

James Bay Community School

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BI-WEEKLY MEMO

The Greater Victoria School District wishes to recognize the Songhees & Esquimalt Nations on whose traditional territories we live and do our work.

October 18, 2022

Dear Families,

Parent Teacher Interviews:

We are looking forward to meeting the parents/guardians of our students tomorrow and Thursday for Parent Teacher Interviews. Thank you for booking online your fifteen-minute appointment to meet your child's teacher. Please note it is an early dismissal tomorrow of 12 noon.

Communicating Student Learning

This year James Bay Community School joins with 22 elementary schools in Greater Victoria School District in a Proficiency Scale Assessment and Reporting Pilot which moves away from Letter Grades to Proficiency and descriptive feedback. The Ministry of Education has let the province know that all schools are moving to this way of reporting for Kindergarten to Grade 9 in September 2023 as according to the new Provincial Reporting Order. The letter included in this newsletter that was also sent to all families last Friday was presented to our PAC on October 13th for feedback and to answer questions. Families and students will notice that there is a shift in the language from "reporting" and "letter grades" and "report cards" towards "Communicating Student Learning" and "proficiency" and "points of progress".

Dog Owners: We have a number of students that are either very scared of dogs or allergic. We respectfully ask that if you bring your dog to morning drop-off or after school pick-up, you keep your dogs on a leash and close to you at all times when on the school property. If you have a 'retractable' leash, we ask that you 'lock' your leash at a short length when you are close to the school. Thank you to all of you that are picking up after your pets.

GRATITUDE:

Thank you for all the ways our staff and families support this amazing place – James Bay Community School. Just like the Orca, our students are curious and compassionate learners within a pod that supports and cares for them.

Sincerely,
Marla Margetts
Principal



Outside Supervision:

Supervision outside after school is until 2:52 pm. All parents/guardians are expected to pick up their child/ren at 2:37pm or before 2:52pm.

Earthquake Container: Please keep off!

There is an earthquake container behind the school by the trees. This is not to be climbed on at any time. Thank you for your cooperation!



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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.



Fun Lunch – Forms will go home the week of October 11th.

Fun Lunch will be on **October 26 for divisions 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9** and then **October 28th for divisions 1, 2, 3 & 4.**

Lunch will be a bowl of Mac & Cheese, cookie and fruit. The cost will be \$5.00, if your child is already on the meal program, no further payment is required. In order to reduce the amount of plastic used, we kindly ask that you send your child with a fork. Please email Kerynne if you have any questions. kadler@sd61.bc.ca

Important Dates and INFORMATION

October 21st – Pro D Day (No School)

October 26th – Fun Lunch for divisions 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9

October 28th – Fun Lunch for divisions 1, 2, 3 & 4

October 31st – Black and Orange Day (No costumes please!)

November 4th – Photo Re-Take Day

November 11th – Remembrance Day (No School)

November 14th – Pro D Day (No School)

November 25th – Pajama Day

December 13th to 15th – Book Fair (More info to come!)

December 15th – Winter Concert 1:00 pm & 6:00 pm (More info to come!)

December 16th – Last day before Winter Break/ Red, green or Santa Hat day

December 17th to January 2nd – Winter Break!

January 3rd – First Day Back!!



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Halloween Events



Haunted Classroom

Mr. Vargas' creepy classroom will be open to the public on 2 nights!

Thursday, October 27th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Friday, October 28th from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

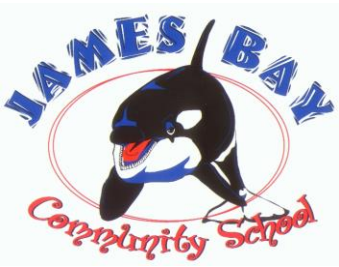
.....Enter....if you dare.....



James Bay Community Centre is having their annual Monster Bash!

Buy your tickets at the Community Centre.

Hurry, there aren't many tickets left!



