
JQ E-Bulletin - September 21

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Grades 6 and 7 - JQ's WE group is starting up! WE is an organization that inspires young people to identify local and global issues that spark their passion and empowers them to develop skills and tools to take action. Through WE Schools, students gain an understanding of the root causes of issues like hunger, poverty and access to education or health, as they explore how they can make positive impacts. They also plan and carry out at local and one global actions to improve their communities and the world. See WE.org for more information.

The first JQ WE group meeting is on **Monday, September 24th at 12:20pm** in the JQ Music Room. Sign up forms have been distributed to all 6/7 classes. Please bring your completed form to the meeting.

School Safety Patrol Training: Students interested in becoming School Safety Patrol members in Divisions 1, 2 and 3 for Term 1, September to December, are invited to a School Patrol Training Session on **Monday, September 24th at 1 pm**. Please return your parent consent form on Monday in order to participate. This term's sponsors are Monsieur D. and Mme Chow.

Cross Country next week's schedule:

1. Practice as usual Monday 8-8:45am but no practice Wednesday morning because of the meet.
2. Monday is the last day to bring cross-country permission forms. You can pick them up outside the office.

3. Please contact Coach Lori (patandlori@telus.net) as soon as possible if you need a JQ shirt to race in. There are new shirts to purchase for \$25 or old shirts to borrow for a \$20 deposit (cash or cheque to JQ PAC).

4. Mini-meet on **Wednesday, September 26th at 3:30 pm** sharp at Vanier Park starting with grade 7 boys. Early dismissal is at 2:45pm especially for grades 7, K/1, 2.

We are excited for a great season and our first meet. Thank you to the parent volunteers who have been a great help at the practices thus far (Tam, Pete, Leah, Leah and Maureen, Darren and Tim). We really appreciate it!

Coaches Lori Durward and Julie Beaumont

Terry Fox Run: The school will hold its annual Terry Fox Run on **Thursday, September 27th at 2 pm**. The whole school will participate with younger children running on the field and older students running around the Lord Byng/JQ Block.

Orange Shirt Day – Friday, September 28th: Students, staff, volunteers and parents are invited to wear orange next **Friday, September 28th**. September 30th has been declared Orange Shirt Day annually in recognition of the harm the residential school system did to children's sense of self-esteem and well-being, and as an affirmation of our commitment to ensure that everyone around us matters. Orange Shirt Day is also an opportunity for Indigenous and Non-Indigenous people, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.

Library News: Please see attached letter from our new School Teacher-Librarian, Mme Brigitte Attali-Netherton.

Feeling Welcome and Safe at Ecole Jules Quesnel

As you may know, the BC Ministry of Education as well as the Vancouver School Board District is committed to ensuring that all students and families feel safe and included. One of the ways that people sometimes tease or discriminate is through homophobic or transphobic language and remarks. This type of discrimination is not acceptable and is included in both the BC Human Rights Code and in our own school's Code of Conduct. To help students and staff feel safe and included, the BC Ministry of Education and the VSB asks all schools to have one or two SOGI School Leads (SOGI stands for Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity).

Madame Campbell and Madame Cassap-Hanson are the SOGI School Leads at Ecole Jules Quesnel this year. Our role is to help create a safe and inclusive school community for everyone here. Students, parents and teachers are welcome to come and talk to either of us if they are seeking support or resources around issues related to sexual orientation or gender identity. These issues might include homophobic or transphobic name-calling, teasing and bullying, and helping same-sex parented families or trans folks feel welcome in the school community. We can also help teachers and parents to find great books and resources that celebrate family diversity and respect. All of our staff are allies in this important effort.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or would simply like to introduce yourself!

Madame Campbell (Kindergarten teacher) and Madame Cassap-Hanson (Grade 5 teacher)

Volunteer Drivers' Form Update: We have now received information that the VSB will not require parent volunteer drivers to submit a Drivers Abstract from ICBC. Our apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Criminal Records Check: Volunteers at Jules Quesnel can submit an online request for a Criminal Records Check if required by the school. Such a request may be necessary when parents/guardians volunteer for overnight camps or to help in the swimming pool changing rooms, as these are considered “vulnerable” situations for students. Here is the link for the Criminal Records Check

<https://justice.gov.bc.ca/eCRC/home.htm>, Access Code: RQJSLQVMSY.

Parking Lot: For safety reasons, please do not walk through/across the parking lot between 8:50 am and 9:00 am and between 3:00 and 3:30 pm. Vehicles are arriving and backing up to park and little ones are not always easily visible.

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Early Dismissal & Conferences: A reminder that there will be early dismissal for conferences on the following two days: **Wednesday, October 3 & Thursday, October 4 at 2 pm for all students**. Your child’s teacher will be forwarding information next week on how to book a time to meet with you.

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Student Safety and Traffic Concerns:

- The only Drop-Off Zone for Jules Quesnel is on West 14th Avenue in front of the school/pool parking lot. If there is a line-up, please do not park on the crosswalk at the corner of Crown and West 14th Ave. Do not leave your vehicle unattended especially with small children inside.
- Please do not use the school parking lot for pick-up or drop-off when you are running late. There are many kindergarten children in this area at these times.
- No backing-up on the corner of West 15th and Crown St. where there is also a cross-walk. Small children on the cross-walk are not easily

visible when you are backing up.

For the safety of all JQ students, we would ask that families respect the traffic rules around the school, slow down and drive carefully. Thank you for your cooperation.

PAC General Meeting: All JQ parents are invited for an important General PAC meeting in the library.

Tuesday, October 2nd from 7pm - 8pm in the JQ Library.

- We will have an information session with Q & A and **VOTE** on the addition of a senior playground structure.
- We will also discuss an important change in direct donation and how it may impact you.
- And lastly we will outline our plan for the coming year.
- As always your comments, questions and suggestions will be welcome.

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