

JBCS March Newsletter

March 2026

Student Learning Surveys 2025/2026

Every year, the Ministry of Education launches their Provincial Student Learning Survey. The survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included. The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed at http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm. Any computer or mobile device with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link and by clicking on “Take the Survey”. On the login page, click on the Parents icon, and then select the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, district and school reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the “Results” section. The e-survey site will be open until May 1, 2026. If you have any questions, please contact the office at jamesbay@sd61.bc.ca

Learning Updates

As a district, you will receive your child’s Learning Updates via Parent Connect. Families are given access to Learning Updates via SD61’s Parent Connect. Parent Connect is what you have already used to give your child online permissions (i.e. neighborhood walks, technology use, etc). Please go to Parent Connect at <https://techforlearning.sd61.bc.ca/reporting-and-assessment-tools-in-gvsd/parent-connect/>

The next Learning Update for Term Two will be available on Parent Connect on March 13th 2026 at 4pm. Please reach out to the school office if you need support to access Parent Connect. It is important that each family reviews their child’s Learning Update each term via the online portal.

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.

Send Your Child With Extra Clothes!

Spring may be just around the corner, but it's still going to be soggy outside for a few months. Please remember to send your child with appropriate clothing, and we encourage a change of clothing to be packed in their backpack.

We go outside to play in all weather, so its best to be prepared.

Returning? Not?

Not Returning Next Year? Please let the office know as soon as possible if you are moving on for the 2026/27 school year. It helps us with class planning.

Accessing Learning Updates

Click, or copy and paste the following in your browser

<https://techforlearning.sd61.bc.ca/reporting-and-assessment-tools-in-gvsd/parent-connect/>

Upcoming Events

- SPRING BREAK

The School will be closed between March 16th and March 27th

- First day back to school is March 30th

Attendance

Please let the OFFICE know when your child will not be coming to school!

Email: jamesbay@sd61.bc.ca

Attendance Line: 250-383-7152

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 x 5

1000 Books by Age Five
Children's Book Recycling Project Greater
Victoria

1000X5 would love books from your spring
cleaning

14years: 355,000 books

1000 babies and preschoolers/month receive
a gift bag of 3 books