
ÉCOLE SIR JAMES DOUGLAS SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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HIGHLIGHTS:

Upcoming Events:

Go to the calendar on the school website:

<https://sjd.sd61.bc.ca/calendar>

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Please put picture books for preschool students in the big box outside the library.

SJD's Got Talent!

Thank you to all the students who participated in this celebration of SJD talent. A particular thank you to both Mme Gerhart and Mrs. Reid for all the time you volunteered to make this happen.



Track Training Time!

All grade 3, 4, and 5 students are being encouraged to join our school track team. The events are: 100m, 400m, 4x100m relay, and 800m races. There will be room for almost anyone who attends the practices that are happening throughout the school day. Our Zone meet is on May 24th at UVic and is an all-day affair. Thank you to Ms. Sihota and the grade 3, 4, and 5 teachers for organizing this.

Safe Routes To School Project

The final report will be presented at the May PAC meeting. There are many important recommendations and information. Please try to attend.

Are you moving?

Please inform the office as soon as you know you will be moving. Our numbers are very tight for next year and every seat counts.

Student Led Conferences: May 4

This Thursday is only a half day of school. **Students will be dismissed at 11:50** in order for student led conferences to take place for the afternoon. Please make arrangements for your child for the afternoon. You should have received information about this from your child's teacher last week.

Student led conferences are an opportunity for your child to reflect on their learning and to share with you the progress that they are making. In addition to the pride the students have in sharing their learning with their parents, this process is an important part of the learning process for children and has strong pedagogical value.

Please take the time to come and support your child's learning!

Open House for Our New Kindergarteners

May 24th and 25th from 3:15 to 4:30 all of our September 2017 Kindy students, along with their parents, are encouraged to come to the school. This is a very important event as it is key in helping us get to know our newest students, create our classes for the fall, and helps the students become familiar with the school and their new friends.

Class Building for 2017-18

In early June we will start the arduous process of building our tentative classes for the fall. To that end we, in consultation with the PAC, have developed an information letter for parents that you can download [here](#). This letter lays out the process for parent input into the class building and aligns our practice with that of the majority of elementary schools in the District.

From Mrs. Pommelet's Desk

Our teacher-librarian continues to support students in many many ways. Her update this month includes information about the recent Day of Silence, an exciting author's visit, We Club news, and the French Book Fair happening this Thursday during the student lead conferences. Click [here](#) for details.

Congratulations Mrs. Gauvreau!

Our VP, Carmen Gauvreau, will be moving on to the principalship at South Park. Carmen has been an exceptional admin partner for me and has brought masterful teaching and pedagogical leadership to our school during her short year with us.

Ms. Jeni Scott, from Glanford Middle School will be joining our team as VP in September. I have been told that "We've hit the jackpot."