

Jarvis Traditional Elementary Newsletter

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Important Dates to Remember:

Nov. 1	Pajama Day
Nov. 2	Hot Lunch Day (White Spot)
Nov. 7	Visit from Asst. Supt. Brad Bauman
Nov. 7	PAC Treat Day (Diwali Cookies)
Nov. 8	Photo Re-Takes (Morning)
Nov. 9	Remembrance Day Assembly at 10:45 am
Nov. 9	Hot Lunch Day (Boston Pizza)
Nov. 10	District Closure Day (No School)
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day
Nov. 12	Diwali
Nov. 13	Remembrance Day STAT (No School)
Nov. 14 To Nov. 16	Div. 1 – 7: Young Actors Project
Nov. 14	Kindergarten Dental Screening
Nov. 15	Div. 9 & 10: Watershed Park
Nov. 16	Spirit Day (Theme TBA)
Nov. 16	Hot Lunch Day (Pizza Hut)
Nov. 17	Div. 11 & 12: Capilano Regional Park
Nov. 20 To Nov. 24	Multi-Cultural Week
Nov. 20 To Nov. 23	Div. 1 – 7: Young Actors Project
Nov. 22	Grade 7 Popcorn Sales
Nov. 23	Hot Lunch Day (White Spot)
Nov. 23	Div. 1 & 13: Ice Skating at NDRC
Nov. 24	PAC Movie Afternoon: Movie TBA
Nov. 27	PRO-D Day
Nov. 28	PAC Treat Day
Nov. 29	Pancake Breakfast with Santa
Nov. 30	Casual Day
Nov. 30	Hot Lunch Day (Boston Pizza)



Dear Parents:

Each November we are reminded of the sacrifices made by Canadian soldiers, past and present. On Thursday, November 9th we will be holding our annual Remembrance Day Assembly at approximately 10:45 am. Students will be reminded that this is a solemn occasion, and that there should be no applause or unnecessary noise during the assembly. Our Remembrance Day Assembly will be led by some of our senior intermediate students and will include readings of poetry, songs, the presentation of our flags by the school's colour guard, and a moment of silence to remember those who gave their lives for our country. Each student will receive a red poppy to wear at this assembly and **we will be collecting donations for the poppy fund at 9:00 am on November 9th.**

Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend our Remembrance Day Assembly.



*Mr. K. Levenstein
Principal*

*Ms. J. Elkin
Vice Principal*

Daily Health Check:



This is just a reminder that parents must complete a daily health check for each child prior to sending them to school each day. 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>

Jarvis Traditional Remembrance Day Assembly:

Each November brings a time to remember the sacrifices of our Canadian soldiers, past and present. The Jarvis Traditional Remembrance Day Assembly will be held on **Thursday, November 9th at 10:45 am in our gym**. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend this special assembly on this solemn occasion. Students who are boy scouts, girl guides or cadets are encouraged to wear their uniforms to our Remembrance Day Assembly. As part of our Remembrance Day Assembly, we would like to honour members of the Jarvis community who are serving or have served in the military. Please contact the school office if you have a family member who is a current member of the military or a veteran.



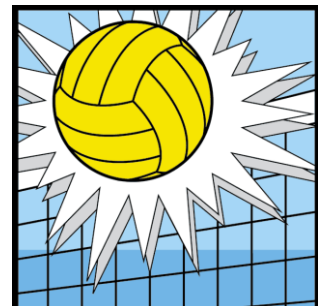
Observing Remembrance Day in the Community:



The Kennedy House would like to invite families in North Delta to attend a North Delta Remembrance Day gathering. It will be held outdoors at the North Delta Social Heart Plaza located at 11415 - 84th Avenue, Delta on Saturday, November 11th at 10:40 am. The event will provide the North Delta community with an opportunity to remember and reflect on those who served and died protecting Canadian values. Local veterans, political representatives, emergency services, community service clubs, cadets, and other youth groups will be participating in this public event. Student representatives from Jarvis Traditional Elementary have been invited to lay a wreath on our behalf.

Volleyball Season:

Volleyball season is now fully underway with Jarvis Traditional being represented by both a Grade 6 and a Grade 7 team. Our school teams will be competing on Tuesdays and Thursdays against many of our neighbouring schools. The Grade 6 team is being coached by Ms. Henriksen and Ms. Van Aert. The Grade 7 team is being coached by Ms. Crawford and Ms. Purdy. Hats off to the Jarvis Traditional staff who have volunteered their time to provide our senior students with this exciting opportunity!



Student and Staff Safety... Visitor Sign-In:



Parents, guardians, and all other visitors are asked to enter the school using the main entrance and sign in at the office. Please do not proceed directly to a classroom. All visitors must wear a "visitor" identification badge while in the school for the safety of our staff as the badge identifies our visitors as belonging to our school community. If you are picking up your child for an appointment, please ask the office to page them down from their classroom. If you are dropping off lunches, please leave them on the "lunch table" in the front hallway and please ensure they are labelled.

Student safety is of the utmost importance. It is important that students, staff, and parents feel safe in our building and the school is not readily accessible to strangers. Aside from the daily security of our building, we are required to account for each and every child and adult who is in our school during a fire drill, emergency preparedness drill, earthquake drill and lockdown drill (for this reason, it is also important that you sign-out when leaving). Your cooperation with this matter is greatly appreciated.

Fall Flu Season:

The flu season is upon us, and we are experiencing slightly higher rates of absence than is normal at this time of year. At school, we are doing everything possible to keep Jarvis Traditional Elementary a healthy place to work and learn. All our students are receiving lots of reminders to wash their hands frequently, to cough into their elbows and to try and keep their work areas clean.



If your child is sick or exhibiting any of the symptoms of the flu, it is extremely important that you keep him or her home until all symptoms have disappeared. Please make sure to call the absentee phone line (available 24 hours a day) at 604-597-1768. Leave your name, your child's name and division number or teacher name.

Life Threatening Allergies:



This is a reminder to families in our community that several of our students 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. Label reading is the key to sending safe, nut-free foods to school. Please do your part to ensure our school environment is a safe one for all our students. THANK YOU!!

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.



Lunch Time Reminders:



If you do not send your child with their lunch and you intend to bring it before 12:00 pm, please let your child know that he/she can pick it up on the lunch table in the hallway. Parents are asked **not** to deliver the lunches directly to the classrooms and students are **not** allowed to go into the parking lot to get their lunches. Please leave the lunch at the office.

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.



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.

Parking Lot: Closed to Morning Drop-Off and Afternoon Pick-Up:

This is just a reminder that our visitor parking lot 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 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 118th 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 in the many surrounding neighbourhoods around the school. There are 4 entrances to Jarvis Traditional through the walking paths.
- Older siblings in the school are also encouraged to pick up their younger siblings and meet their parents at a designated spot.

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 student. 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 parking lot. Please note that there is no parking in the round about as it is a fire lane.

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.

Parent Connect Student Emergency Information:

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>



Hot Lunch and Field Trips at Jarvis Traditional:



This is just a reminder to our families that the Jarvis Traditional 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 2023-2024 school year has already started. The hot lunch dates taking place between now and Christmas Break are as follows:

- November 2nd
- November 9th
- November 16th
- November 23rd
- November 30th
- December 7th
- December 14th
- December 21st

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

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**.

