

# James Bay Community School

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## BI-WEEKLY MEMO

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**Date: November 19, 2018**

### **From The Principal**

How time flies! First term Report Cards will be going home the week before the winter break and of course students are also beginning to prepare for their Winter Concert on Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for more information.

I would also like to bring to your attention morning drop off and afternoon pick up. Our drop off zone is on Oswego Street. Please use this area. Dropping off students by stopping in the traffic lane is not safe.

We are also entering Flu and cold season. Please remind your children to wash their hands. Please click on the link to find out more information on [handwashing](#) from VIHA.

Have a safe and illness free November!

### **From the PAC:**

Has your house had its fill of candy from Halloween? Got leftovers?

Please send any or all candies that would be useful for cookie decorating at the PAC Cookie Decorating Table at the Dickens Fair (Dec 1)

to the office and Stephanie McRobb will pick them up. Smarities, M&Ms, Skittles, or other cake/cookie decorations would be much appreciated!

The PAC is also seeking sugar cookie bakers nearer the date too. It's a very popular table with the kiddos and earns some much appreciated donations to the school as well.

A sweet deal for all!

Thank you,

Stephanie McRobb

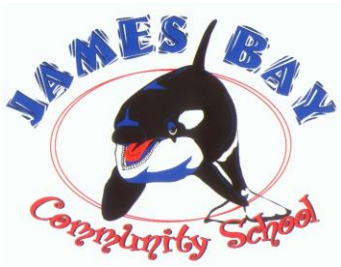
[smcrobb@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:smcrobb@sd61.bc.ca)

### **Attendance Line:**



Please use our Attendance Line: **250-383-7152**, when you are notifying the school of your child's absence. When calling in, please remember to speak clearly, slowly and include your child's division in your message before 9am. If a message is left after 9 am please note you will receive a call as the attendance report has already been entered into the system. Thank you for your cooperation😊





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### Looking Ahead

#### Monday, November 19

- Div. 10 & 11 going to Goldstream Park 9-2:30pm
- Society AGM Meeting 6:00pm

#### Tuesday, November 20

- Seniors Dinner 5:00pm

#### Wednesday, November 21

- Happy Wednesday☺

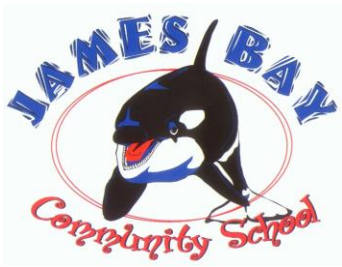
#### Thursday, November 22

- Strong Start is closed
- Seniors Dinner 5:00pm

#### Friday, November 23

- Pro-D day no school for students





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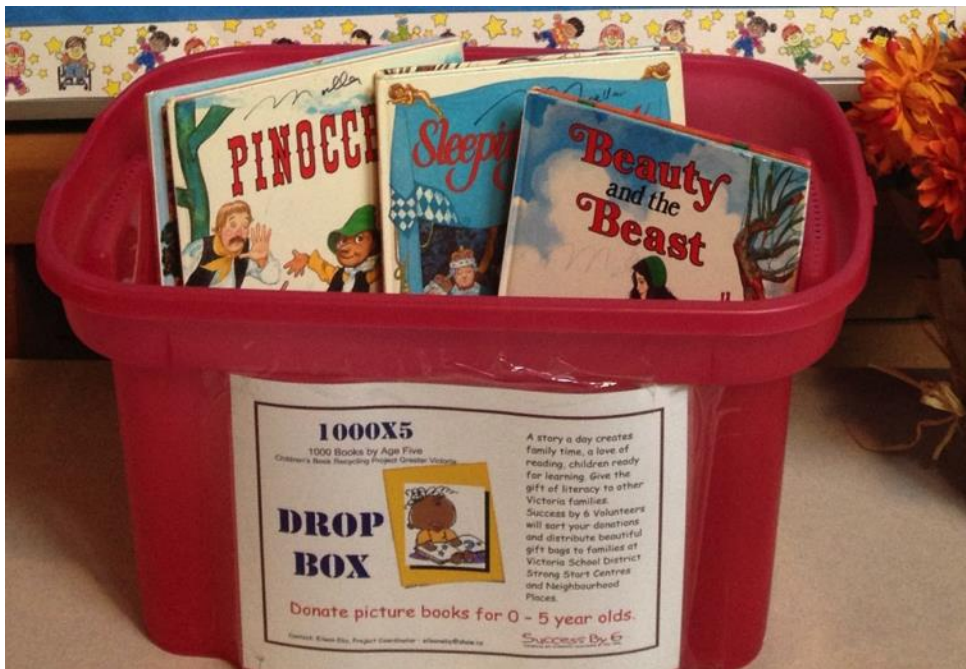
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### 3 Books = 1 Gift Make it Happen

**This is the second year of the three book challenge.** As we head into the holiday season, many families appreciate a bit of help with gifts. And what can be a better gift than a bag of 3 books for babies and toddlers? Every month 1000X5 pops 2400 books in 800 gift bags. Last year, the challenge yielded thousands of books. Thank you.

