

# J.W. Inglis Elementary School

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## December 2025 Newsletter

Holiday Greetings from JW Inglis Elementary! We have had a fantastic start to our school year together. Our students have had the opportunity to participate in a variety of exciting learning experiences this Fall. From the visiting 'Moobile Dairy' in September to the ongoing classroom visits from 'Science Bob', our students have been engaged in a wide variety of exciting learning opportunities.

Some other Fall highlights have included our Grade 6 volleyball teams participating in the district elementary volleyball season. Our students also participated in the District Cross Country runs, culminating in the annual 'Monashee Run' here at JWI. Each of our teams represented our school incredibly well, demonstrating sportsmanship, hard work, and positivity. Congratulations to our volleyball and cross-country teams!

It was heartwarming to see so many members of our school community join us for our Christmas Concert on December 11<sup>th</sup>. A huge thank-you to Mrs. Redden and all the staff who supported our students in preparing for the concert, and to the students for their incredible performances! We truly have a special school here at JWI.

Thank you to our amazing PAC for all their hard work to support the students at our school. This Fall, the PAC hosted the Family BBQ, the Halloween Dance, and the Family Movie Night, in addition to running various fundraisers and hot lunch each week. Our school is lucky to have such a dedicated group of parent volunteers!

We are excited for many more experiences that we will share together as a school community in the New Year. In the Spring we will have basketball, track and field, battle of the books, chess club, and much more. We will start January with our annual 'Battle of the Beats' at JWI. The students in each class submit a song, which is then voted on by the classes in the school to come to the favorite song at JWI!

As was previously communicated to our school community, JWI will be having an administrative change in January. Mrs. Sengotta is heading to Silverstar Elementary to take on the Vice Principal role there. We will miss Mrs. Sengotta, and wish her well in this next chapter at her new school. We will be welcoming Mrs. Ellie Jensen to JWI as our new Vice Principal. Mrs. Jensen is coming to us from Lavington Elementary, where she currently serves as a school-based resource teacher. We look forward to welcoming her to our fantastic school.

On behalf of our staff at JWI, we wish all our families a safe, joyful, and restful holiday break! We look forward to seeing our students back at school on Monday, January 5, 2026.

Mr. Kyle Doerksen & Mrs. Natasha Sengotta

Principal

Vice Principal

## Kindergarten Registration and Transfer Requests for 2026-2027

**The registration period for the 2026-2027 school year will begin on January 15, 2026, at 9:00am.**

If you have a child born in 2021, they will be starting Kindergarten in September 2026! If you are interested in a school transfer request for next school year, the time frame to place these requests is between Jan 15<sup>th</sup> and Feb 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be an online form to sign up for an appointment at the school to complete registration or transfer request forms. Please stay tuned for an email that will explain all the details. If you know any community members who have children entering Kindergarten next year, please let them know!

## Recycling Donations to JWI

**Do you have empty beverage containers at home? Donate them to our school with the Return-It App**

The Return-It App makes donations easy, to get started:

1. Log-in to your account through the Return-It App (found on Google Play Store or the iOS App store) or visit <https://app.return-it.ca>.



Don't have an account? Sign up for a free Return-It account at <https://app.return-it.ca>

2. Donate to our organization using the following link:

<https://app.return-it.ca/jwingliselementary>

You'll have the option to set auto-donations or a one-time donation.

3. Return all your empty beverage containers to a Return-It Express (Lumby location at 1749 Shuswap Avenue)

## Important Dates in the New Year

- **Jan 5:** Schools open after holiday break
- **Jan 13:** JWI Childcare Info Session @ 5:30
- **Jan 14:** PAC Meeting @ 6:00
- **Jan 15:** 2026-2027 School year Kindergarten registration and school transfer requests
- **Jan 23:** Pro-D Day (No school for students)
- **Feb 13:** Pro-D Day (No school for students)
- **Feb 16:** Family Day (Schools closed)
- **Feb 19:** Family Fun Night (more info TBD)
- **Feb 25:** Pink Shirt Day
- **March 13:** Last day of school before Spring Break
- **March 30:** First Day Back after Break

## JWI Childcare Facility Info Session

The School District is currently in the design phase of this project and expects there to be opportunities for community engagement with the JWI school staff, PAC and broader community early in 2026. The anticipated timeline for project completion and opening of the new facility is early 2027.

**The School District will be hosting an information session on January 13, 2026, at 5:30 pm at JWI for those interested.**

## JWI School Spirit Items:

We have JWI Mugs and Iron-On Patches available for purchase in the office for \$10 each while supplies last!



## It's Getting Colder... Please Dress for the Weather!

With the weather changing, please help ensure your child dresses appropriately for the weather. Please also pack an extra pair of socks and pants in their backpack. We expect all our students to go outside for exercise, play, and fresh air in **all** weather conditions, except during times of extreme weather. Please remind your child about our winter safety rules at school: snow stays on the ground (no snowball throwing). Thank you!



## Before and After School Reminders

**Safe Arrival:** Please make sure to call the school office at 250-547-9231 to inform us if your child is sick or will be absent from school. If we have not received a call and your child is absent, we will need to call to ensure student safety.



**After School Plans:** Please arrange after school plans with your child prior to school drop-off in the morning. This should include who is picking them up after school, and where they are to go at the end of the school day.

**Student Supervision:** Morning supervision begins at 8:05. After school supervision is provided for bus students only. Unless they are waiting for a bus, **students are expected to go directly home after school.**

## Volunteering at JWI

We encourage and welcome parent volunteers in our school. Parents who wish to help must have a completed criminal record check (CRC). This is at no cost to you through the Ministry of Justice. Please visit the Lumby RCMP detachment or speak with Leah at the office for details.

## JWI PAC

We have an incredible group of PAC members at JWI. Our PAC president is Amanda Cadden. For updates on PAC activities at JWI, please refer to their Facebook Page: "JW Inglis PAC." All parents are welcome to attend PAC meetings. It is a great way to connect with other parents and to share your ideas of how we can make JWI an even better place for our students. For general PAC questions, please contact: [jwinglispac@gmail.com](mailto:jwinglispac@gmail.com) For questions about hot lunch, please contact: [jwinglispachotlunch@gmail.com](mailto:jwinglispachotlunch@gmail.com)

The PAC would like to thank our wonderful families for their continued support. We would also like to thank our amazing group of volunteers. Without them, we wouldn't be able to offer our programs. The Executive would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year!