers

You're Invited!!

Join your friends for "*An Afternoon at the Movies*"

Jarvis Traditional Elementary is hosting a movie afternoon on, Friday, February 21st. Doors open at 3:10 pm and the movie starts at 3:30 pm.

$5.00 (this includes admission, popcorn, a drink, and a ticket to win the movie)

The movie is open to all students from Kindergarten to Grade 7. As this is an afternoon movie, the school will provide supervision for students. Having said this, we encourage parents of students in Kindergarten to Grade 2 to attend the movie with their child. Parents attending the movie will not be charged admission, but, will also not receive popcorn or water (unless they wish to pay for admission to the movie).

There will be a concession running during the movie. *Kernels Popcorn* will be sold for $2.00 per bag, and bottled water will be sold for $1.00 per bottle.

We hope you can join us for this exciting school event!!