

# James Bay Community School

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## BI-WEEKLY MEMO

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**October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

### From the Principal

Hello James Bay Families,

I hope this finds you well after a restful and rejuvenating long weekend. I can't believe it is already the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of October. We will be prepping for Halloween celebrations before we know it!

We have had a very successful 6 week return to school. The children have settled into routines and have already made gains. There are always successes to celebrate! With this in mind we would like to prepare for our Parent/Teacher conferences for this year. Our conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, October 20 and Thursday October 21. The District has asked all schools to book parent conferences through Microsoft "Bookings" this year. This is similar to the online booking that we tried last year, but it is a more secure system that connects directly to teachers' outlook calendars.

Later this week Kerynne Adler will be sending out an information letter outlining how to book conferences with your child's teacher. Links for these bookings will be included. Please watch for this important email coming out this Thursday.

We have been practicing our safety drills this year. We have had a couple of Fire Drills already. Victoria Fire Department was present for one of the drills and they were very impressed, as was I with how the students handled the seriousness of the drill and how quickly they were able to evacuate the building and wait for instructions. We will be practicing our Earthquake Drill procedures this week and continue to practise Fire Drills throughout the year. Our Lockdown Drill is scheduled for later this year. Keeping your children safe is of outmost importance to all of us.

We will be having a Provincial Pro D Day on October 22. This is an opportunity for all staff to participate in offerings from around the province. Although most will still be done through Zoom links and online offerings these connections remain important opportunities for us to learn and collaborate with colleagues across the province.

I hope you have a good end to your week.

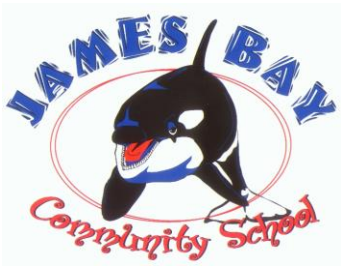
Be Well,

**Louise Sheffer**

Principal: James Bay Community School

District Principal

Acknowledges that she lives, works and plays on the traditional territories of the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations.



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### Attendance



We are working hard to streamline our systems for your convenience, if your child is absent from school, our preference is an email to [jamesbay@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:jamesbay@sd61.bc.ca), however, the attendance line - **250-383-7152** is still in operation for you to leave a message.

In either case, please state your child's name, division number/teacher, the date and the reason for the absence before 9am on the day of the absence. If leaving a telephone message, please speak slowly and clearly.



### School Meals Program

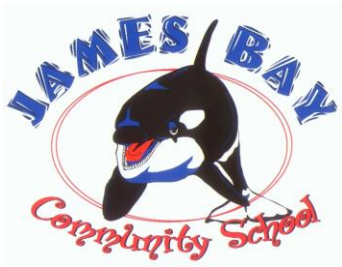
Our lunch program will be starting up again September 13<sup>th</sup>. You can choose to have lunch all days or just 1 or 2 days a week.

We offer a variety of options for sandwiches and snacks. This program is accessible for all of our families. If you'd like to sign up or require any additional information please contact our School Meals Assistant, Kerynne Adler

**Email:** [kadler@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:kadler@sd61.bc.ca) **Phone:** 250-384-7184

## Important Dates and INFORMATION

- October 13<sup>th</sup> - PAC Meeting 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM
- October 20<sup>th</sup> - Parent Teacher Interviews 1:45 PM to 5:00 PM  
**Early dismissal at 1:30 PM**
- October 21<sup>st</sup> - Parent Teacher Interviews 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
**Regular dismissal time**
- October 22<sup>nd</sup> - PRO D Day – No School
- October 29<sup>th</sup> - Black and Orange Day (Please no costumes!)



