



James Bay Memo

April 20th, 2023



Dear Families of James Bay Community School,
We are looking forward to hosting our annual Student Led Learning Conferences on Wednesday May 3rd starting at 1pm and ending at 5:30pm. These conferences are led by our students in their classrooms. Your child's teacher will email you with details regarding the time that you and your child can attend. Please note that these conferences are not to be considered parent teacher conferences. This is a special time in which your child can share and celebrate with you the various ways that they have been expressing their learning. So come prepared to interact with your child throughout various learning activities! If possible, please make arrangements for younger children to be supervised during this time as your child will need your undivided attention.

In addition, please take time to visit our Scholastic Book Fair in the library. The book fair will be open after school from May 2nd to 4th. If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's classroom teacher via email. James Bay Community School.....What a wonderful and engaging place of learning and growing together!

Thank you

Marla Margetts, principal

Important Dates

- April 26 - Div 1, 2, 7, 8, 9 Fun Lunch
- April 28- Div 3, 4, 5, 6 Fun Lunch
- April 28 - Decades Day
- April 28 - Jump Rope for Heart
- May 3 - Early Dismissal at 12 noon
- May 3 - Student Led Conferences 1-530
- May 2 to 4 - Book Fair (Details to come)
- May 10 - Div 1, 2, 7, 8, 9 Fun Lunch
- May 12 - Div 3, 4, 5, 6 Fun Lunch
- May 17 - Rainbow Day
- May 19 - Pro D Day (No School)
- May 22 - Victoria Day (No School)

IMPORTANT - Reporting absences and arriving late

If your child will be absent, please call the attendance line (250-383-7152) or email the office (jamesbay@sd61.bc.ca)
If your child is late please check in at the office.



Student Placement

Our goal at James Bay Community School is to provide optimal learning experiences for every child. The process of student placement is a complex task which we undertake thoughtfully. The unique needs of all learners are carefully considered as we address a variety of factors. Staff expertise and educational experience with class configuration are the drivers for this work. Our staff do an exceptional job of planning for student success at all grade levels and we appreciate your trust and support as we undertake this process.

Process for Student Placements: The School District allocates staffing based on projections for student enrollment and we always anticipate some changes in the fall. Staff moves, teaching assignments and grade configurations change annually.

Configuration of classes must adhere to provincial class size legislation as well as District policy and contractual obligations. Please note: Class configurations often include “combined” classes of two grades. This is standard practice and is educationally sound. All students work on provincially prescribed curriculum and teachers differentiate instruction for all students. There may be circumstances where it is advantageous for a child to have the same teacher two years in a row. While we appreciate that specific friendships are important to children, we also acknowledge that getting to know others and learning to work together is a crucial aspect of learning and social development.

Consideration for Student Placement: Once tentative classes are organized, we begin to allocate students to proposed classes. Staff discussions concerning student placements will happen during a number of meetings with teachers, support staff and administration. We carefully consider the following criteria:

- Number of students permitted in each class (Collective Agreement / District Policy)
- Academic needs and learning styles
- Social and Emotional needs

In exceptional circumstances, parents may have additional information to share about their child. While parental input is considered, we cannot guarantee parent requests will be met.

Please note: Requests for specific teachers cannot be considered or discussed. Thank you for not putting staff in an ethically compromising position by discussing your preferences for your child’s classroom placement.

If you have additional information to share about your child, please email Ms. Margetts by May 12th, 2023 at mmargetts@sd61.bc.ca .

Thank you.

Marla Margetts

Principal

James Bay Community School

250-384-7184 phone

Dear Families,

We recognize that times have been difficult financially for many families lately, and we want to help. The school has access to supports available to assist and hopefully alleviate some stress around this. Please do let us know if your family would benefit from extra resources right now - be it daily lunches, extra food home, or winter clothing for kids. You can confidentially email Tracey Gibson at tgibson@sd61.bc.ca or Ms. Margetts at mmargetts@sd61.bc.ca

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1000 Books by Age Five
Children's Book
Recycling Project
Greater Victoria

We have reached 12
years and 300,000
books! Thank you thank
you. And we are not
stopping.

