JBCS APRIL NEWSLETTER April 2025

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

- Jump rope for heart "launch" will take place on Friday, April 25th at lunch recess.
- School- Wide Jump will take place on Friday, May 2^{nd.}
- More details to follow!

Pack In and Pack Out Lunch

Just a gentle reminder that lunches need to be pack-in and pack-out food waste, wrappings and containers, please! Thank you!

School Meals

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 financial assistance, please contact Tracey at 250-384-7184.

Backpack Buddies

We are working with Backpack Buddies again this year to provide a bag of food over the weekend to families in need. If you could use assistance and are interested in this free program, please contact Tracey at 250-384-7184

Upcoming Events

- Friday, April 18th: No School
- Monday, April 21st: No School
- Tuesday, April 22nd: Earth
 Day
- Monday, April 28^{th:}
 Celebration of Learning
 Assembly @ 1:45 p.m

Reminders

Please have a look at our lost and found! Items not claimed by April 17th will be donated.

Please contact the **office** when your child will be absent from school.

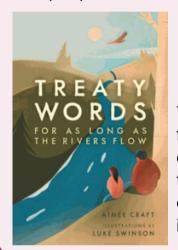
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From Indigenous Education Library Newsletter

Earth Day is Everyday For Indigenous people, Earth Day is everyday. Many of our Indigenous books are centered around relationship and interconnectedness with the natural world. Many of our Indigenous resources in the IED Library involve our plant and animal relatives, the sky world, the water world and the spirit world. Everything is connected, and it is not a coincidence that Indigenous stories reflect this. Since Indigenous communities have been revitalizing their language and culture, it is becoming very apparent how connected language is to the land, and how connected culture is to the land. For thousands and thousands of years, Indigenous people have lived harmoniously with the earth, creating sustainable food systems and developing ceremony that acknowledges the gift and spirit of the land, water, plants and animals. It is with this sentiment that for Indigenous people, Earth Day is everyday.



Treaty Words: for as long as the rivers flow by Aimee Craft, Illustrations by Luke Swinson

Treaty Words This is a simple and beautiful story about the first treaty that was created. It is the treaty between creation and humans. Humans have a contract with creation, that they will safe guard all living things. In turn, earth and all of its creations will provide for humans. This book outlines the importance of taking care of Mother Earth.

1000X5 and Greater Victoria Families Increase Early Literacy



360,000 books cleaned and labelled 120,000 gift bags with 3 books each Thousands more young children now with home libraries. Thousands more young children in the early literacy club.

Together we achieved this in 14 years.

Please continue to take your gently used books to the pink bin in your school's Strong Start hallway. Help change a child's future!



GRADES SHOW!

Calling all talents!

Prepare your favourite song, dance, or other act to share with your school. All grade 3, 4, and 5 students welcome!

Casting Will be on April 3rd & April 4th at lunch recess. Sign Up now Outside Mrs. King's room and start preparing your act.

Practices Will be held during the month of April during lunch recesses. Stay tuned for more information!

