

Jarvis Traditional Elementary Newsletter

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Important Dates to Remember:

Oct. 19	Parent/Teacher Conferences (2:00 pm Early Dismissal)
Oct. 20	Parent/Teacher Conferences (2:00 pm Early Dismissal)
Oct. 20	Hot Lunch Day (Pizza Hut)
Oct. 20	The Great BC Shake Out (Earthquake Drill at 10:15 am)
Oct. 21	Provincial PRO-D Day
Oct. 24	Diwali
Oct. 27	Casual Day
Oct. 28	Pumpkin Run at 11:00 am
Oct. 31	Halloween Parade at 1:30 pm
Nov. 1	Pyjama Day
Nov. 3	Hot Lunch Day (Boston Pizza)
Nov. 4	Grade 6 Immunizations
Nov. 7	Photo Re-Takes
Nov. 10	Remembrance Day Assembly at 11:00 am
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day (No School)
Nov. 17	Hot Lunch Day (White Spot)

Dear Parents:

This past Monday was our Canadian Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks for all the things we have received in our lives over the past year and give thanks to those who have helped us along the way.

We tend to forget that happiness doesn't come as a result of getting something we don't have, but rather of recognizing and appreciating what we do have.

- Frederick Koenig

I hope this Thanksgiving everyone in the Jarvis Traditional community had an opportunity to get together with family and friends, and truly had a memorable Thanksgiving. We all have so much to be thankful for.



Mr. K. Levenstein
Principal

Ms. N. Bath
Vice Principal



Parking Lot Safety:



For the safety of our students, we are asking that parents who use the school parking lot for dropping off and/or picking up their children please abide by the traffic signage. Our parking lot was not constructed for the volume of traffic that it receives during school drop off and/or pick up times. One car parked illegally will cause a significant backlog of vehicles, jeopardizing the safety of the students who are walking through the parking lot. Of most significant concern is the drop off / pick up zone of our parking lot. **Drivers must stay with their vehicles in the drop off / pick up zone, and drivers must move forward through the drop off / pick up zone in order to make room for as many vehicles as possible.** Your cooperation with our parking lot regulations is greatly appreciated.

Supervision Outside:

Please note that the outside supervision of students does not begin until 8:35 am in the morning before school. The school staff are preparing for the school day and often administration is in meetings with teachers before or after school. Students are not to be at school before that time, as we cannot ensure that there will be supervision for them until that time. After school, student supervision ends at 3:15 pm and students should be on their way home. Thank you for your understanding and your cooperation.



West Coast Recess and Lunch Breaks:



Living on the west coast of our beautiful country comes with a lot of amazing outdoor perks, and a lot of rain! Since we do live in a rainforest region, it is imperative that students come to school dressed for the weather. Fresh air is important for the health and well-being of our students, and they will be going outside, rain or shine, every Recess and Lunch Break. Please send your child to school with extra socks and pants on days with heavy rain.

Please Label Everything:

Each year, many valuable items and articles of clothing are left unclaimed on our Lost and Found rack. To increase the likelihood of lost and found items making it back to their rightful owners, please take the time to label all your child's items.



Parent/Teacher Conferences:



On **Wednesday, October 19th**, and **Thursday, October 20th** parents are invited to participate in a conference with their child's teacher(s). The purpose of these early conferences is to provide an opportunity for you to share in your child's education and for the teacher to explain his/her expectations. Together, you may wish to discuss:

- Goals for your child's learning, defining areas of success and concern
- Homework expectations
- Communication between home and school
- Work habits and attitude towards learning
- Appropriate behavior expectations

To provide time for conferences, students will be dismissed **at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, October 19th and at 2:00 pm on Thursday, October 20th**. All conferences will be booked using the *Delta School District's Parent Connect Interview Booking System*. Information has already been sent home to families explaining how to use this online system to book parent/teacher conferences. The *Parent Connect Interview Booking System* opened for families to book of parent/teacher conferences on Tuesday, October 11th at 3:00 pm. Specific conference times are available on a first come first served basis, so book your conference times early to get the times that work best for your family. Please contact the school office if you have any difficulties using the *Parent Connect Interview Booking System* to book a conference for your child(ren).