Take your extra baby
and preschooler books to
the pink bin in the
Strong Start room.

Help change a child's
future.



Fruit & Veggie Program

The Fruit & Veggie
program starts this
month. If you wish to
opt out please
contact the office.

Lost & Found
Items are on display
outside the office. Please
come by and see if
anything is yours!



PAC News

A James Bay Community School Tradition returns...

CULTURAL KALEIDOSCOPE A CULTURAL FAMILY FAIR

ALL
AGES
WELCOME!



ADMISSION
BY
DONATION!

Wednesday April 26th

We need families / friends /
groups to create display tables

Sign up at: www.jamesbaypac.com/signup

Email: jamesbayschoolpac@gmail.com

- Celebrate your culture or country of your heritage or birth
- Provide information, photos, food samples, traditional clothing

We are excited for the return of James Bay School's Cultural Kaleidoscope!

More families are needed to host tables and share displays of their cultural backgrounds for this event to be a success. Please consider hosting a table and signing up on the PAC website.

We will also be needing volunteers before, during, and after the event, as well as donations of items for door prizes and some cultural group entertainers.

Please sign up on the PAC website if you would like to contribute in any way.

www.jamesbaypac.com/signup

**JAMES BAY ANNUAL
COMMUNITY PICNIC JUNE 7th
CALL FOR
VOLUNTEERS!**

We are looking for volunteers to help with games, food, and our silent auction for this year's picnic on June 7th.

Email Jodi (programs@jamesbaycentre.ca) or use our form to sign up for a shift:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0945ADAE2BA2F8CE9-volunteering>





SUMMER CAMPS!

Program Questions?
Contact Jodi Appleton

programs@jamesbaycentre.ca 250-389-1470

Register & pay online!

Visit jamesbaycentre.ca and click on the button for Leisure and Recreation Programs where you will find a link to Register Online! There is a nonrefundable processing fee for any online registration payment. Credit Card/Interac payments accepted online.



Call us!

Call 250-389-1470 to talk to a real person, register, and pay over the phone! This is a great way to have any questions you may have answered!



Check out our hours online to find out when someone will be at the front desk! We accept credit card payments over the phone or life credits.

Visit the Centre!

Swing by in person to say hello and register in person! We accept cash, credit, debit, cheque, and life credits. We are connected to the elementary school at 140 Oswego St. Look for the Centre entrance!



ZENMAKERLAB
#DESIGNMAKEPLAY

Creative Makers: AI Characters & Illustration 7-9 years

Monday-Friday
July 31 - Aug 4
9:30am-3:30pm
\$495

Register Online, In Person, or by Phone
www.jamesbaycentre.ca
250-389-1470



WITH DAYS!

6-12 years

PORTRAIT PAINTING CAMP

MONDAY TO FRIDAY
JULY 17 - 21
9AM-12PM \$180

Register Online, In Person, or by Phone
www.jamesbaycentre.ca
250-389-1470



DRAWING, PAINTING & CREATIVE DRAMA 6-12 years

WITH DAYS!

Monday-Friday Aug 28-Sept 1
9:30am-2:30pm \$300

Register Online, In Person, or by Phone
www.jamesbaycentre.ca
250-389-1470



MUSIC & ART CAMP 6-10 years

with Sandra

Monday to Friday
August 28 - September 1
9am - 12pm | \$195
1-5pm | \$225
9am-5pm | \$425

Register Online, In Person, or by Phone
www.jamesbaycentre.ca 250-389-1470



Summer ART CAMP 6-10 years

with Jessie

Monday to Friday
August 21-25
9am - 12pm | \$180

Register Online, In Person, or by Phone
www.jamesbaycentre.ca
250-389-1470



ROCKIN' RHYTHM CAMP 7-10 years

Open to all young musicians, drummers, guitarists, pianists, ukesters, and more!

with Nick

Monday-Friday August 21-25
9:00am-12:00pm \$150

Register Online, In Person, or by Phone
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JAMES BAY Summer ADVENTURES CAMP

FROM JULY 4TH - AUGUST 25TH, 2023
FOR KIDS AGED 5-12

PLEASE EMAIL MEGAN:
OSCO@JAMESBAYCENTRE.CA
FOR MORE DETAILS!!

