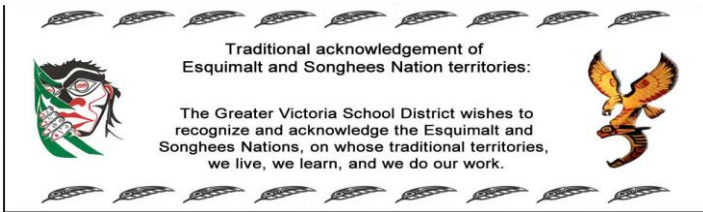


*École Sir James Douglas School Newsletter for
October 3, 2016*



Visit the school website calendar for
details about upcoming school wide

events @ <https://sjd.sd61.bc.ca/calendar/> Plus:

- ❖ **Choir** for Grades 1 to 5 will be starting October 5th on Wednesdays @ 12:10 in the music room.
- ❖ **The Book Fair is Coming!** Oct 12 & 13 <https://sjd.sd61.bc.ca/calendar-event/english-book-fair-1200-500/>
- ❖ **SJD Swim Club** is starting October 6th. Locate registration form here: <http://bit.ly/SJDSwimClub>
- ❖ **Fall Cross Country information** form here: <http://bit.ly/fallcrosscountry>

Math Club Students are invited to participate in the <https://cariboutests.com/>. This is an excellent opportunity for grade 3+ students to challenge themselves with some math games and problems. Compete with students from across Canada with the monthly online math contest. An information meeting for students will be called soon. *M. Harris*

1000X5 - 1000 Books by Age Five

1000X5 has to be one of the best recycling projects going. YOU are making such a difference to so many children's lives. Over 1500 babies and preschoolers now have libraries at home and are developing a skill and love of literacy in the critical early learning years.

This year, 24 social agencies are begging for books to give to families. Story after story talks about the changing habits they see. And all it takes is for you to donate your gently used books for babies and toddlers as often as you can. Take your books to the large wooden box beside the lost and found area and parent bulletin board.



We are excited to announce that École Sir James Douglas School is participating in the Capital Regional District's **Active and Safe Routes to School** project. (<http://www.saferoutestoschool.ca/>)

School Travel Planning is a process that involves students, parents and community partners to find new ways to encourage, motivate and support more children and their families to safely walk, bike or roll to and from school. Active transportation is a great way to support increased physical activity and contributes to our region's environmental, economic and social priorities.

We are currently looking for interested parents and students to work with decision makers, law enforcement agencies and community partners to explore barriers and generate solutions that can make it easier for families to choose active modes more often.

For more information or to sign up to help, contact Murray Harris @ muharris@sd61.bc.ca

One of the exciting outcomes of this project will be a pamphlet for SJD detailing the best routes to our school. Example: http://bit.ly/Best_Routes_Pamphlet_example

Upcoming dates for this are:

- Tuesday, October 11 - Paper survey sent home to all families and a one week hands-up survey starts in our classes. Please help us get a baseline of our school transportation habits by completing the home survey.
- Monday, October 17th - School participation in Walk and Wheel to School initiative (www.dashbc.ca)
- Next Committee meeting early November



Me to We Club - Follow the link for important updates: http://bit.ly/MeToWeClub_Sept

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Thank you to our SJD families for their generous support for our Terry Fox Run and cancer research. Together we raised over \$5000.