

James Bay Community School

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BI-WEEKLY MEMO

September 22, 2022

From the Principal

WOW!! This is an amazing community. Over 370 people attended the Corn Roast on Wednesday evening. That is 100 more people than the last event in 2019!

Thank you to all of the staff for serving and setting up and to the Community Centre team led by Tracey Gibson for the organization of this wonderful community event.

It was wonderful to see so many students and families gathered to enjoy a meal together and celebrate the start of the learning communities in each classroom. We look forward to celebrating learning throughout the year as a community.

Here is to a wonderful year of connecting, growing and learning together.

Sincerely

Marla Margetts

Important Dates and INFORMATION

Friday, September 23rd – Pro D Day (No School)

Wednesday, September 28th - Orange shirt day

Thursday, September 29th – Photo day

Friday, September 30th - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (No School)

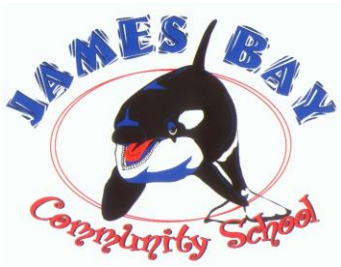
Monday, October 10th – Thanksgiving

Wednesday, October 19th – Parent Teacher Interviews (Early dismissal @ 1:30 pm)

Thursday, October 20th – Parent Teacher Interviews (Regular dismissal)

Friday, October 21st – Pro D Day (No School)

Monday, October 31st – Black & Orange Day – No Costumes please!



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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, 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.



James Bay Community School is a Pack in and Pack out school. We will be encouraging students to take home all snack and lunch garbage to be appropriately recycled and placed in compost bins at their homes. Thank you for your support as we encourage the mindset of less consumption of single use containers and wrappers. We will continue to promote the message that we are all to take care of the Earth.



Please do not park in the loading zone in front of the Community Centre. That spot is reserved for delivery vehicles.

SNAPSHOTS – Supporting Our Students by Supporting Those Who Care For Them

Since 2018, the Greater Victoria School District 61 has worked diligently to offer parents and caregivers a quality newsletter focused on topics that support positive mental health.

The Snapshots provide a wide range of mental health and wellness information and resources to support students and families as they navigate their way through the K-12 years. The information in the Snapshots offers the opportunity for parents and caregivers to initiate conversations with their child(ren) that will assist them in making positive decisions about their mental and physical well-being.

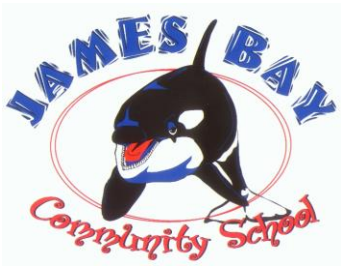
Our September Snapshot is a recap of our most popular Snapshots over the past years under the categories of mental health, relationships, connection and technology.

Snapshots:

[Elementary and Early Learning September Recap](#)

[Middle September Recap](#)

[Secondary September Recap](#)



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Opportunities by Grade

Mondays (Grades 3-5)

ASSAI Art with Sandi, 15 spaces available.

Date: October 17 - December 5

Time: 2:38-4:00pm

*No class on November 14th Pro-D Day

Tuesdays (Grades 1-2)

ASSAI Music with Nick, 15 spaces available.

Date: October 18 - November 29

Time: 2:38-4:00pm

Wednesdays (Grades 3-5)

ASSAI Yoga with Natalie, 15 spaces available.

Date: October 19 - November 30

Time: 2:38-4:00pm

Thursdays (Grades 3-5)

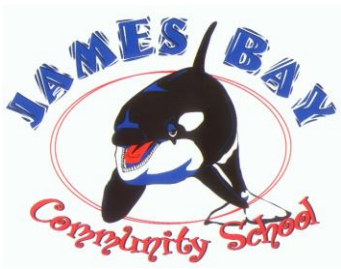
ASSAI Music with Nick, 15 spaces available.

Date: October 20 - December 1

Time: 2:38-4:00pm

*Note that those who are in After School Care
are not eligible for this program*

REGISTRATION OPENS ONLINE ON
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 26TH AT 8:00AM
WWW.JAMESBAYCENTRE.CA
SCROLL DOWN & CLICK ON
'FALL ASSAI REGISTRATION'

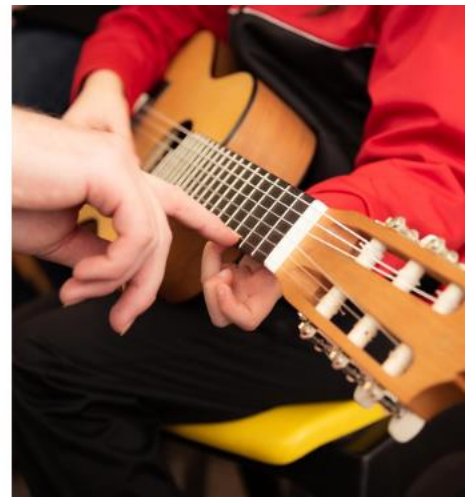


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Registration is now open for our fall programs!

For adults: Yoga, fitness, music, art, dance, languages, & computers

For kids: Music, dance, & martial arts

Register online, in person, or by phone

www.jamesbaycentre.ca 250-389-1470



Back Back Buddies

James Bay Community School is very fortunate to be able to partner with the Back Pack Buddies program. This program sends home non-perishable food every Friday in bags that are placed inside the child's backpack or on their coat hook. Often the snacks in the bag are ones that can be easily prepared by children themselves. We are very grateful to the Back Pack Buddies program for supporting food security in our community.

If this is a program that you feel would benefit your family please email confidentially Tracey Gibson, Community School Coordinator at tgibson@sd61.bc.ca.

