

James Bay Community School Newsletter

December 2025

Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, December 17th :
Learning Updates Available
(more info below)
- Thursday, December 18th is our
Winter Concerts at 1 and 6 p.m.
- Friday, December 19th is our
school wide PJ Day!

Winter Break

Winter break is from Monday,
December 22nd through to Friday,
January 2nd.

We will see you back at school on
Monday, January 5th.

Staying Healthy

We would like to share some information about what we can do together to stay healthy and well during these fall and winter months. This is important to both our students and staff. Please take measures to limit the spread of germs by:

- Washing hands frequently
- Cover coughs and sneezes with elbows
- Monitor and keep children home from school if they are experiencing symptoms of illness until they are well enough to participate
- If you are unsure or concerned about symptoms, connect with 8-1-1
- Please communicate student absences with our **main office** and OSC

Reporting Absences

Email: jamesbay@sd61.bc.ca

Phone: (250) 383-7152



Winter Concerts

Dear Families of James Bay Community School –
Please note that James Bay Community School Staff will be hosting our Annual Winter Concerts.

Each division will be presenting at the concerts.

The concerts are at 1pm and 6pm on Thursday
December 18th.

Please note – we ask that only two family members attend and please choose only one of the concerts – either the 1pm or the 6pm to attend. We do expect that all students will be participating at both concerts.

Students will need to be in their classrooms by 5:45pm for the 6pm concert.

Thank you, families... we look forward to celebrating Winter festivities as a community!

Ms Margetts
Principal



JBCS' ANNUAL WINTER CONCERT

Thursday, December 18,th 2025

1:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Due to limited space, we encourage two family members to attend one of the two performances. Thank you so much for your understanding.

LET'S CELEBRATE TOGETHER!



WOULD YOU LIKE...

**FRONT ROW VIP
SEATING?**

TO THE WINTER

CONCERT?

DECEMBER

18

1:00 & 6:00 PM

Enter our Draw! Cost is by cash donation

COZYCOUCH SEATING AT THE FRONT
OF THE CONCERT! DRAW IS 5
MINUTES BEFORE THE PERFORMANCE
BEGINS

All funds raised go back to the school



Learning Updates

There have been many exciting learning activities taking place in and around James Bay Community School. Students and staff have been fully engaged in these activities while also navigating assessments and preparing reports. Teachers are working diligently to provide families with clear insights into students' learning, highlighting both their strengths and areas for growth. Learning Updates will be available on Parent Connect starting Wednesday, December 17th at 5:00 p.m. Please keep in mind that these updates represent a snapshot of your child's progress at a specific point in time. Growth and development occur at different rates, in various ways, and at different times for each student.

Here is the link to the portal:

<https://parentconnect.sd61.bc.ca/Identity/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2F>

Once you've had a chance to review the report, we encourage you to have a conversation with your child about their achievements and progress. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate their learning and also discuss areas of growth. You may also want to consider setting a goal together—something specific they would like to work on—and outlining clear, manageable steps to help them reach that goal.

We greatly appreciate the ongoing support from families. By working together, we can nurture and develop the many important characteristics of a lifelong learner in our students.



Victoria Food Resources

Please see the attached File for Victoria Food Resources in and around Victoria

1000 x5

As the winter season approaches, can you find a minute to locate 3 gently used books for babies and toddlers? Drop them off in the pink bin in the James Bay Community Centre. These books will entertain and enrich wee ones long after the winter fun has ended!

345,000 books in 14 years! Thank you!



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 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

Winter at the James Bay Community Centre



The DICKENS FAIR

Handmade, Homemade, Homegrown
Food ★ Crafts ★ Gifts

Saturday, December 7th ★ 10^{AM} to 4^{pm}
James Bay Community Center, 140 Oswego Street

CAFÉ – DOOR PRIZES

Admission 

Children Under 12 Free



Presented by The James Bay Market Society
www.jamesbaymarket.com/dickens-fair

