



ÉCOLE SIR JAMES DOUGLAS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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REMEMBRANCE DAY

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Lest We Forget

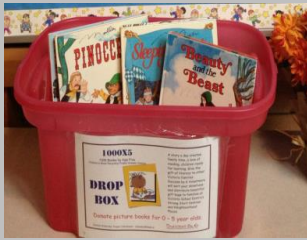
HIGHLIGHTS:

Upcoming Events:

Go to the calendar on the school website:

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

Donate to 1000x5



SJD parents donated nearly 1000 books last year. Let's keep it up to ensure all children start school with the best chance for success possible.

WE Scare Hunger – *different this year*



From Monday, October 30th to Monday, November 6th the WE Club will be collecting money as part of the WE Scare Hunger campaign. You can learn more at <http://bit.ly/WeClubNews> **Oct16**

Allergy Awareness @ SJD

A group of parents, teachers and admin met twice this fall to review the allergy support and awareness. These conversations fall within a District wide initiative to increase general awareness and knowledge around allergy and anaphylaxis issues in all our schools.

It has been widely acknowledged that schools do a good job of increasing awareness and putting systems in place for classes containing a student or adult with severe allergies. We generally do a poorer job of this outside of the classroom. It was the goal of the committee to identify areas where improvements can be made and develop strategies. All of this is with the goal to keep everyone as safe as we can.

It is important to understand that we are not seeking to have an allergen free school. There will not be food items that are banned from coming to school due to allergy concerns. Declaring the school “nut free”, for example, would be impossible to enforce 100% and actually increases the risk of an anaphylactic incident. Below is a description of some of the new initiatives to help increase awareness on this issue.



- Hallway tables will not be used as eating areas. We cannot keep these safe for students who use them for other purposes throughout the day.
- Allergy awareness posters will be in all classes and around the school.
- Students in all classes will be reminded to wash their hands after eating nut or peanut foods and before using computers, to help lessen the risk of cross contamination.
- Information will be on the school website. See <https://sjd.sd61.bc.ca/parent-info/a-healthy-safe-and-caring-sjd/>
- Discussions and education will happen in all classes, not just in those with known at risk students.

Lunch program

SJD lunch program will be continuing with Noodlebox moving forward. We had been asked by the school to cancel the October Noodlebox while they examined the issue of allergy awareness. Although that topic is still under review, Noodlebox has been given the go ahead.

None of the Noodlebox boxes offered have nuts added, and all boxes are prepared prior to the store being open to the public. However, as with many of our lunch supplies, Noodlebox does have nuts in its facility. The store has safety measures and procedures in place, but there is potential for cross-contamination. We ask families with nut allergies to use their best judgement as to whether they would like to order. If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact the Lunch Coordinator, Lindsey Niedjalski, at lindsey@lindsey.ca.

If you are interested in ordering Noodlebox, please go online at www.sjd.hotlunches.net. To be included in the next Noodlebox lunch, orders must be received by **Sunday, November 12, 2017**.

Remembrance Day Assembly - Friday, November 10 @ 10:45

Please join us for this student led assembly where we honour the past and look towards a peaceful future. Students presenting or in the choir are encouraged to wear black bottoms and a white top.

Safe Cycling and Scootering at SJD

Parents and students, please do not cycle or scoot on the blacktop from 8:20 a.m. to 3:10 p.m. Please walk your bike on and off the school property. For obvious safety and liability reasons no riding bikes or scooters in the parking lot if there are parked cars.



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