



James Bay Memo

November 3, 2023



Thank you to all of our families for their ongoing support. Our students are learning in various ways and the creativity is flowing in and out of the classrooms. JBCS is a community and we appreciate the care you have for the people and the building. This last week, on Halloween night, our newly painted school received graffiti that included messages of hate. Families alerted us. This was reported to the police as an after hours incident. Our district painting team was also quick to respond and remove these unwanted messages. Again, JBCS is a strong community that embraces each person for who they are. Sincerely, Ms. Margetts

Important Dates

Nov 7 - Photo Retake Day
Nov 8 - Fun Lunch Div 1, 2, 7, 8, 9
Nov 9 - PAC Meeting
Nov 10 - Fun Lunch Div 3, 4, 5, 6
Nov 13 - Stat Day for Remembrance Day (No School)
Nov 20 - Pro D Day (No School)
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 Book Fair
Dec 21 - Winter concert (Details to come)
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 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.



SCHOOL MEALS

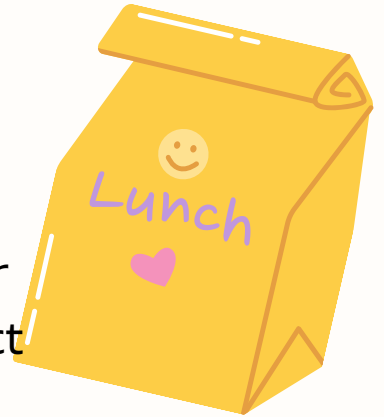
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SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAM

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.

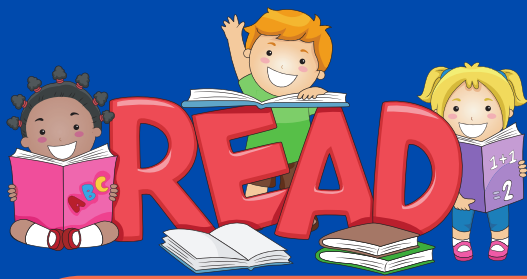


BACKPACK BUDDIES

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 !!



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!

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VICTORIA

Parent and Caregiver Education Series:

Topic: The gift of Neurodiversity:

A strengths-based introduction for parents of Newly Diagnosed children & youth

Speaker: Mary Klovance, Mary is a dedicated advocate and educator in the field of neurodiversity and the owner of The Neurodiversity Family Centre. With a background in school counselling and private practice and a passion for supporting families, she has devoted her career to helping parents navigate the often challenging journey of raising children and youth with neurodivergencies.

Mary's Neurodiversity Affirming Workshop is a unique and invaluable resource for parents of children and youth who have recently received a neurodivergence diagnosis. This workshop is designed to empower parents with knowledge, understanding, and practical tools to embrace neurodiversity and create a supportive and nurturing environment for their children.

Key Workshop Details:

- (1) Neurodiversity Affirmation
- (2) Strengths-Based Parenting
- (3) Parental Self-Care
- (4) Managing Expectations
- (5) Parenting Tips and Strategies, Followed by Questions.



Time & Date: Wednesday November 15th at 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Cost: Free

Location: Foundry - 546 Yates St.

(Parking across the street in Yates St. Parkade)

(Masks required due to this being held at a clinic)

RSVP: Lisa.Tate@FamilySmart.ca

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

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WITH DAYS!

**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
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.



NOVEMBER PAC AGENDA

Date: November 9th, 2023

When: 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Meeting location: School library

Childcare for school age children is provided



TOPIC	SPEAKER
WELCOME & HOUSEKEEPING	JULIAN (CHAIR)
PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE	MARLA
COMMUNITY CENTRE UPDATE	SUZIE
TREASURER'S UPDATE	CHRIS (TREASURER)
WINTER CONCERT FUNDRAISER	CHRIS
FUNDRAISERS UPDATE (SPIRIT WEAR AND PURDY'S)	JULIAN & KATHERINE
FUNDRAISING IDEAS / EVENTS	ALL MEMBERS