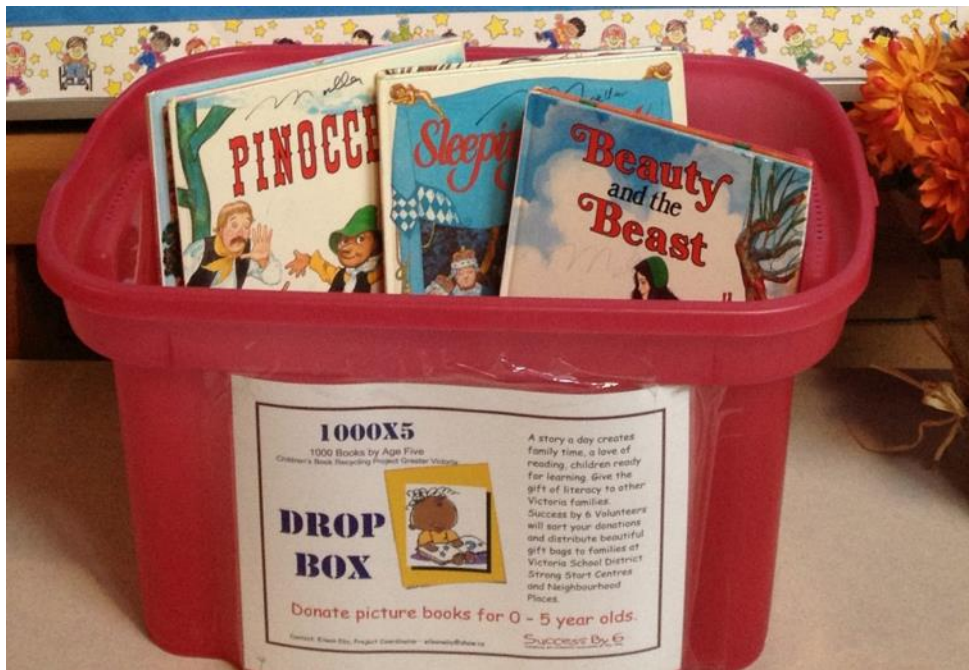
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1000X5 Books Part of October Fun Wee Ones Need Your Books



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 by the Strong Start Room. These books will entertain and enrich wee ones long after the October fun has ended. **277,000 books in 12 years!! Thank you.**

October Snapshot

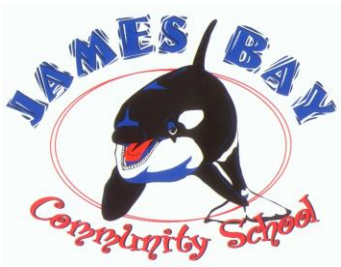
SNAPSHOTS – Supporting Our Students by Supporting Those Who Care For Them

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.

October's Snapshot aims to provide helpful information for parents and caregivers to support their children in navigating their friendships and dating relationships.

Making friends is a vital part of growing up and an important part of social and emotional development. Healthy relationships provide a sense of belonging and can help build self-esteem and confidence. Children and youth with authentic friendships learn how to resolve conflicts and build social competence.

[Helping Children Set Healthy Boundaries](#)



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VICTORIA Literacy Connection

Opening the world of learning in our community.

Child & Youth Programs



Free Programs



**Intergenerational
PenPal Club**
ages 10-17



ESL Support
Gr 3-12



School Support
1:1 Tutoring
Gr 3-12



eReading Club
Gr 2-6

Paid Programs



**Advantage
Tutoring**
Gr 1-10

For more information:

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admin@victorialiteracyconnection.ca





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2022/23 PAC Meeting Schedule:

- All meetings will take place in the School Library and Child Minding will be available (Children must be of school age)
 - Thursday November 17th – 6:30pm
 - Thursday December 8th – 6:30pm
 - Thursday January 12th – 6:30pm
 - Thursday February 9th – 6:30pm
 - Thursday March 9th – 6:30pm
 - Thursday April 13th – 6:30pm
 - Thursday May 11th – 6:30pm
 - Thursday June 8th – 6:30pm

If you have any questions, please reach out to your PAC Secretary, Kayleigh Martin at kay@kayrae.ca



Spirit wear is coming soon!!!

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