

## Jarvis Traditional Elementary Newsletter

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### Important Dates to Remember:

Sept. 15	Welcome Back Assembly at 11:00 am
Sept. 20	Grades 4 & 5: HUB Cycling Program
Sept. 22	PRO-D Day (No School)
Sept. 25	Terry Fox Run at 11:00 am
Sept. 25	Grades 4 & 5: HUB Cycling Program
Sept. 28	Casual Day
Sept. 28	Welcome Back Open House and BBQ
Sept. 29	Orange Shirt Day
Oct. 2	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (STAT – No School)
Oct. 6	October Sharing Assembly at 11:00 am
Oct. 9	Thanksgiving (STAT – No School)
Oct. 10	Turkey Trot Run at 11:00 am
Oct. 12	Individual Photos
Oct. 17	Grade 6 Immunizations
Oct. 18	Parent/Teacher Conferences (Dismissal at 2:00 pm)
Oct. 19	Parent/Teacher Conferences (Dismissal at 2:00 pm)
Oct. 20	Provincial PRO-D Day (No School)
Oct. 26	Casual Day
Oct. 30	Pumpkin Run at 11:00 am
Oct. 31	Halloween Parade at 1:30 pm

Dear Parents:



Welcome back to a new school year at Jarvis Traditional Elementary. We hope everyone

had an enjoyable summer. A warm welcome is extended to our new families, both those in Kindergarten and those with older children. We hope your children will soon make friendships that will assist them with settling into a new school year.

I am very excited to be a part of the Jarvis Traditional team for a sixth year! It is a terrific place to work and learn. The school is very well organized, and the staff is dedicated to making a difference in the lives of your children. The students are extremely polite, well mannered, and respectful of the school's expectations. Through interactions with parents, I have noticed a profound sense of pride and care about the school and surrounding neighbourhood.

All parents are encouraged and welcome to be participants in the life of Jarvis Traditional Elementary, whether that means assisting with classroom or special events, attending Parent Advisory Council Meetings, or being involved with school activities as they occur. This kind of assistance is always welcome and appreciated and lets the children see that parents and teachers are working together to provide the best possible opportunities for growth.

*Mr. K. Levenstein*  
Principal

*Ms. J. Elkin*  
Vice Principal



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## Helpful Suggestions for a Successful School Year:

Here are some suggestions that will be helpful in establishing school routines and will make this year the most successful one yet for your child!

**Read Together** – Children who read at home with their parents are more successful in school. Show your children that you view reading as an important activity by keeping lots of reading material around the house and set aside time each evening for reading. Also, model reading yourself.



**Establish A Daily Family Routine** – Set a specific quiet time and place every day for homework or general reading. While you should be actively involved in your child's homework routine, let them do the actual work. Other helpful routines involve assigning responsibilities for household chores, being firm about times to get up and go to bed (most children require about 10 hours of sleep per night) and have dinner together whenever possible. Don't forget about the importance of a healthy breakfast and lunch to ensure your child has the energy needed to make it through the day productively.

**Talk Together** – Find some time each day to ask your child about school. Ask specific questions that will require explanations. Not only will this provide you with an overview of what your child is learning each day but explaining their learning to you will heighten their understanding of their lessons.

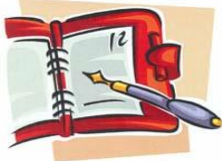
**Home-School Relationship** – The importance of a strong home-school relationship cannot be overstated. Get to know your child's teacher(s) and what they expect. Let them know you will reinforce the importance of schoolwork at home and keep them informed of important things happening in your family that may be affecting your child at school. Make sure your child knows that you are interested in his/her school. This will send the message that what he/she is doing is important.

**Have High, But Realistic Goals** – Make sure you set goals with your child that are achievable, but not too easy for their age, maturity, and ability. Don't forget to celebrate when these goals are achieved.



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## Student Planners:



Please note student planners have arrived for students in Grades 1 – 7. This book is an excellent tool to help students develop effective habits and take responsibility for their learning. Student planners are also an excellent communication tool for keeping parents informed about their child's homework. The student planners cost **\$8.00 each** and students will receive one only after payment on Munch-A-Lunch (more information coming).

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### New Jarvis Staff:

While many of our staff are returning from last year, there are a few new faces joining the “Jaguars” team. Please join me in extending a welcome to the following new staff members:

- Ms. Devina Gill
  - Grade 2 Teacher
    - Covering Ms. Cudail’s Maternity Leave
- Ms. Kirsten Mueller
  - Kindergarten/Grade 1 Teacher
    - Covering Ms. LaRose’s Maternity Leave
- Ms. McKenzie Van Aert
  - Kindergarten Teacher
    - New Division at Jarvis Traditional
- Ms. Sarah Bant
  - PE Relief Teacher
- Mr. David Medzon
  - Music Relief Teacher (Intermediate Grades)
- Ms. Hakima Arhandou
  - Education Assistant
- Ms. Kam Koonar
  - Education Assistant



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### 2023-24 Bell Schedule:

- we have had to shift the start and end time of our lunch break to accommodate increased prep time for teachers for the 2023-24 school year
- the bell schedule for the 2023-24 school year is as follows:

Office Hours	8:00 – 3:30 pm
Students Line-Up at Pod Entrances	8:55 am
Classes Begin	9:00 am
Recess	10:25 – 10:40 am
Lunch	12:00 – 12:50 pm
Dismissal	3:00 pm

***The School Office Hours will continue to be from 8:00 am – 3:30 pm***

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### 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.