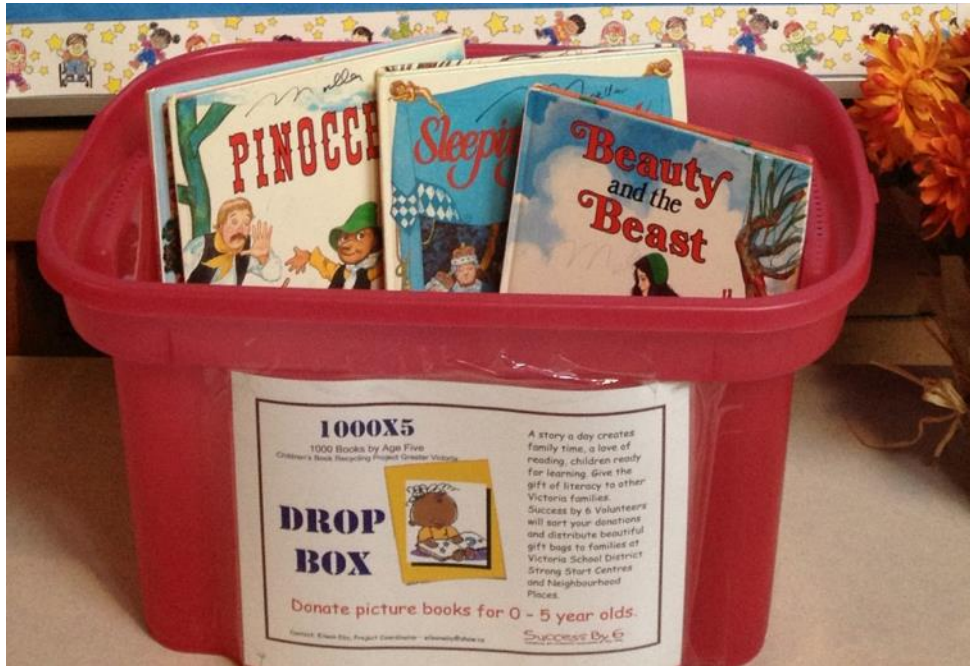
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### 1000X5 Books Part of October Fun Wee Ones Need Your Books



As you prepare for the end of the month celebrations with fun costumes and food, can you find a minute to locate 3 gently used books for babies and toddlers and drop them off in the pink bin in the front entrance. These books will entertain and enrich wee ones long after the October fun has ended. **250,000 books in 10 years!!**  
**Thank you.**



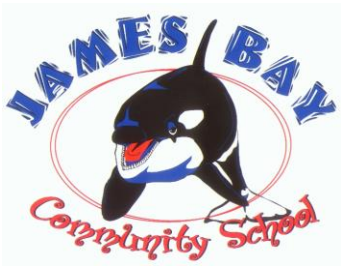
October 2021 Snapshot

Early Learning and Elementary

### [Helping Children Develop Their Decision Making Skills](#)



From a toddler choosing what toy to play with to a high school student selecting a career path, children of all ages make decisions on a daily basis. That's why it's important to help them build decision-making skills from an early age.



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WOW! As of October 8, 2021, generous parents and caregivers of James Bay Community School kids have contributed **\$2,050!**

The Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) is now nearly half way to achieving our annual fundraising goal!

On behalf of the students who ultimately benefit from your contributions, the PAC extends its deepest appreciation for your financial contributions to making the school an even better place.

### Next meeting

The PAC invites all interested parents to join our monthly PAC meeting and share your ideas for how to use this money, as well as our gaming grant funds.

On **October 13 at 6:30 p.m.**, our monthly meeting agenda will include setting priorities for this upcoming year's budget. What are your ideas? What are your kids' ideas?

Please join via Jitisi, our video meeting platform for this year and share your ideas!

Join the meeting:

<https://meet.jit.si/MusicalAugustsMixInside>

### Other ways to keep in touch:

For parents and caregivers who cannot join the meeting, there are some additional ways to connect with the PAC:

- PAC website - meeting minutes and other useful information is posted here: <https://jamesbaypac.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/PC/overview?mode=global>
- Our email address - [jamesbayschoolpac@gmail.com](mailto:jamesbayschoolpac@gmail.com)

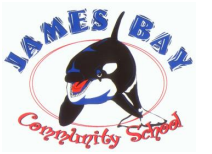
To help connect JBCS families, there is a Facebook page for sharing information and asking questions. PAC usually posts information to this page as well.

- James Bay Community Parents Facebook page  
- [https://www.facebook.com/groups/2121085951369725/?multi\\_permaLinks=2476923909119259](https://www.facebook.com/groups/2121085951369725/?multi_permaLinks=2476923909119259).

With gratitude,

James Bay Community School Parent Advisory Council

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
10	11 	12	13 PAC Meeting 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM	14	15 Earth Quake Drill 	16
17	18	19	20 Parent Teacher Interviews 1:45 PM to 5:00 PM) (1:30 PM Dismissal)	21 Parent Teacher Interviews 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM (regular dismissal)	22 PRO D DAY 	23
24  31 	25	26	27	28	29 	30