ÉCOLE PAULINE JOHNSON ELEMENTARY E-BULLETIN

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Traffic and Drop-Off – PLEASE READ

It has come to our attention that there are still many parents who are parking on Jefferson (right beside the Kindie area) and getting out of their car to walk their students to the drop off. **Please be reminded that this is an area for immediate drop off ONLY.** Additionally, we continue to see parents and students running across Jefferson – this is VERY DANGEROUS. Please take the time to ensure children (and yourselves as adults) are using the crosswalks provided. You will note that the Traffic Patrol Officers for West Vancouver Police were out this morning to help us. Please note that they will ticket. Also be cautious that they may not be in marked vehicles or uniforms and that they, and out City Bylaw Officers are also watching. **Please be a positive example for our community and your children.**

Indoor/Outdoor Apparel

I**t is important for students to come to school dressed for Vancouver weather** (having an umbrella, wearing a waterproof coat, rainboots and rain pants if possible). Students go outside to play rain, shine or snow at PJ and having your child dressed appropriately is an important step in keeping them healthy. Please also have some extra clothing available for your child at school - ALL AGES. We don't have extra clothes for those who play hard in the elements.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES - IMPORTANT

Thank you to those parents that have completed the online form that helps the school as we navigate virtual events and local walking field trips (outdoors only permitted at this time). If you have not yet completed the form, please note that your child will not be able to participate in certain activities with their class. Please follow this link to complete it online now.

INDIVIDUAL STUDENT PHOTOS ARE READY TO ORDER

Your child has come home with a web code that is printed on the ID Cards/Web Code Flyers from Mountain West Studios.

Please follow this "How to Order" link once you have received your cards/ID card. This link will provide you with the complete steps and information on ordering photos for your child.
If you need any assistance in ordering or have any questions about your order, please chat with them at https://mountainwest.ca/
Re-takes for your child will be done on November 13th in the AM only.

CONTACTING STUDENTS DURING SCHOOL HOURS

Please contact our school office during school hours should you have an urgent message for your child. If the message is not urgent, we ask that you have a conversation about after school plans before school or else wait to text or call your child's cell phone until dismissal. The majority of interruptions on students' cell phones most recently are originating from parents and this is not conducive to focus, concentration, or student learning. Please call the school office or email the Principal (tzielinski@wvschools.ca) during the day if you need assistance with reaching your child. We are here to help in a way that supports everyone.

ELEMENTARY REGISTRATION

Do you or someone you know have a child born in 2016? Now is the time to register them for Kindergarten! Admissions applications for the 2021-2022 school year are available on our website here.
ALL Kindergarten students may submit an online application now. Students who will be entering grades 1-12 and live IN-CATCHMENT may also apply.
Out-of-catchment and out-of-district applications for students entering grades 1 – 12 in 2021-2022 will be available at 8am on January 15, 2021.
In order to comply with health and safety guidelines, parents and visitors should not enter schools without an appointment, so all supporting documents are being accepted electronically this year.
To complete your application, after you submit the online form, you must send good-quality electronic copies of all required documentation to your first choice school only.
Early French Immersion Kindergarten applications are subject to a placement lottery. For a child to be included in the lottery, applications must be complete before 3pm on Monday, November 30, 2021.

For more details, visit https://westvancouverschools.ca/admissions/apply-now

REGISTRATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL

If your first-choice high school is the one that our school feeds into (for École Pauline Johnson this is Sentinel Secondary School), you are not required to complete an online application (regardless of where you live). Sentinel counsellors will be visiting schools in late winter/early spring and distributing transfer forms at that time.
HOWEVER, if your first choice for secondary school is somewhere other than Sentinel, you must complete an online application according to the student registration timelines. Please note: No out of catchment or out of district applications for secondary are accepted until January.

TIMELINES FOR ALL REGISTRATION:

- October 15, 2020

All Kindergarten applicants (catchment, district and out of district) and all students residing in catchment for entry into Grades 1-12.

- January 15, 2021

Out of catchment (in-district) and Out of District applicants may apply online for Grades 1 – 12.

DAILY HEALTH CHECK

Please note that, as of September 11th, there have been published updates to the checklist you and your family should be using each morning to assess the health of each member in your household that will be attending school. Please print and keep handy the attached. The latest updated Daily Health Check can be found here.
If children experience any illness symptoms while attending school, parents/guardians will be expected to pick up their children immediately.