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### 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.



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### Medical Alert and Medication Administered at School:



If your child has a serious medical condition that may require emergency care or medication, it is the parents' responsibility to inform school staff and to fill out or update their Medical Alert card. If your child requires medication at school, please ensure that you complete a **REQUEST FOR ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION AT SCHOOL** form each year. Both forms are available at the school office.

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### Parent Connect Student Emergency Information:

*It is mandatory that all forms be reviewed and responded to by your child's parent/guardian by September 30<sup>th</sup> 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>

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### Terry Fox Run:



Jarvis Traditional Elementary's annual Terry Fox Run will be held on **Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**. We are hoping to support Terry's dream by holding a "**Toonies for Terry Drive**" to raise money for the Terry Fox Foundation and Cancer research. Our goal is to raise a Toonie for each person in our school (families are welcome to donate more if they wish). **We will be collecting money in classrooms from September 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>**. There will be a school-wide competition to see which classroom donates the greatest number of Toonies. The class that brings in the most Toonies will win an extra gym block. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

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### “Welcome Back” Open House and BBQ:

The staff at Jarvis Traditional Elementary are excited to invite the parents and children of our school community to our first annual, “Welcome Back” Open House and BBQ on Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from 4:45 – 6:30 pm.

**From 4:45 – 5:30 pm** families are invited to tour the school and meet the staff. We encourage students to walk parents down to their classrooms to meet their teacher, take a tour of the classroom and listen to classroom routines and procedures from the teacher. This is not a time for parents to talk about student progress or student goals. There will be an opportunity for these conversations during the October Parent/Teacher Conferences.



**From 5:30 – 6:30 pm** the school will be hosting a BBQ (the food is being cooked by the *North Delta Lions Club*) giving our families an opportunity to come together for a fun, social event. In addition to enjoying a BBQ'ed meal, during this portion of the evening, families will also be able to participate in some fun Jarvis trivia, purchase tickets for a 50/50 raffle, watch a video that will introduce the staff at Jarvis Traditional, and learn more about what it means to be part of a traditional school. Notices will be going home giving the families in our community an opportunity to pre-order their food for the BBQ. We encourage all families planning on attending our “Welcome Back” Open House and BBQ to pre-order their meals as that is the only way to guarantee that your family gets a meal at the BBQ. In addition to pre-orders, there will be a limited amount of additional food items available for families that want to participate in the BBQ but failed to return a pre-order notice.

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### 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 ABSENTEE LINE at 604-597-1768 before 8:55 am. The school phone has an answering machine to record messages 24 hours a day.

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.

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### Scent Sensitivity:

At Jarvis Traditional, we have staff who suffer from respiratory difficulties that are made worse by scented products. We ask that students, parents, and staff do what they can to avoid using scented aftershave, hair spray, cologne, or other scented personal care products.



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### Life Threatening Allergies:



Several of our student have life-threatening allergies to peanuts and nuts (cashews, almonds, walnuts, pistachios, Brazil nuts, pecans, macadamias). Exposure to even tiny amounts of nut particles – residue on a desk, a book, a door handle, a computer keyboard, or a drinking fountain – may be enough to trigger a reaction. Please help us create a safe environment for them by keeping foods containing nuts, and peanuts at home. Several companies are now making nut-free snacks and we encourage you to look for these new products when shopping. Please do your part to ensure our school environment is a safe one for all our students. THANK YOU!!

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### Strong Start Program:

Strong Start is a free Parent Participation Early Learning Program at Jarvis Elementary. 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**.



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### Jarvis Traditional Visitor Parking Lot Closed to Student Drop-Off and Pick-Up:

Please note that the visitor parking lot at Jarvis Traditional is closed for morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. Our school was built at a time when most students walked to school, and our visitor parking lot was not designed to handle the volume of vehicles during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. Here are some suggestions regarding morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up:

- families can park in Gunderson Park and walk to Jarvis Traditional (an extremely short walk along a path to 118<sup>th</sup> Street)
- families that live in the subdivision are encouraged to walk to school
  - this would help eliminate the traffic around the school
- for those students in Grade 3 and up, we encourage finding a meeting spot along the perimeter of the school where they can meet parents.
- for those families with younger primary students (K-2), we encourage coming to school early and parking on the various streets that surround the school
  - there are 4 entrances to Jarvis Traditional through different walking paths
- older siblings in the school are also encouraged to pick up their younger siblings and meet their parents at a designated spot

Please note, if your child is being picked up or dropped off for medical reasons during the school day, outside the normal drop off and pick up times, you may enter the parking lot to pick up and/or drop off your child. If you are dropping off lunch or other items for your child throughout the school day, again, please enter the parking lot. Also, if you are needing to volunteer at the school, drop off items to the office or meet with a teacher, you are welcome to use the visitor parking lot.