

JOCKVALE'S FRIDAY MESSAGE - SEPT. 15th, 2023



MEET THE EDUCATORS - Tuesday, September 19th, 2023 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm - We are excited to invite Jockvale families into the school for your child(ren) to introduce you to their educators and to show you around their classrooms! Educators will be in their classrooms from 4:00 - 5:15 pm. At 5:15 pm, we will close the classrooms and everyone will go outside to socialize (weather permitting). The Mr. Sundae ice cream truck will be there to sell ice cream and treats. If you would prefer not to buy treats from the ice cream truck, feel free to bring a treat or snack from home!

Please note that the event is an opportunity to meet the educators and see where your child is learning every day. At this point in the year, educators are still getting to know their learners and are not ready to offer you specific feedback about students' academic progress. If you would like to discuss your child's academic progress in the future, please set up a meeting with your child's teacher.

HEALTH & SAFETY @ JOCKVALE -



1. Anaphylaxis Awareness

Please be aware that some of our students and staff have severe and potentially life-threatening allergies to certain food products, especially peanuts and other nuts. Anaphylaxis is an emergency medical condition that can result in death. While it is impossible to create a risk-free environment, we can take important steps to minimize potentially fatal allergic reactions. In a spirit of caring and to ensure consistency at Jockvale, nuts and peanuts should not be brought to school. This includes products that may contain nuts and peanuts.

If your Jockvale student has anaphylaxis, or any other life-threatening condition, families are asked to complete a Plan of Care. Please contact the school office (613-825-1224) if you have questions about Plans of Care.

2. **Emergency Procedures** - At Jockvale, we actively prepare to follow our emergency procedures by conducting drills and having age-appropriate classroom and school discussions. In the next few weeks we will be conducting three fire drills and a lockdown drill. The school will send out a specific message about the lockdown drill in advance.

3. **Update Your Contact Information** - Emergency Contact Forms were sent home this week. Thank you for returning this form promptly as we rely on the information to communicate with parents, guardians, and caregivers. We call home for many reasons, ranging from a forgotten lunch to a medical concern, and up to date contact information is essential to the health and safety of our students.

Please note that the school will **not** contact parents/guardians via Facebook or Instagram accounts or any other social media account.

4. **Be Prepared for the Outdoors** - In case of an emergency, sometimes students may need to spend extra time outdoors. Please ensure that students are dressed appropriately for the weather because a medical emergency, a fire drill, or a school evacuation may result in spending extended time outside the building.

Students must have **indoor shoes** and wear them in the school building at all times. This is to protect their feet indoors and to ensure a quick and safe exit during a fire drill, medical emergency, or evacuation.

JOIN JOCKVALE'S SCHOOL COUNCIL - Jockvale Elementary School Council would like to invite all parents in the school community to join us on Wednesday, September 27th at 6pm in the school library or via [Google Meet](#) for our AGM/Elections and [first meeting of the year!](#) All positions will be open as we elect a new council and any parent in the school community is welcome to join or attend. We will send additional information about joining the council and different positions in next Friday's message!

We will also be voting to reallocate a significant amount of money and we encourage you to read the [attached letter](#) to better understand why - any parent in the school community is welcome to vote on this matter.

We look forward to seeing you! If you have any questions, please email sc-jockvalees@ocdsb.ca.

PANAGO PIZZA @ JOCKVALE - In partnership with Panago Pizza, Jockvale will be selling pre-ordered pizza slices on Wednesdays beginning October 4th, 2023. A dedicated message will be shared next week. Check out [School Cash Online](#) for payment details and stay tuned for more information!



R1A EXPLORES “ALL ARE WELCOME” - Students in R1A explored the book “All Are Welcome” by Alexandra Penfold and Suzanne Kaufman which celebrates diversity and inclusion. The students then coloured posters and put them up around the school to promote kindness and acceptance of all at Jockvale.

Terry Fox: Canadian Hero

JOCKVALE RUNS & WALKS FOR TERRY FOX: Fundraising & Parent Volunteers -

Terry Fox Run on September 22: Jockvale is proudly taking part in the annual Terry Fox School Run to continue Terry's dream of a world without cancer. Our event will take place on September 22nd (rain date: September 26) from 11:15am to 1:15pm on school property. We will be collecting Toonies for Terry on September 19th, or families can make a donation electronically through our [fundraising page](#). So far, we have raised \$210; we are well on our way to our school's goal of \$700! Thank you, families!

We are looking for parent volunteers! If you are available to help out, please fill in this [Google Form](#) by Monday, September 18th. We will send home the volunteer form with your child to confirm your participation. Thank you in advance for your support!

Have a great weekend!

Loretta and Karl



SEPT 18 - FIRE DRILL @ 2:15 p.m.
SEPT 19 - TOONIES FOR TERRY
SEPT 19 - MEET THE EDUCATOR @ JOCKVALE (4 p.m. to 6 p.m.)
SEPT 22 - TERRY FOX WALK/RUN

SEPT 27 - FIRST SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING @ JOCKVALE
SEPT 27 - ROWAN'S LAW DAY
SEPT 30 - NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION
Religious/Creed Based Days & Dates of Significance