\$191 for camp from 9am to 4pm
Before & Aftercare also available for an additional fee



KAPOW! CARTOONING & ILLUSTRATION SUMMER CAMP 6-12 years

MONDAY-FRIDAY JULY 10-14
9:30AM-2:30PM \$300

POW!

Register Online, In Person, or by Phone
www.jamesbaycentre.ca
250-389-1470



Musical Art-Attack Camp 6-12 years

WITH DAYS!

Monday to Friday
July 31 - August 4
9am - 12pm | \$180

Register Online, In Person, or by Phone
www.jamesbaycentre.ca
250-389-1470



2023 SUMMER CAMP DESCRIPTIONS

<p>Summer Adventures Camp (5-12yrs) Each week from July 4 to August 25 9:00am – 4:00pm \$191 Before care or aftercare available for additional \$15</p>	<p>Licensed Summer Camp program. Registration is through Megan: osc@jamesbaycentre.ca</p>
<p>4250 Junior Coding & Robotics: Climate Solutions (7-9yrs) July 4 – 7 9:30am-3:30pm \$395</p>	<p>Welcome to our best-selling camp for future tech stars. Using puzzles, games, and fun we introduce coding concepts such as sequencing, loops, events, functions, and conditionals. Students then master these skills with hands-on coding challenges featuring our delightful Dash robots. Each day they'll take Dash on a new themed mission requiring engineering design thinking and computer coding to solve climate problems and make a positive change in our global environment. Requirements: None The goal of this camp is to encourage critical thinking, imagination, and perseverance, and to empower young children with the confidence to say "Yes" to computer science.</p>
<p>4254 Cartooning & Illustration (6-12yrs) July 10 – 14 9:30am-2:30pm \$300</p>	<p>Do you love drawing cartoons, creating characters, painting backgrounds? Drawing in 3D? Learn how to put it all together and create your own animation piece, from character to creation, through to clay models, storyboards, and animated product. Students will have a portfolio of work as well as a quick time video to take home at the end of the course.</p>
<p>4258 Portrait Painting- funny faces, cartoon faces and more! (6-12 years) July 17 - 21 9:00am -12:00pm \$180</p>	<p>Here's the perfect chance to paint not only how your feeling but create characters from your imagination...and draw and paint how their feeling too! We'll create characters, draw faces and expressions, paint and bring them to life! Prepare to also make faces out of colored clay, change them, manipulate them, and take photos. We'll animate our expressions and create all kinds of unique digital artworks!!</p>
<p>4253 STEAM Sampler (7-9yrs) July 17 - 21 9:30am – 3:30pm \$495</p>	<p>Calling all Engineers of the Future: Let's build the city of the future! A hands-on engineering, designing, and building camp where we explore the different types of engineering required to first make a city work, and then make it climate-positive. We will dive into how our cities work using the applied science of Power, Environmental, Mechanical, Structural and Civil Engineering. Then we will add the lens of ClimateTech, and design our cities to include renewable energies, cleaner transportation, energy-efficient buildings, greener communities, and emerging climate technologies. We won't just talk, we'll also build these cities as we go with hands-on design and build projects culminating in our own green city. Requirements: None</p>
<p>4255 Cartooning & Illustration (6-12yrs) July 24 – 28 1:00-4:00pm \$180</p>	<p>Do you love drawing cartoons, creating characters, painting backgrounds? Drawing in 3D? Learn how to put it all together and create your own animation piece, from character to creation, through to clay models, storyboards, and animated product. Students will have a portfolio of work as well as a quick time video to take home at the end of the course.</p>
<p>4267 PJ Music & Art Camp (6-10yrs) July 24 – 28 Registration Options: 9:00am – 12:00pm - \$195 + \$10 1:00pm – 5:00pm - \$225 + \$10 9:00am – 5:00pm - \$425 + \$10</p>	<p>Bring your imagination along and have fun! Learn to play the piano and explore rhythm through various games and activities including drawing ,story writing and dance. We will be making musical instruments out of recycled materials and having fun playing them together. All crafts are music related. All levels of piano experience welcome - from beginner to advanced. (Parents please pack a lunch ,two snacks and a water bottle daily. Don't forget hats and sun screen as we will be having a beach day!)</p>
