

## Jarvis Traditional Elementary Newsletter

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### Important Dates to Remember:

Dec. 11	Kindergarten Dental Screening
Dec. 13	PAC Talent Show Sign-Up
Dec. 14	Winter Concert – Afternoon Performance
Dec. 14	Winter Concert – Evening Performance
Dec. 14	Hot Lunch Day (White Spot)
Dec. 15	Div. 4 & 12: Ice Skating at NDRC
Dec. 18 To Dec. 22	Spirit Week
Dec. 18	Hot Lunch Day (Mary Browns)
Dec. 20	Term 1 Reports Available Online
Dec. 20	Div. 1 – 4: Strawberry Hills Cineplex (Wonka)
Dec. 21	Casual Day
Dec. 21	Hot Lunch Day (Boston Pizza)
Dec. 22	Christmas Movie
Dec. 22	Last Day of School Before Christmas Break
Dec. 23 To Jan. 7	Christmas Break
Jan. 8	School Re-Opens from Christmas Break
Jan. 15 To Jan. 19	PAC Talent Show Tryouts

### **Dear Parents:**

As another year winds its way to a close, it is timely to reflect on our many successes and think ahead to what lies in the future. The students at Jarvis Traditional have had another rich start to the school year. They are a very involved, caring group of children, and have a strong social conscience. Whether raising funds for the Terry Fox Foundation, or bringing in canned food items to support Deltassist, our students continue to exceed whatever charitable goals are established.

In addition to their generosity, visitors to our school always comment on the friendliness and outgoing nature of our students. Our students can be proud of themselves and their efforts to help make a difference in the lives of others.

Our PAC has had a great start to the school year. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated group of parents, who are committed to making Jarvis Traditional the best that it can be. The efforts of our PAC are very much appreciated and add a dimension to the Jarvis community that cannot be measured.

Our staff have given of themselves in so many ways. We are thankful for the many talents they share with our students both in the classroom and in those important extracurricular activities. Life at Jarvis Traditional is very full and rewarding!

As we move ahead into the year of 2024, we invite you to continue to be an involved member of the Jarvis Traditional community in any way you are able. You make such a difference in your child's educational life.

On behalf of the staff at Jarvis Traditional Elementary, we'd like to wish you all a very happy and safe holiday season and a Happy New Year!

*Mr. K. Levenstein*  
Principal

*Ms. J. Elkin*  
Vice Principal

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### 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>

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### 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.

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### Weather Reminder:



The weather is definitely 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.

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### 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.

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### Volleyball Season:



As the volleyball season winds its way to a close, I would like to recognize the hard work of both the Grade 6 & 7 teams. Our athletes have worked hard to develop their skills and have shown much growth since their first practices. Many thanks to Ms. Crawford, Ms. Purdy, Ms. Henriksen, and Ms. Van Aert for their tireless efforts in building the skill level of our teams, and for the many volunteer hours these coaches put in to ensure students had an exciting volleyball season. As a wind-up to our successful volleyball season, our Grade 7's will play two volleyball games against the Jarvis Traditional staff. **Please**

**note that admission to each volleyball game will be by \$2.00 with all proceeds going to offset expenses related to Grade 7 Outdoor Education (Camp Jubilee) and Grade 7 Farewell Events.**

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### Term One Report Cards:

This is just a reminder to our Jarvis Traditional families that report cards have been available to families online (through *Parent Connect*) since Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. We hope our families use the report card as a chance to talk with your child about their progress at school. The written comments will provide some very helpful information for your child about how hard they are trying at school. Celebrate those comments that tell you your child is trying their best.



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### 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 at the front office. Parents are asked **not** to deliver the lunches directly to pod exits or classrooms and students are **not** allowed to go into the parking lot to get their lunches. Please leave the lunch on the lunch table.

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### 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>



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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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## Winter Concert 2023:

The halls are filled with the rich sounds of students singing as our school excitedly prepares for the upcoming Winter concerts on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm (afternoon performance) and 6:00 pm (evening performance)! I am pleased to announce that this year, all our classes will be participating in this event. For most presentations, our students will be performing in a “buddy class” format (two classes performing together).



As always, our students are VERY excited to be participating in a concert for their families and friends. Given the limited number of seats our school gym can accommodate, we encourage families to attend only one of the performances (1:30 pm or 6:00 pm). A notice went home to families last week providing parents an opportunity to inform the school about whether they plan to attend the afternoon or evening Winter Concert performance. Families opting to attend the evening performance should be aware that seating will be extremely limited (maximum of two seats per family), and tickets will be required for this performance. Tickets will not be issued for the afternoon performance.

**Whether you choose to attend the afternoon or evening Winter Concert performance, all students are expected to participate in both performances.** Over the past couple of years, we have noticed an increasing number of students not participating in our evening concert performances. It is very disappointing and disrespectful to teachers and classmates when students do not participate in the evening performance as they often have key parts in the presentations and the presentations are compromised when they are not there to perform them. In order to continue having evening concert performances, we must have full student participation in our evening concert performances!

Please note that this year’s Winter Concert will be dedicated in the memory of Manny Reel. Ms. Reel was an Education Assistant at Jarvis Traditional for the previous five years. Ms. Reel passed away last July after a 10-month battle with cancer. Ms. Reel loved the holiday season and was passionate in her support of our annual Winter Concert. Admission to both the afternoon and evening concerts will be by donation with all donations going to a legacy fund in honour of Ms. Reel. Our hope, as a school, is to create a “sensory walk” in the main school hallway and purchase two “Friendship benches” in honour of Ms. Reel and all that she did to make a difference at Jarvis Traditional. Our Winter Concert will be the first in a series of fundraising initiatives for *Ms. Reel’s Legacy Fund*. In addition to admission donations, the school will be running a 50/50 draw at each Winter Concert performance. Half of the proceeds from each 50/50 draw will go to the lucky ticket holder and the other half of the proceeds will go to *Ms. Reel’s Legacy Fund*. Parents will also have the opportunity to enter a draw for a pair of front row seats to either the afternoon or the evening concert performance!! The proceeds from this draw will also go to *Ms. Reel’s Legacy Fund*.

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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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### 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**.



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### Lost and Found:



Please look through the lost and found laundry rack (located in the hall beside the office) for your child's missing clothing items. Unclaimed items will be bagged up and donated to charity on **Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:15 pm**.

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HAPPY  
**Holidays!**