



# James Bay Memo

November 24, 2023



## Save the date!

Our Winter Concert is approaching fast, we are excited to announce that there will be two performances.

Thursday, December 21st at 1:00 pm

Thursday, December 21st at 6:00 pm

(Students are to be in their classrooms for 5:45 pm).

We are not giving out tickets to this event, we are hoping families who are able to make the 1:00 pm performance will do so, leaving space for the families who work during the day to come to the 6:00 pm performance.

We can't wait to see you there!

## Important Dates

Dec 7 - PAC Meeting

Dec 13 - Fun Lunch Div 1, 2, 7, 8, 9

Dec 15 - Fun Lunch Div 3, 4, 5, 6

Dec 19, 20 & 21 Book Fair

Dec 21 - Winter concert

Dec 21 - Report cards home

Dec 22 - PJ Day!!

Dec 22 - Last day before Winter Break

Dec 23 to Jan 7 - Winter Break

Jan 8 - First Day Back

## Attendance

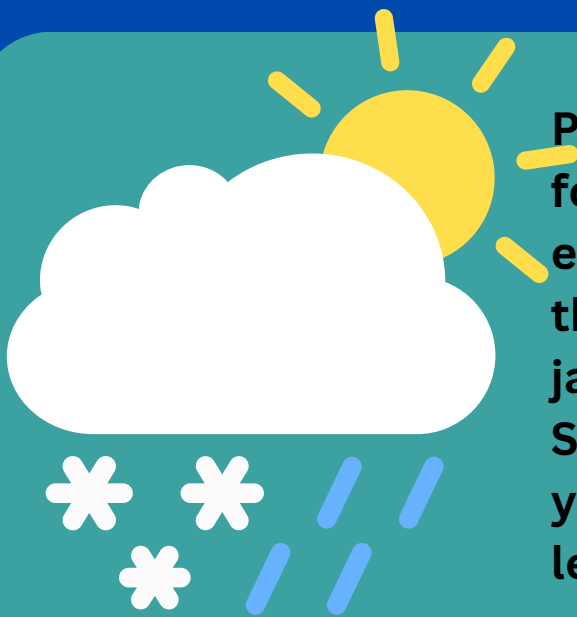
If your child is going to be absent or late please email [jamesbay@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:jamesbay@sd61.bc.ca)

or give us a call at 250-383-7152

If you are dropping your child off late please make sure they come by the office to check in!

This information is also on our school website.





Please send your child with clothes for all types of weather. We will enjoy the West Coast climate throughout the year. Boots and rain jackets are important. Students will be outdoors a lot this year – recesses and lots of outdoor learning.



### **Dogs on leash, please.**

“There are many parks and beaches throughout Greater Victoria where you can run your dog off leash.”

“Public school grounds are NOT Leash Optional Areas at anytime.”

Please keep dogs on a leash and be mindful of your pet’s behaviors while on school grounds.

For more information about off-leash parks, visit: [www.vacs.ca/leash-optional-areas](http://www.vacs.ca/leash-optional-areas)

# SCHOOL MEALS

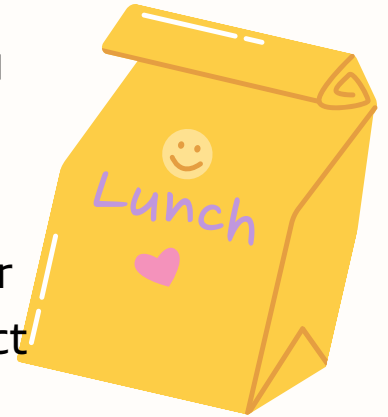
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## SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAM

Our School Meal Program is up and running. We will be sending out new forms monthly, but you can sign up anytime, see the office for forms.

Please still send a morning snack!

The program is accessible to all our families. If your family needs assistance with paying please contact Kerynne at 250.384.7184. No child will go hungry.