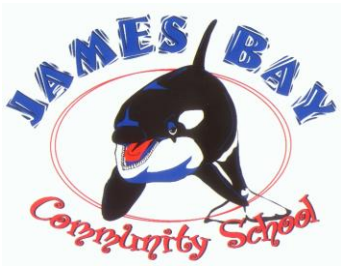
If each child in James Bay Community School brought in 3 gently used books for babies and preschoolers, we would collect 732 books, enough for gift bags of books to 244 children. **Let's make it happen.**

Drop books  
preschoolers  
just outside



for babies and  
off in the pink bin





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# Catchment Boundary Review

The District is reviewing  
catchment boundaries to align  
growing student populations  
with schools' capacities.

**Have your say!**

Participate in the catchment  
boundary review survey:  
[www.sd61.bc.ca](http://www.sd61.bc.ca)

Survey closes:  
**Friday,  
November 30,  
2018**

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### Catchment Boundary Review *Frequently Asked Questions*

We hope the following information helps you navigate the process of our boundary review and clarifies what it will mean for your family.

#### Why is the District doing a boundary review?

The last catchment boundary review was approximately 20 years ago. Since then, the District's student population has grown significantly and smaller class size legislation has impacted the availability of space in schools.

Some schools are already operating at full capacity and using portables to accommodate catchment students while other schools have surplus capacity. Meanwhile, student enrolment has been steadily increasing and long-term projections indicate more than 1,800 students will register in the District over the next 10 years.

The District needs to consider revising catchment boundaries to alleviate capacity constraints in some of its schools and balance enrolment across the entire District to prepare for future enrolment pressures.



#### What is my current catchment boundary?



To determine your catchment boundary please visit: [www.sd61.bc.ca/schools/school-catchment-maps/](http://www.sd61.bc.ca/schools/school-catchment-maps/)

Or type in your postal code into our school locator tool to determine your catchment school:  
[www.sd61.bc.ca/schools/school-locator/](http://www.sd61.bc.ca/schools/school-locator/)

#### How will a catchment boundary change affect my family?

Some catchment boundaries will change affecting students' current catchment boundaries. This means that some students who were once considered a catchment student may now be a non-catchment student at a specific school and that their catchment pathway will change.

The District is committed to allowing re-enrolling students to remain at their current school until their next school level transition from elementary to middle or middle to secondary.






Please also note that there will be public consultation on the new proposed boundaries in early 2019 before the proposed changes are brought forward to the Board of Education. Further, the new boundaries will not come into effect until September 2020. The District wants to give parents, guardians and students plenty of time to prepare for any changes.

Current catchment pathways:

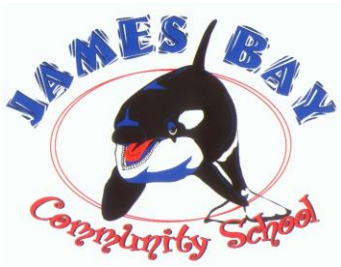
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**Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> ★ 10 to 4:30**  
**James Bay Community Center, 140 Oswego Street**

**Door prizes**  
**Cafe & Children's Craft Area**

**Admission \$2**

Children under 12 Free

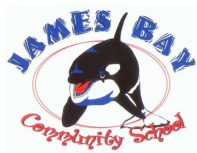





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25 Café: 1,2,3,5,7 Classroom 4,6,8,9,10,11	26 1:30 Celebration of Learning Assembly Div. 10&11 To Legislature 	27	28	29	30 Gym closed Friday pm for Dickens Fair	 Dickens Fair

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Dickens Fair 10 am - 5pm 
2	3 It contains each number, zero through nine, in alphabetical order.	4	5	6	7 Div. 1 & 2 go skating from 11:30AM- 3PM	8
9	10	11 No Seniors Dinner Society Executive 6pm	12 Naden Concert Leaving the school at 12:30pm PAC Meeting 6:30 to 7:30 Seniors Holiday Dinner 5:00pm 	13 No Seniors Dinner	14 First Report Cards Go Home 	15