There will be three different formats for Parent/Teacher Conferences this year:

- An in-person conference in your child's classroom
- An online conference using Microsoft Teams
- A phone conference

Classroom teachers will communicate with their parents the types of conferencing they plan to use.

It takes a meaningful, learning partnership between home and school to educate a child in today's society. The Parent/Teacher Conferences are a fantastic way to begin that partnership between home and school. The staff at Jarvis Traditional thank you for being a part of our community of learners!

The Great BC ShakeOut (Earthquake Drill):

On **Thursday, October 20th**, the staff, and students at Jarvis Traditional will participate in *The Great BC ShakeOut*. During this earthquake drill, our students, along with thousands of other students throughout BC, will drop, cover, and hold on, at a specified time in the morning. *The Great BC ShakeOut* is the largest earthquake drill in Canada.



Daily Health Check:



We have been seeing a small, but very concerning number of students coming to school sick. This is just a reminder that all parents must conduct a Daily Health Check prior to sending your child(ren) to school. Please click on the following link to see Delta School District's updated Daily Health Check:

<https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2022/09/Sept-2022-Daily-Health-Check.pdf>

Parent Connect Student Emergency Information:

It is mandatory that all forms be reviewed and responded to by your child's parent/guardian by September 30th each year. By logging onto Parent Connect, families can update email addresses, cell phone numbers, as well as give consent for Google App, (GAFE), photos, electronic communications, outside media in schools, walking field trips, and our Fruit and Veggie Program. Please note that if you do not give your consent on Parent Connect, your child will not be able to participate in these activities.



Please ensure that you regularly update your email and all emergency contact information for your child in Parent Connect.

To access, by using parent/guardian email (as defined in the student's record):

<https://cimsweb.deltasd.bc.ca/schoolconnect/parentsignore.aspx>

Terry Fox Run – Update:



A heartfelt thank you goes out to the Jarvis Traditional community for raising nearly \$1200.00 for Canadian Cancer Research. This is a significant increase from last year's fundraising total of \$800.00 – well done Jaguars!

The entire school had a terrific time participating in our Terry Fox Run that was held on September 21st. We had a great time celebrating Terry Fox, a true Canadian hero. A special thank you goes out to the students and staff of "Pod C" and Ms. Bath for organizing this event for our school.

Hot Lunch and Field Trips at Jarvis Traditional:

Jarvis Traditional's ordering system for hot lunch and field trips will be going green this year! The office will be using the online program *Munch a Lunch* for the ordering of hot lunches, and the payment of field trips. Please go to our website (<https://ja.deltasd.bc.ca/parent-community/munch-a-lunch>) to set-up an account for your child(ren).



Please note that our hot lunch program 2022-2023 school year has already started. The hot lunch dates scheduled so far are:

- October 6th (Pizza Hut)
- October 20th (Pizza Hut)
- November 3rd (Boston Pizza)
- November 17th (White Spot)
- December 1st (Boston Pizza)
- December 16th (White Spot)

Payment for hot lunch and field trips must now be made by credit card, debit-credit card or a prepaid credit card only.

At the end of September, Ms. Brown (school secretary) sent an email out to our families that included an attachment with instructions on how to set-up a *Munch a Lunch* account for your child(ren). Please contact the school office if you require help with the set-up of a *Munch a Lunch* account.

Strong Start Program:



Strong Start is a free Parent Participation Early Learning Program at Jarvis Traditional. You can help your child learn early literacy, social, emotional, physical, and cognitive development through play with carefully selected materials and activities under the guidance of Early Childhood Educator, **Ms. Mandy Gill**. The sessions run Monday to Friday during the school year, from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm. The program is **designed for children from 0 to 5 years, and their parent/caregiver**, and you are invited to drop-in anytime. For more information, you can contact Ms. Gill directly at the school office by calling **604-594-3484**.