



# James Bay Memo

January 16, 2024



## Principals Message

Welcome back families!

A few reminders to start off 2024...

- 1) Please have your child check in at the office if they are arriving after the bell. It is very important for our attendance system and will keep you from getting phone calls and emails from us.
- 2) If you are picking up your child early and/or dropping something off for them, please stop at the office. Our staff will be more than happy to collect your child or deliver the item.
3. Please continue to complete a health check with your child before coming to school.

## Important Dates

Jan 18 - PAC Meeting  
Jan 26 - Pro D Day  
Feb 8 - PAC Meeting  
Feb 14 - Red & White Day  
Feb 16 - Pro D Day  
Feb 19 - Family Day (No School)  
Feb 28 - Pink Shirt Day  
Mar 15 - Last day before Spring Break  
March 18 to April 2 - Spring Break  
April 3 - 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.





Dear Families of James Bay Community School,

Please note the NEW signs that are now posted throughout the school campus. No pets are allowed on the school district property during school hours.

This includes the back field that is closest to the school building. This field is for school use from 8am to 3pm Monday to Friday. Please note: the other two fields are city property – not school district property.

Please note as this is a new policy, we will continue to remind families not to bring their dogs/pets onto the school grounds. When dropping off or picking up a student, dogs/pets are to be on the other side of the fence and not on school grounds.

Thank you for your understanding and patience as we transition to this new policy.

Marla Margetts

Principal

James Bay Community School

250-384-7184 phone



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.



# 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.

# 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



# Get ready for the 6th Annual James Bay Window Wanderland!

Feb 9, 10, & 11  
6-9pm all around James Bay

Get the kids involved and come up with a theme for your windows or talk to your neighbours and come up with a theme for your block! The more windows that are decorated the more we all have to enjoy!

Please register your Window Wanderland project by February 6th so that we can put a map together for everyone to follow while they wander!



## Warming Stations (Feb 9, 10 & 11 from 6-9pm)

Come join us for treats and to warm up and use the washroom while you wander!

New Horizons (234 Menzies St)  
Carr House (207 Government St)  
James Bay Community Centre (140 Oswego St)  
Studio 106 (106 Superior St) – Friday only

## Info Session and Working Workshops

Need some inspiration or ideas? First time participating? Attend the info session to learn some techniques for creating your windows and take part in a Working Workshop to work on your window display with others. The info session and working workshops take place at New Horizons (234 Menzies St)

Saturday, Jan 20 from 11am-1pm – Info Session & Working Workshop  
Saturday, Jan 27 from 11am-1pm – Working Workshop  
Saturday, Feb 3 from 11am-1pm – Working Workshop

More info and to register: [www.windowwanderland.com/event/james-bay-2024](http://www.windowwanderland.com/event/james-bay-2024)