



James Bay Mini Memo

June 16th, 2023



We are very grateful to all of our amazing James Bay staff for their tremendous commitment and dedication to our students this year! We wish to extend appreciation to our staff who will be moving on to other positions in the school district, and to those staff who will be retiring. We will miss Ms. Shemilt who is retiring and we know that she will always be a part of our James Bay Pod. We welcome Ms. Woodrow who will be joining us in September as one of our Kindergarten teachers.

Thanks to our James Bay PAC and to all of our James Bay families – it has been wonderful working together with you in support of our students! Take time this summer to relax, spend quality time with friends and loved ones, enjoy some great books, exercise, and we will see you in September! PAC meetings are the second Thursday of each month at 6:30pm in the library. All parents/guardians are welcome.

The school office will be closed after June 30th and will reopen on August 22nd.

School starts on Tuesday, September 5th, 2023. Students in Grades 1 to 5 will attend this day. 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM is the schedule on the first day.

Kindergarten students will attend a special schedule that will be sent to families at the end of August. Kindergarten students do not attend school on September 5th.

September 2023 to June 2024 School Year

START of School Day 8:45 AM

Recess 10:15 AM – 10:30 AM

Lunch Eating Period 11:50 AM – 12:10 PM

Lunch Recess 12:10 PM – 12:35 PM

DISMISSAL 2:37 PM

Important Dates

June 23 - Fun Day (Details below)

June 29 - Last Day of School

Parents of students currently in grades K-4: If your child will NOT be attending James Bay in September of 2023, please call the office to inform us of this important information.

Parent Appreciation Coffee & Muffins

We very much value the willingness of parents and guardians to help us achieve our goals at James Bay. The members of the James Bay PAC are a group of parents that do so much to help our programs succeed. Additionally, families and friends of James Bay students find ways in their busy schedules to help us out with our field trips, sports team outings, reading to and with children in classes, and numerous other activities. We would like to say THANK YOU to the many parents, grandparents, and guardians who have volunteered their time this year! On Wednesday, June 21st we invite you to join us when you drop your child off before school. Stop by for a coffee and a muffin to start you off on your day! This is a small token of our appreciation to our wonderful volunteers!



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Summer is coming
300,000 books and
counting

Thanks to you, 1000X5 has sent over 300,000 books into homes of babies and preschoolers who have few books. 27 agencies in over 70 programs distribute 3 books in a bag to 800-1000 children every month! Including the summer. Please help us fill the shelves so more children can climb onto a lap and hear a good story.



Grade 5 Recognition Assembly

Thursday, June 29th -
1:00pm in the gym

All families of our grade 5 students are invited to attend this special assembly as we bid farewell! Please be in touch with your child's teacher to let them know if you will be attending (Ms.Hinrichsen or Ms.Forshaw).

We have had a very successful year full of wonderful events including: cultural and fine arts activities, sporting activities, fun and celebratory days, and numerous opportunities to express our learning in diverse ways! Our students are to be commended for their diligence, and we are all very proud of their learning and growth as learners. The staff at James Bay would like to thank all of our families for their continued support of the learning that takes place in and around our wonderful school.

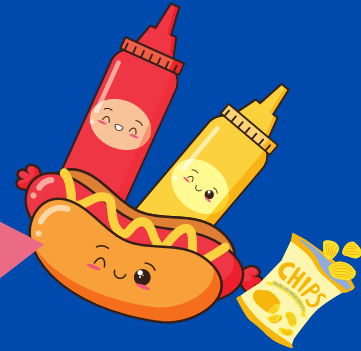
Many thanks to our fabulous PAC executive, who seem tireless in their endeavors to make James Bay a better place to be. We would also like to acknowledge the amazing community partners especially the James Bay Community Centre who support us in a variety of wonderful, caring and effective ways. Finally, thank you to the James Bay staff for their unending dedication to the progress of every child here at James Bay Community School. As we work together, we know without a doubt how blessed we are to work in such a caring, thoughtful, hardworking, and child-centred community. We wish you all a relaxing and safe summer!

Sincerely, Marla Margetts, principal and
Julia Fellman, vice principal

Funday June 23

Hot Dog Day!

On Fun Lunch Day we feed the students a hotdog lunch. There is a choice of All Beef or Veggie. If you would prefer your child to have a veggie dog or not participate please email Kerynne.
kadler@sd61.bc.ca



During Fun Day the classes take turns getting to enjoy all of our fun activities.



Volunteers needed

We are looking for a few parent volunteers to help us run some stations. Times are from 10:30-11:50 and 12:40-2:30. If you can help with either time or both please let the office know.
jamesbay@sd61.bc.ca

THANK YOU

The PAC would like to send out a huge thank you to our school community for all your amazing support over the past school year.

Thanks to your generous donations of both time and money we have been able to fund a whole range of activities and events throughout the year, including...

- Year End School Fun Day
- Cultural Kaleidoscope
- Multiple Field Trips for divisions across the school
- Gym and Playground Equipment
- UVIC Science Ventures Workshops
- Salmon Incubation & Butterfly Larvae Projects
- Performing Arts Performances in the school
- Our new External Mural worked on by all the students which will be getting installed after the school is repainted this summer
- School supplies, arts supplies and other classroom equipment

We'd also like to thank our community partners who donated both goods and services throughout the year to support the school. So, a big shout out to the Bay Centre Sport Chek, Thrifty Foods, Red Barn Market, Purdy's, Panago Pizza, Empire Donuts, Starbucks and Pharmasave.

Together you have all helped provide lots of fun and educational experiences for our school community.

Have a great summer and we will see you all in September at the Corn Roast!!