

[John Stubbs Parent Handbook here](#)

[Parent Portal Access here](#)

[SD62 latest news here](#)

## Message from Principal, Sandra Szalipszki

This past week has gone well in our school. We are seeing our absence rates return to normal, and when I walk down the hallways, I hear children's voices laughing and speaking French. When I visit the classrooms, I see children involved and engaged in their learning. In the mornings, I see middle school students working one to one (properly distanced and side by side!) with their grade one Little Buddy, teaching them to read or reviewing their alphabet. The school feels wonderful. The past two days of sunshine seem to have really cheered everyone up and there is a sense that we are heading toward spring. Tomorrow is Kelly Wyatt's last day with us and then she heads off to retirement. It is also our last day with Deb Israel, Student Registration Secretary, who is leaving us to become the school secretary at Willway Elementary – they are so lucky to have her join their team! I'm sure you join me in saying **Goodbye** and **Good luck** to these two lovely ladies who have made such a difference to our school! *Bon voyage!*

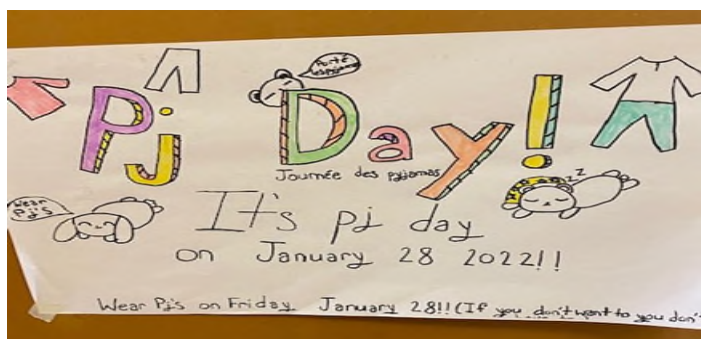
## COPING WITH ANXIETY DURING COVID

Strategies to help children cope with anxiety during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. Check out these resources from EASE for students in grades K-3 [here](#) and 4-7 [here](#). You can also read about the many resources Kelty Mental Health has [here](#).

## Grade 8's NEWS:

- ✚ **On February 1<sup>st</sup>, the RBSS Dance Academy teacher will be at ÉJSMS** at lunch to talk to Grade 8's only about the academy. Interested Grade 8's will meet in the Drama room at 11:30 on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. For more information please go [here](#).
- ✚ **RBSS counsellors will be visiting Grade 8 classes on February 8<sup>th</sup>** to talk about Grade 9 course selection. They will be back later in the month to collect the completed forms. Families can access the course selection guide and form [here](#).

**eREADING CLUB FOR KIDS:** Check out this Literacy opportunity for Students in Grades 2 to 6. This is a free online reading program for kids who want to improve reading in a fun and rewarding time. The program is run by screened volunteers and supervised by Victoria Literacy Connection Staff. Registration is now open and will close on Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. To register please go [here](#).



Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup> is  
**PAJAMA DAY**  
at  
**John Stubbs School**

**Pizza** (for middle schoolers) has been canceled this week due to absences. Stay tuned for next week. ALWAYS pack a lunch. Even when it is pizza day, just in case.

**PAC's Hot Lunch and Poppin For Peeps** Hot Lunch for February 4th and elementary Poppin for Peeps (Tuesday's Popcorn Day) has been cancelled for now. The PAC will update you later in February if we can begin these again. Thank you again for your patience with these changes.

**We want to take a quick minute to remind all parents to continue to:**

- \* Conduct daily health check each morning;
- \* Keep student(s) home if they are ill – be aware of the symptoms; Keep them home if symptoms persist.
- \* Provide students with masks to wear while indoors;
- \* Wash hands before sending your children to school.

We have been receiving calls from families asking questions that as a school we are unable to answer as they relate to health questions. What we can do to support you is to send you supporting documents and a link of where you can find answers to your questions.

Of note, the return date for after testing positive for COVID depends on whether the student has been double vaccinated. Please see the attached letter for further information to support this. As always, dial 811 should you have any questions regarding COVID.

This [link](#) will also help you to make decision regarding if your child is sick. This is from the BC Center for Disease Control.

**ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATION**

**ABSENCES**

If your child is going to be absent from school, please email [johnstubbs@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:johnstubbs@sd62.bc.ca) with the date(s), student’s first and last name. **If they are absent due to illness, please add ‘illness’ in the subject header. Thank you!**

**EARLY PICK UPS**

**Due to updated COVID Protocols we want to ask all parents to remain outside of the school building.** If you need to pick your child up during the school day, please come to the staff parking lot entrance doors at the back of the school. Once you are at the doors, please stand on one of the **yellow shapes** in front of the door and call the office at 250-478-5571 to sign your student out. Please do not call the office in advance of your arrival. Thank you.

**Important Dates**

-Jan. 28	Last day to order PINK Shirts
-Feb 4	Last day to order Spirit Wear
-Feb. 18	Non-Instructional Day
-Feb. 21	BC Family Day (No School)
-Feb. 23	Pink Shirt Day
-March 21	Spring Break Starts
-April 4	Students Return to Class
-April 7	Early Dismissal at 11:50 a.m.
-April 8	Non-Instructional Day
-April 15+18	Statutory Holiday Easter
-May 13	Non-Instructional Day
-May 23	Statutory Holiday Victoria Day
-June 29	Last Day of School



If you are thinking of moving to another school (whether within SD 62 or elsewhere), please contact Mme Szalipszki asap at [sszalipszki@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:sszalipszki@sd62.bc.ca) and include your class teacher(s)in the email. We will follow up with you directly.

**2022/2023 Registration Dates**

**2022/2023 Late French Immersion Registration: January 24-28**

To register for Late French Immersion please go [here](#)

**All other district registrations start January 24<sup>th</sup>** Register at [SD62 Student Registration](#)

**Prior to registering your child, please read the [Registration Guide](#) for information for what documents are required for a successful registration.**

## Yearbooks are on sale for \$25.75!

Families in **Kindergarten to Grade 8** can purchase a yearbook to commemorate the 2021-2022 year. You can find this item only in your School Cash Online account for purchase. If you don't have your school cash online account set up yet, please go [here](#).

## Spirit Wear For Sale

### Get your orders in your John Stubbs Spirit Wear!

The deadline is February 4<sup>th</sup>. All items will be shipped to the school before spring break. View and order your Spirit Wear at

<https://ejsmwinter2022.itemorder.com>.

Scroll all the way down to see all the choices!

*Thank you for your interest in showing off our school!*



### DOWNLOAD THE JOHN STUBBS CELL PHONE APP

A great way to ensure you are staying connected with communication from John Stubbs School is by downloading the John Stubbs app. Also, if you need to know about the Middle School Sports Activities, use the app.

Scan the QR code or find the app here: [John Stubbs APP](#)