



Janet Lee Update

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

WELCOME TO OUR NEW JANET LEE SCHOOL COUNCIL!

A huge thank you to A. Cowden, L. Devereux, L. Keddie, C. Kontogiannis, S. Larocque, M. Masse, S. Rudolph, M. Rudolph, and T. Dawdy, for continuing to support Janet Lee students and staff through School Council. This year A. Cowden will be Chair, L. Keddie Treasurer and L. Devereux Secretary. Although different this year, we are looking forward to working together. If you would like to join us at any of our monthly meetings please email the school for your virtual invite. All meetings take place the last Monday of the month via MS Teams.

Meeting Dates

Nov. 30, Jan. 25, Feb. 22, Mar. 29, Apr. 26, May 31

DAILY SELF SCREENING PROCESS

Please ensure that you are reviewing the self screening checklist daily with your child(ren). A revised screening tool has been issued by the Ministry. (Sent home) If children come down with Covid related symptoms during school, we must follow Public Health protocols. The first step to this process is that parents pick up immediately. If a student has a symptom that is normal for them related to a known cause or condition, parents, guardian/caregivers are encouraged to provide this information as early as possible, before symptoms display themselves. A Dr.'s note is not required for this purpose. Please take a reasonable approach to these situations considering your child's history and symptoms presenting themselves. If your child feels sick or feels they may have the cold or flu, because the symptoms are similar to COVID-19, you are advised to speak with a Dr. and contact public health to arrange a COVID19 test.

RETURN TO SCHOOL ATTESTATION FORM: If a student fails the screening for any of the above reasons and is absent from school, the student requires a completed "Attestation for return to school following illness or self isolation." If a student is sent home from school, we will provide a hard copy of this form to families to complete upon return of the student. If a student fails the screening while at home, please contact the school when the student is ready to return to school and we will help you with this attestation process.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

If there is inclement weather in the morning, staff will invite students to come directly into the building. Students will report to their classrooms. Given how important outdoor time is for students, especially right now to provide mask breaks, please continue to have students dress appropriately for the weather as we will prioritize outdoor learning.

PICTURE DAY

Unfortunately, due to Covid 19 restrictions, Picture Day will be postponed for the time being.

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HALLOWEEN

We know that Halloween is a time that many students look forward to, and we want to be able to provide our students with some fun activities this year as well. That said, we need to follow board and public health guidelines as we plan for Halloween this year. Here are the guidelines that have been provided to schools:

Students can come in costumes to school. Costumes must meet the following guidelines: no weapons, no costume masks that might impede vision, no inappropriate images. If wearing a costume, students should come to school already dressed. The costume should be comfortable and promote independence throughout the day as staff will not be able to support this. Students can also dress in orange and black or wear no costume at all. Individual teachers will communicate information specific to their classroom if needed. Halloween events will take place on **Friday Oct. 30.**

- Students should not be changing into costumes at school. Please send students already wearing their costumes.
- Student costumes must be able to accommodate a face covering as per COVID requirements.
- No costume parades are permitted.
- No in-person assemblies are permitted.
- No sharing/distributing food or drink is permitted.
- Maintain safe practices including physical distancing and hand hygiene.

OCTOBER CHARACTER TRAIT

Although for now we are not able to hold school wide assemblies, we will continue our long standing tradition of learning how to be good citizens. The character trait for the month of October will be Compassion—"We are each made for goodness, love and compassion. When we live these truths, our lives are transformed as much as the world is." Our first virtual assembly will be Oct. 30. Unfortunately there is no way to include parents at this time.

REPORTS SENT HOME

Our students have been working hard during their first six weeks of school, and we are proud of the learning that they are engaged in. Students will be bringing home reports on Oct. 29. Please connect with teachers via email or phone call if you have any questions.

INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE

I know that there is lots of information coming to families, both at the board and school level. If you have subscribed to receive items in your mailbox, Board News is always before my posts. Please click on the blue title to link to my updates. In addition, once posted on our website, Janet Lee information can be found under NEWS and board information under BOARD NEWS. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you for continuing to work closely with us. We are grateful for the community's ongoing support.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. S. Costa-Popovich
Principal*

