



October 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 1 & 2 – Picture Days**
- Oct 4 – POWER Assembly 2:15**
- Oct 9th– DQ Lunch (if purchased)**
- Oct 11 – No School**
- Oct 14 – No School (Thanksgiving)**
- Oct 16 – Parent Council 6pm**
- Oct 19 – Fright Night at the Museum**
- Oct 21–24 – Book Fair**
- Oct 22nd–Hot Lunch (if purchased)**
- Oct 25 – No School**
- Oct 31 – Halloween**
 - November Hot Lunch Orders Due**

Coming Up....

- Nov 5 & 6 – Parent Teacher Meetings**
- Nov 7 – Remembrance Day Ceremony**
- Nov 8–11 – Fall Break**
- Nov 29 – No School**

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

As we wrap up our first month of school, I want to take a moment to reflect on all that we've accomplished together. We are thrilled to welcome 22 new students and three new staff members to our school this September. Please join me in welcoming Sara Hileman to our Grade 2 team, Chantelle Marais to our Educational Assistant team, and Esther Walkey as our new Family School Wellness Worker. We're excited to have them join our community!

September has been all about establishing routines, building relationships, and diving into our lessons. We successfully conducted our first fire drill, celebrated Terry Fox Day, and recognized Orange Shirt Day. Looking ahead, we will soon welcome Indigenous artist Mackenzie Brown, who has created artwork for our outdoor classroom and share the stories behind her work. We also have our first Power Award assembly, an Earth Rangers presentation, and our Halloween parade on the 31st to look forward to!

The weather this past month has brought chilly mornings and unexpectedly warm afternoons. To ensure our children are comfortable during recess, please dress them appropriately for the varying temperatures. While mornings have dipped to around 0 degrees Celsius, afternoons have reached as high as 27 degrees Celsius. We go outdoors for recess whenever possible, only staying inside during steady rain or when temperatures drop below -22 degrees Celsius. Fresh air and physical activity are vital for our students' well-being!

Our School Council held its first meeting of the year, and I want to thank everyone who attended. Your support is crucial for our students' success and enhances our school community. If you're interested in getting involved, please join us for our next meeting on October 16th at 6:00 PM at Jessie Duncan. We would love to see more parents join this wonderful group!

Thank you for your continued support, and here's to a fantastic school year ahead!

Sincerely,
Kory Sholdice
Principal



Lost and Found

Did you know there's a whopping 99% chance we can reunite your kiddo with their lost treasures if they've got at least their initials on them? Talk about a personalized superhero move!



JDES PICTURE DAY(S)

Tues Oct 1st

Pre-K
Kinder T/Th
Grade 1
Grade 2
Grade 3

Wed Oct 2nd

Kinder M/W



We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our Educational Assistants, Custodians, and Teachers. Your unwavering dedication and tireless efforts are the pillars that support our educational community. Educational Assistants, your compassion and patience help guide and nurture our students every day. Custodians, your hard work ensures that our learning environment is clean, safe, and conducive to education. Teachers, your passion for teaching and commitment to your students inspire and shape the minds of the future. Together, you create a supportive and thriving environment where everyone can succeed. Thank you for all that you do.

Oct 1st

EA Appreciation Day

Oct 2nd

Custodian Appreciation Day

Oct 5th

World Teacher Day





Happy
HALLOWEEN

~ CALL FOR NOTICE ~

PARENT COUNCIL

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
FOLLOWED BY PARENT
SOCIETY MEETING

OCTOBER 16TH @ 6 PM

WE NEED YOU!
WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW
MEMBERS & VOLUNTEERS!

**** CALL OF NOMINATIONS FOR SCHOOL
COUNCIL CHAIR, VICE- CHAIR &
SECRETARY AND PARENT SOCIETY
PRESIDENT, VICE- PRESIDENT, SECRETARY,
TREASURER AND DIRECTOR POSITIONS ****

**ALL PARENTS
WELCOME!**

**THANK
YOU!**



Jessie Duncan Parent Society

**Meat Draw
Volunteers
Needed!**

October 18, 2024

December 13, 2024

MEAT DRAW PROCEEDS
GO TOWARDS JDES
IMPROVEMENTS &
STUDENT ENRICHMENT
ACTIVITIES

MEAT DRAWS ARE ON FRIDAYS @ THE PENHOLDER TAVERN
4 VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR EACH DRAW
HOURS 6:45 PM- 8:45PM
Please contact jdschoolcouncil@gmail.com
FOR MORE INFO OR TO SIGN UP



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RAISED
\$625.00 FOR
THE TERRY
FOX
FOUNDATION**





AUTUMN



SCHOLASTIC

BOOK

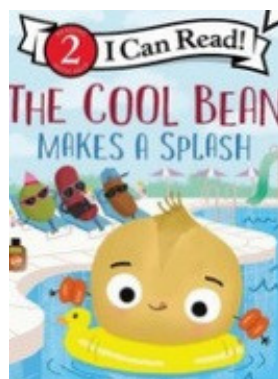
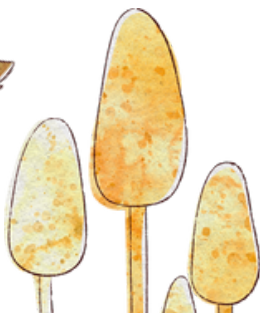
FAIR

21-24

OCTOBER 2024

Check Out Our Website!

[HTTPS://BOOKFAIRS.SCHOLASTIC.CA/BF/JESSIEDUNCANELEMSCHOOL1](https://bookfairs.scholastic.ca/bf/jessieduncanelemschool1)





**Fright Night at
The Museum
(Halloween Walk Through)
October 19th**

**Lights on
2pm-4pm
(For
younger
children)**

**\$5 a person
\$20 a family**

**Lights off
8pm-10pm
(For
older
children)**

**Proceeds Donated
to Museum Mini
Golf Project
and
Penhold Waskasoo
Middle School
Playground**

**Sponsored by
The Wolfe Family**



LOOSE PARTS PLAY

(coming soon to Jessie Duncan School)

Let's go on a Treasure Hunt for LOOSE PARTS! We are looking for some help and asking families to keep an eye out for Loose Parts that can be added to our new school shed.

What are Loose Parts?

Loose Parts are materials children can use alone or combine with other materials with endless ways to create, problem solve, or express their language, mathematical, or scientific thinking as well as work on their fine and gross motor skills. Loose Parts have no set directions.

The great part is that most items are already in your house (or at work) and don't need to be purchased! Look at the list below but please DO NOT let this limit your family's imagination while you are collecting.

We will be accepting loose parts throughout the year - not just in September.



Why Loose Parts?

Loose Parts play allows our children to learn through play! It can be a very positive experience for children and adults. Loose parts play encourages varied types of play which can involve sustained concentration, creative experiences, team building, cooperation, effective communication, increased sharing and negotiation, problem-solving, and experiential learning. This type of play also encourages children to manage their own level of risk as well as learn how to develop the ability to assess risks for themselves.

All of these experiences can positively impact the in-class experience.

Loose Parts

-Cardboard Boxes (large) - thick cardboard tubes -milk crates -
plastic pots -Large buckets -tarps -tent flies -more cardboard
-steering wheel -rope -plastic lattice fencing -sticks
(lacrosse, bamboo..) -vacuum hose -large spools -chair parts
-storage containers And so much more!!



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