- Students must practice hand hygiene upon entry and exit of the school and at all transition times. Teachers and other school staff will support these procedures during the school day.
- Students must respect physical distancing protocols.

o As physical distancing is more challenging with younger students (K-5) students will be supported to minimize physical contact with one another. Students will be

asked to keep “hands to themselves” at all times. This aligns with the new B.C. Public Health Guidelines for K-12 Schools.

o Older students and adults should seek to maintain a safe physical distance (2m) whenever possible.

- No food can be shared and eating will occur in class, under adult supervision. No snacks for a class prepared at home will be permitted (ex. birthday treats).
- Students must demonstrate Respiratory Etiquette as follows:

o Cough and sneeze into their elbow, sleeve, or a tissue;

o Throw away used tissues and immediately perform hand hygiene;

o Refrain from touching their eyes, nose or mouth;

o Refrain from sharing any food, drinks, unwashed utensils.

- Parents/guardians will be asked to remain outside the school building, unless they have a pre-arranged appointment. Masks will be mandatory for any in-school appointments. Parents/guardians are also asked to minimize their presence on the school property (playgrounds, fields, courts etc.) to pick up/drop off children. Please arrange drop off and meeting places on the outer borders of the school property.
- Students must bring their own supplies (technology, pens, pencils, etc.). There will be no sharing of supplies. If your child left some supplies at school last spring, they will be returned on Day One.
- Students must bring their supplies, as well as their own food and drink at the start of the school day. This includes snacks, lunch and water bottles. There will be no sharing of supplies, food or drink.
- There will be no mid-day drop offs and deliveries of food items permitted.
- Please do not make appointments for your child on the day(s) s/he is scheduled to attend. If there are extenuating circumstances, please contact me (tzielinski@wvschools.ca) directly and I will work with families on an individual basis to ensure the health and safety of everyone in the building.

NORTH SHORE FLU CLINICS 2020

Please see here for locations close to you. Please note:
This year there are no drop-ins, only appointments via the Jane app. Link www.vch.ca/flu is in the attached document. Each family member has to have a time slot but one person can book all of them under their name as we’re only using the jane system to space out the appointment bookings.

PJ REPORTING OF STUDENT ABSENCES

Is your child sick? Have an appointment, or something happened and your child cannot be at school? Please email the Principal with any and all requests for your child. Tara Zielinski tzielinski@wvschools.ca

UPCOMING DATES

Nov 11	Remembrance Day Holiday – School NOT in Session
Nov 13	Photo Re-Takes - AM only
Nov 25	PAC Virtual Meeting 9:30am
Dec 4	First Term Report Cards go home

2020-2021 CALENDAR (GR K-7)

See here for our Year at a Glance Calendar. Holiday dates, Photo dates, Professional Days and many other dates are here for your family viewing.

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER #ECOLEPJ

Keep up to date on what is happening at the school by following @tarazielinski or go to this link https://twitter.com/tarazielinski to stay in touch and find valuable articles on education, parenting, technology and other interesting tidbits of information. Our welcome back Principal's Blog is up as of this week as we welcome all 60 new Kindergarteners and their families to PJ!

FROM YOUR PAC

Purdy's Chocolates Fundraiser

Our annual Purdy's Chocolates Fundraiser is back for the holiday season! From stocking stuffers to gifts for teachers and colleagues, you'll find something for everyone. Place orders via the Online Order Form, and be sure to include your child's name and division (visit website for detailed instructions). Deadline to order is November 23, and all orders will be sent home with your child on December 7.

Ongoing Fundraisers

And don't forget about all our other ongoing fundraisers:

- Fun Lunch: extended through December
- Well Fed: new menu items added for November
- Indigo: eGift Cards are great for gifts!

Volunteers Needed - Forest Maintenance

The PJ Park Committee is looking for volunteers to help us with the seasonal maintenance of PJ's forest area. We need 10 parents who can help pull invasive species on Friday, November 13 at 3:30. Children welcome and no experience necessary! Find details and Sign up here, or contact Michelle for more information.

Spirit Wear Update

Get ready to show everyone that you are #PJproud - Spirit Wear orders will start going home mid-November!

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