

## Jarvis Traditional Elementary Newsletter

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### Important Dates to Remember:

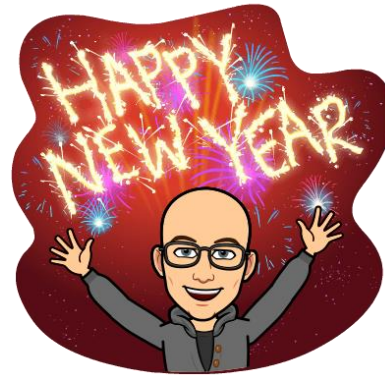
Jan. 8	Grade 5 Late French Immersion Presentation
Jan. 8	Div. 1 & 14: Ice Skating at NDRC
Jan. 9	NDFC Soccer Presentations
Jan. 14	NDSS Visits Grade 7s for Transition Planning
Jan. 14	Div. 11 & 17: Ice Skating at NDRC
Jan. 15	PAC Meeting at 3:30 pm (Jarvis Library)
Jan. 16	Div. 6 & 13: Ice Skating at NDRC
Jan. 16	Hot Lunch Day (Boston Pizza)
Jan. 20 To Jan. 23	Literacy Week
Jan. 22	Grade 5: ARC-BC Presentation
Jan. 23	Spirit Day (Theme TBA)
Jan. 24	PRO-D Day (No School for Students)
Jan. 28	Jump Rope for Heart Kick-Off Assembly
Jan. 29	Div. 1 & 14: Ice Skating at NDRC
Jan. 30	Casual Day
Jan. 30	Hot Lunch Day (White Spot)
Jan. 31	PAC Event: Langar (Bread Pakoras)
Feb. 4	Div. 4 & 12: Ice Skating at NDRC
Feb. 5	Student-Led Conferencing (2:00 pm Dismissal)
Feb. 10	Kindergarten Registration Day (Catchment Students)

### Dear Parents:

Happy New Year! I hope your holiday break was restful and renewing and that you enjoyed time with friends and family. The staff and students have come back to school with lots of energy and enthusiasm. This term promises to be a busy one, with many exciting classroom and school activities planned.

Basketball season will begin shortly for our Grade 6 & 7 students, planning has begun for Literacy Week (end of January), our school Science Fair (middle of February), and towards the end of the term we will be supporting the Heart and Stroke Foundation by participating in Jump Rope for Heart.

I hope 2025 is a wonderful year for everyone in the Jarvis Traditional community. The staff and I look forward to a fun and busy 2025!



*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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### 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.

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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:

This is just 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!!



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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 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

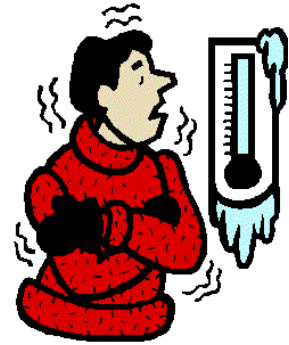
Announcements will also be made on the district website at <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca>. **To keep phone lines clear we ask that you please refrain from phoning the school to check that we are open.**

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



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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 by email at [jarvis.elem@deltaschools.ca](mailto:jarvis.elem@deltaschools.ca) or call 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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### 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.

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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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### 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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### PAC Meeting:

Our January PAC Meeting is set to take place on **Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm in the library**. At this meeting, will be looking to fill the following open position on the Jarvis Traditional PAC: *DPAC Representative*. Please note that this is a PAC Executive position. All PAC Executive positions require a nomination and election process to take place to fill the position. Also, all individuals being nominated for a PAC Executive position must be present at the PAC Meeting. Please see below for a description of the roles/responsibilities of the DPAC Representative. All parents of Jarvis Traditional students are members of the Jarvis PAC and invited to attend these meetings. Babysitting services will be available for this meeting.



#### DPAC Representative:

1. attend all DPAC meetings and represent, speak, and vote on behalf of the Council
2. maintain current registration of the Council
3. report regularly to the membership and executive on all matters relating to the DPAC
4. seek and give input to the DPAC on behalf of the Council
5. receive, circulate, and post DPAC newsletters, brochures, and announcements
6. receive and act on all other communications from the DPAC
7. liaise with other parents and DPAC representatives

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## Kindergarten Registration at Jarvis Traditional for the 2025/26 School Year:



We will begin taking Kindergarten registrations for the 2025-26 school **on Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>** for children who will turn five-years-old by December 31, 2025. Please bring the following information with you when you come to register your child(ren):

- appropriate proof of citizenship or status in Canada for both students and parents, and appropriate proof of age and guardianship of the student:
  - passport, immigration or refugee documentation; and
  - original student birth certificate (ideally showing the parents' names)
- appropriate proof of residence (purchase/rental agreement, current year property tax receipt, current month rental receipt showing address, or letter from landlord)
- BC Services Card (please include both sides of this card), medical and emergency contact information
- most recent report card from previous school, if available
- please note additional documentation may be requested by the school

Parents of Kindergarten students are required to register at their catchment area school but can fill out an online Non-Catchment or Non-District Application on the Delta School District Website anytime on or after **Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30 am**. Please click on the following link to access the Non-Catchment or Non-District Application forms: <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/schools/student-registration/kindergarten/>. *Please note that all applications are date and time stamped. The earlier you complete an application to the school of your choice the better. Please further note that applications will not be accepted unless all the documentation above has been provided.*

***Please note that we will begin taking Grade 1 – 7 catchment registrations for the 2025-26 school year on Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please bring the above information with you when you come to register your child(ren).***

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## Non-District and Non-Catchment Applications for the 2025-26 School Year:

Please let friends and family member know that non-catchment and non-district registrations for **Grades Kn – 7 will start Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30 am**.

