



JBCS JANUARY newsletter



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Dear Families of James Bay Community School -

Welcome back to our students! We are looking forward to this term of learning and growing together.

This month our theme is Celebrating Literacy!

Here are some of the events taking place for the month of January...

January 19 to January 23... Celebration of Literacy Week at James Bay

January 20th - Family Read In - 8:45am to 9:15am in each classroom

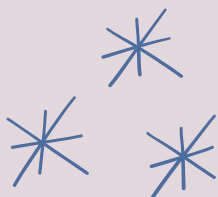
January 23rd - Dress as your Favorite Book Character

Looking forward to celebrating literacy TOGETHER.

Again, welcome back families!

Sincerely

Marla Margetts, Principal



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES IN JANUARY:

Tuesday, January 20th: Family Read-In 8:45-9:15 a.m. in classroom

Friday, January 23rd: Family Literacy Day, Dress as your Favourite Book Character

Monday, January 26th: Professional Development Day,
NO SCHOOL

Week of January 26th - January 30th : Kindergarten Registration



DATES IN FEBRUARY:

Week of February 9 -13th : Kindy - Grade 12

Transfer Week

Friday, February 13th : Professional Development
Day

Monday, February 16th : Family Day Holiday (No School)

Monday, February 23rd: 10:45 a.m. Celebration of Learning Assembly

PLEASE REPORT ABSENCES:

If your child is unwell or will be missing school, please report it to the school office:



Phone: (250) 383-7152

Email: jamesbay@sd61.bc.ca

SCHOOL LUNCHES:

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



1000 X5

Join the hundreds of families who have taken the three book challenge. As we head into the holiday season, many families appreciate a bit of help with gifts. And what can be a better gift than a bag of 3 books for babies and toddlers? Every month 1000X5 pops 2400 books in 800 gift bags. Drop your books for babies and preschoolers off in the red bin in the hallway in front of StrongStart

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Important Dates:

French Immersion: Jan 12-16

English: Jan 26-30



**If your child was born in 2021, we are
eager to welcome them to Kindergarten!**



Register Online:

www.sd61.bc.ca

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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



Kindergarten Registration Week:

A reminder that Kindergarten Registration Week is January 26-30, 2026

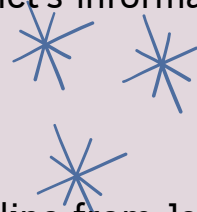
All registration is online. Kindergarten registration will open at 8 a.m. on Monday, January 26th.

To register a student in Kindergarten, a parent or legal guardian must provide school-age eligibility (children must reach five years of age by December 31st, 2026 to be eligible for enrolment), proof of Canadian citizenship (or Canadian immigration document), and proof of residential address. This information must be provided during online registration. Additional information on Kindergarten Registration can be found on the poster provided.

LATE FRENCH IMMERSION REGISTRATION WEEK:

Any student entering Grade 6 can enroll in Late French Immersion in the Greater Victoria School District. Late French Immersion is offered at four dual-track middle schools.

No prior knowledge of French is expected or required. Transportation is the responsibility of parents. Please refer to the District's information link: Parent Information on Late French Immersion.



Registration for Late French Immersion occurs online from January 26th-30th 2026.

Families who register during registration week will have priority for placement.

You can click on the link below for more information on dates for District transfer requests, as well as timelines connected to other programs for middle and high school.

<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/>