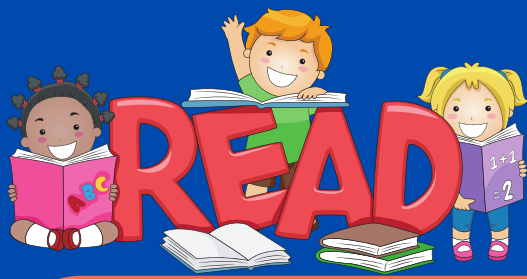


## BACKPACK BUDDIES

We are working with Backpack Buddies again this year to provide a bag of food over the weekend.

If you could use assistance and are interested in this free program please contact Kerynne at 250.384.7184





# 1000X5

## 3 Books = 1 Gift

### Help with a literacy gift for others

This is the beginning month of the three book challenge. As we head into the holiday season, many families appreciate a bit of help with gifts. Every month 1000X5 pops 3000 books in 1000 gift bag: three books for each receiving child.

If each child in James Bay community School brought in 3 gently used books for babies and preschoolers, we would collect over 500 books, enough for gift bags of books to 180 children. Let's make it happen.

Drop books for babies and preschoolers off in the pink bin in the Strong Start Room.

## Get Ready for Another Fabulous Dickens Fair !!

Join us for our 42nd Annual Holiday Fair  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND**  
10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM  
AT THE JAMES BAY COMMUNITY CENTRE  
140 OSWEGO STREET, VICTORIA  
*A James Bay Tradition*

### A James Bay Community tradition since the 1980s

Celebrating its 42nd year, this is one of Victoria's oldest and best-loved Winter Craft Fairs. Our carefully curated Vancouver Island and Gulf Island artisans offer an amazing variety of affordable handmade and homemade products. With over 50 vendors there will be something for everyone!



Please join us for a Festive Gathering

**Wednesday, December 20, 2023@ 5PM**

where we serve our annual

*Community Holiday Dinner*

**Tickets \$15 - 9y & Up / \$10 - 8y & Under**

**MENU: Traditional Turkey Dinner with all the Trimmings**



# WINTER 2023 ASSAI

## After School Sports & Arts Initiative

FREE



### **Mondays (Grades 1-2)** **Art Classes with Jessie**

Dates: Jan 15 - Mar 11

Time: 2:38-4:00pm

\*No class Feb 19 (Family Day)



### **Tuesdays (Grades 2-3)** **Yoga with Natalie**

Dates: Jan 16 - Mar 5

Time: 2:38-4:00pm

### **Wednesdays (Grades 3-5)**

#### **Swimming Lessons at Crystal Pool**

Dates: Jan 10 - Mar 13

Time: 2:38-5:00pm

**ALREADY FULL FOR WINTER**



### **Thursdays (Grades 3-5)**

#### **Music with Nick**

Dates: Jan 18 - Mar 7

Time: 2:38-4:00pm



All James Bay Elementary School Students can participate - including those in the OSC After School Program. Please note that OSC participating is a trial.

**Registration opens Nov 28 at [www.jamesbaycentre.ca](http://www.jamesbaycentre.ca)**

Scroll down the page and click on 'WINTER ASSAI Registration'

**Registration closes on Dec 8**

Free after school programs funded by a grant from the Province of BC

# Cartooning & Illustration Winter Camp

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. Instructor:

Daysi Tattersall-Maasanen

**4435 Tues-Fri Jan 2 - 5**

**9:00am-3:00pm**

**4/\$288**

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6-12  
years

## **CARTOONING & ILLUSTRATION WINTER CAMP**

**TUESDAY-FRIDAY JANUARY 2-5  
9:00AM-3:00PM \$288**

**POW!**

Register Online, In Person, or by Phone  
[www.jamesbaycentre.ca](http://www.jamesbaycentre.ca)  
250-389-1470



# Community Winter Celebration

Wednesday, December 13th  
5:30-7:30pm \$8 per family.

Come join us for a family-friendly, community event with kid friendly, crafts, hot cocoa & cookies, live music, and door prizes!

Tickets on sale Monday, Dec 4th.  
Tickets only available at the Centre desk.

