



John Allison Elementary School

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Updates April 2026



EASTER ACTIVITIES— egg hunt in the JAE garden, and Easter nests with Kitchen Kids.

Anti-Racism: Learning to Celebrate Everyone

SD58 schools, including JAE, had a virtual visit from Germaine and Joel from **Inspirational Republic** in Ontario.

They helped us learn what words like *racism*, *micro-aggressions*, and *allyship* mean in ways that made sense for kids. Most importantly, they reminded us that every person is unique and worth celebrating. We talked about how we can be kind, stand up for one another, and make our school a welcoming place for everyone.



Breakfast
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of Canada
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National Volunteer Week, is the perfect occasion to highlight the invaluable dedication of those that volunteer in our schools.

April 19—25 was National Volunteer Week and the **The Breakfast Club of Canada** acknowledged the work being done by Erin Williams at JAE.

Erin Williams

John Allison Elementary School, Princeton, British Columbia

Erin Williams' dedication to the well-being of our students at John Allison Elementary School is exceptional. Each morning, Erin arrives early to ensure that every child who walks through our doors has access to a nutritious start to their day. Her commitment ensures that our kiddos are fed, cared for, and ready to learn. As our Strong Start Teacher and the heart of our school's breakfast program, Erin plays a vital role in supporting both preschool and primary students.



Her consistent presence, warm approach, and genuine care have a profound and positive impact on our school community.



Buddy Reading: Growing Together Through Stories
 PSS Leadership students created an opportunity to give back to their school community by reading with our Grade 1 learners. The older students showed great leadership as they helped younger readers explore new books, build confidence, and enjoy the fun of sharing stories together. #passionproject #studentleadership #community #literacy



Learning at JAE—Our primary students are building their numeracy skills through hands-on measuring centres and strengthening their literacy with guided reading practice.



Egg Drop STEM Challenge: Our Grade 2 students took on an exciting hands-on engineering challenge as they designed and built protective structures to keep a raw egg safe during drops from a variety of heights. Working in small teams, students brainstormed ideas, tested materials, and refined their designs—putting real problem-solving and critical-thinking skills into action.



#recess #hulahoops



Farewell to Our “Home-Grown” Student Teachers
 Our Grade 2 students said goodbye to our wonderful student teachers, Ms. Kunderman and Ms. Skelding. We are grateful to Mrs. Ransome and Ms. Draude for welcoming them into our learning community and supporting their growth as future Princeton educators.



"Play builds brain pathways for thinking, creativity, flexibility, empathy, and many other life-long skills." - Heather Schumaker

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National Bus Driver Appreciation Day On April 28, we celebrated our amazing bus drivers who help keep our students safe every day. Their friendly greetings, careful driving, and dedication to our school community make a big difference. Thank you to our JAE bus drivers for all you do to support our students and families.

Earth Day Used Book Fair Thank you to our JAE PAC for hosting, and to all our JAE families for donating books, to our Earth Day Used Book Fair. Together, we raised \$730 to support the purchase of new books for our library. **#literacy #usedbooks**

Thank s again, JAE PAC We are grateful to our JAE PAC for supporting our school by bringing Frisbee Rob back to Princeton. After an exciting school-wide presentation, he led engaging workshops for our Grade 1, 2, and 3 classes, inspiring students to stay active and have fun while learning new skills. **#frisbeerob**





April Spirit Day
 We've got spirit at JAE! Students dressed up in their **fancy** clothes for our April Spirit event and came together as a school community for a joyful sing-along during our assembly.



Sockeye Fry Release at Skaha Lake

Grade 2 students from JAE joined nearly 800 students from more than 25 South Okanagan and Similkameen schools for the *Okanagan Nation Alliance's* annual sockeye fry release on April 30, 2026, at Skaha Lake in Penticton. This event is part of a large-scale effort to release 5.35 million **sockeye fry** this spring to help restore salmon populations in the Columbia and Okanagan basins.

