

## Jarvis Traditional Elementary Newsletter

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### Important Dates to Remember:

Feb. 7	Div. 5 & 7: Scottsdale Bowling
Feb. 10	Kindergarten Registration Begins for the 2025/26 School Year
Feb. 10	Indigenous Cultural Enhance Facilitator Nathan Wilson Visits Jarvis Traditional
Feb. 10	PAC Meeting at 3:30 pm in the Library
Feb. 11	Indigenous Cultural Enhance Facilitator Nathan Wilson Visits Jarvis Traditional
Feb. 11	Div. 11: Douglas J. Husband Discovery Center
Feb. 12	Div. 1-4: Grouse Mountain
Feb. 13	Hot Lunch Day (Boston Pizza)
Feb. 13	Div. 9: Wheelchair Basketball
Feb. 14	Valentine's Day!!
Feb. 14	February Sharing Assembly at 11:00 am
Feb. 17	Family Day (STAT Holiday: No School)
Feb. 18	Div. 4 & 12: Ice Skating at NDRC
Feb. 19	Jarvis Traditional Science Fair
Feb. 20	Spirit Day (Theme TBA)
Feb. 20	Div. 1-4: ND Musical "The Addams Family"
Feb. 21	PRO-D Day (No School for Students)
Feb. 24	Div. 16: Scottsdale Bowling
Feb. 25	Jump Rope for Heart
Feb. 25	Div. 9-11: Strawberry Hills Cinema
Feb. 26	Pink Shirt Day/Be Kind Day
Feb. 27	Casual Day
Feb. 27	Hot Lunch Day (White Spot)
Feb. 28	Ramadan



### Dear Parents:

Happy February Jarvis Traditional community! February is a very busy and important month as it is the halfway point in the school year. It is hard to believe how quickly we have reached this point in the school year! February also marks the beginning of basketball season for our Grades 6 & 7 students, and the beginning of basketball intramurals for our Grade 5 students. February is also the time of year when Kindergarten registration for the next school year takes place, and teachers prepare term two report cards.

February is also a time when, at school, we are doing everything possible to keep Jarvis Traditional Elementary a healthy place to work and learn. If your child is sick or exhibiting any flu symptoms, it is extremely important that you keep your child at home until all symptoms have disappeared. Please make sure to send an email to the absentee email account at: [jarvis.elem@deltaschools.ca](mailto:jarvis.elem@deltaschools.ca). Please include your name, your child's name and division number or teacher name in the email. It's very important that you email the school every day your child is away, to help us know he or she is home safe.

*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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### Did You Know:

Groundhog Day is celebrated every year on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. The legend of Groundhog Day predicting the weather comes from long ago in Europe. According to German folklore, if the sun comes out on Candlemas Day (the precursor to Groundhog Day), the badger will see its shadow and six more weeks of winter will follow. When German settlers came to Pennsylvania, they continued the tradition, using groundhogs instead of badgers to predict the weather.



The first official Groundhog Day was celebrated on February 2, 1886, in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. The groundhog used to see if winter will be extended was named, "Punxsutawney Phil".

Phil's fame began to spread and newspapers around the world began to report his predictions. Thousands of fans now make the annual trek to Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania on February 2<sup>nd</sup> to see whether Phil will see his shadow.

So, the question we need to answer is, what did Punxsutawney Phil predict for 2025? Bundle-up everyone... Phil saw his shadow, meaning we're in for six more weeks of winter.

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

Student  
Registration

Please let friends and family members know that non-catchment and non-district applications for Grades Kn – Gr. 7 started on **Monday, February 3, 2025 at 8:30 am ONLINE ONLY** at:  
<https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/schools/student-registration>

Please note that non-catchment and non-district applications received prior to **March 7, 2025** will receive priority in their respective category.

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### Basketball Season:

It's the beginning of February and basketball season is well underway! This year, the Jarvis Traditional basketball program will consist of four teams. The Grade 7 Boys Basketball team is being coached Mr. Nyznik, the Grade 7 Girls Basketball Team is being coached by Ms. Crawford and Ms. Purdy, the Grade 6 Boys Basketball Team is being coached by Mr. Levenstein, and the Grade 6 Girls Basketball Team is being coached by a combination of Ms. Bant and Ms. Sidhu. Mr. Nason and Mr. H. Pandher will be running a basketball intramurals program for our Grade 5 students. Hats off to the Jarvis Traditional staff who have volunteered their time to provide our senior students with this exciting opportunity. Go Jaguars Go!



#### Practices for the four basketball teams are as follows:

##### Grade 7 Boys:

- Mondays (12:00 – 12:50 pm) and Wednesdays (8:00 – 8:55 am)

##### Grade 7 Girls:

- Mondays (8:00 – 8:55 am) and Wednesdays (12:00 12:50 pm)

##### Grade 6 Boys:

- Tuesdays (8:00 – 8:55 am) and Fridays (8:00 – 8:55 am)

##### Grade 6 Girls:

- Tuesdays (12:00 – 12:50 pm) and Thursdays (8:00 – 8:55 am)

Grade 5 Intramurals takes place on Thursdays and Fridays, from 12:00 – 12:50 pm.

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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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### Lost and Found:

There is a large collection of coats, hoodies, pants, etc. Smaller items like jewelry and keys are at the office. **All unclaimed items will be donated to charity on Friday, March 14, 2025, at or after 3:15 pm.**



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### Jump Rope for Heart:



Jarvis Traditional students are becoming Heart Heroes one skip at a time! Please join us in embracing healthy living and social responsibility by skipping and raising money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Let's work together to make a difference in our school and across the country. Ms. Bant shared information on our upcoming Jump Rope for Heart event with Jaguar students and staff during a special Jump Rope for Heart Assembly that took place on Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. Our "skip off" will take place on **Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**. Families that wish to participate in the fundraising aspect of this event are asked to make donations through the following link:

[Jump Rope For Heart Donations](#)

Last year, the Jarvis Traditional community raised an incredible \$1,200.00 during our Jump Rope for Heart event. Our goal is to raise even more funds for this worthwhile cause!

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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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### PAC Meeting:

Our February PAC Meeting is set to take place on **Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm in the Library**. All parents are members of the Jarvis PAC and invited to attend these meetings. Babysitting services will be available for this meeting.



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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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### Animal Crackers Children's Centre – Jarvis Traditional Elementary

*We are accepting registrations for the 2025-2026 preschool year. Please feel free to come in our classroom to look around, ask questions, and register. We offer a flexible, but structured play-based program. We focus on socialization, open-ended play, fun, and academic activities. Our class times are from 9:00 – 12:00 pm and 12:15 – 2:30 pm.*

*We also have spaces available for our Before and After School Care programs. These programs offer supervised activities such as arts and crafts, baking, outdoor time, homework time and occasional outings. We are open from 7:00 – 9:00 am and 3:00 – 6:00 pm*

*If you have any questions, regarding our programs, please feel free to call us at 604-597-0181 or check our website at [www.deltaanimalcrackers.ca](http://www.deltaanimalcrackers.ca). More information can be found on our Facebook Page @deltaanimalcrackers*