<p>4252 Creative Makers: AI Characters & Illustration (7-9yrs) July 31 -- August 4 9:30am – 3:30pm \$495</p>	<p>Artificial intelligence is in the process of revolutionizing every industry: computer science, medicine, engineering, journalism, art and many more. In this course, students will learn the basics of what an AI is, what makes it so powerful, and - importantly - how they can use it as an asset to their creativity, not a replacement. Students will use cutting edge artificial intelligence tools to brainstorm their own characters. Then they build on these characters to explore the fundamentals of illustration, storytelling and bookmaking to experience using digital technology and their own hands to make a physical project. Requirements: None</p>
<p>4257 Musical Art-Attack (6-12 years) July 31 -- August 4 9:00am - 12:00pm \$180</p>	<p>By drawing or painting to music, students will learn to identify the similarities between music and art. In this exciting, action-packed class, we'll explore painting to all kinds of different music using watercolour paints, watercolor pencils, adding pastels, combining bright acrylic colours and playing with textures on canvas like real artists!!! Be inspired by a variety of music each class... and truly paint up a storm! Portfolio of work in various colour schemes, styles, and themes to take home as well as a Quicktime video slideshow of the process and final pieces. Join Jessie Beauvilliers for a week of artsy mornings this summer that will include painting, drawing, crafting and more. Participants will be encouraged to explore their own creative ideas while experimenting with new techniques and styles, sparking creativity and imagination. Please pack a snack and water as we will have a short break mid-morning.!</p>
<p>4249 Art Camp with Jessie (6-10yrs) August 21 – 25 9:00am – 12:00pm \$180</p>	<p>Join Nick Stecz, from Community Drums, to explore all types of music through rhythm exercises on bucket-drums, percussion, hand drums & drum kit. Form a band, design your album art, and play all your favourite songs! Other activities include jam sessions on new instruments, trivia & popular music history. We'll get active and outdoors with the 'Tuff Drummer' rhythmic relays and other games! Please bring a snack and water as we will have a short break mid-morning. Equipment provided, or bring your own instruments!</p>
<p>4269 Rockin' Rhythm Camp with Nick (7-10yrs) August 21 – 25 9:00am-12:00pm \$150</p>	<p>As you read this robot factories are building robot drones to deliver robot vacuums to homes around the world. Robotics isn't just the future, it's here and now. In this hands-on camp, students will learn the perfect combination of electrical engineering, 3D fabrication and computer coding to be on the cutting edge of robotics. By building their own Arduino-powered robot, designing and fabricating parts, and writing code to complete challenges, students won't just assemble a robot, they'll develop the skills needed to customize and create their own future robotic projects. Requirements: Laptop or Chromebook, no need to install any software. Please note that tablets won't work.</p>
<p>4251 Build and Design your Own Robot with Arduino (10-12yrs) August 21 – 25 9:30am – 3:30pm \$495</p>	<p>Do you love to create backgrounds, paint sets and act? Here's your chance to take center stage! Have fun with acting and theatre games, try on costumes and learn about the Meisner Technique building up to scene study. Design your own paper mache costume, paint the backdrop, create your own set and ready, set... action! Check out www.youngactorsproject.ca for details on acting projects that Daysi piloted in Victoria schools.</p>
<p>4256 Drawing, Painting & Creative Drama (6-12 years) August 28 - September 1 9:30am – 3:30pm \$300</p>	<p>Bring your imagination along and have fun! Learn to play the piano and explore rhythm through various games and activities including drawing ,story writing and dance. We will be making musical instruments out of recycled materials and having fun playing them together. All crafts are music related. All levels of piano experience welcome - from beginner to advanced. (Parents please pack a lunch ,two snacks and a water bottle daily. Don't forget hats and sun screen as we will be having a beach day!)</p>
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