

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>

3 Books = 1 Gift



Take the 3 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.

If each child in at SJD 3 gently used books for babies and preschoolers, we would collect 1455 books, enough for gift bags of books to 485 children. Details will be coming soon.



Rain! Rain! Rain!

We live in a rainforest and the rainy season is upon us! The children will be sent outside in anything short of a monsoon.

Please, send them to school well dressed for the weather and with a change of clothes for those days when the mud puddles are just too tempting.

Getting To and From SJD

Our Walk and Wheel Week in October was a roaring success thanks to the staff, students and parents who came together to reduce the number of cars driving right up to our school both before and after school. While people rose to the challenge for that week the hardest part is keeping it up as we move on throughout the year.

I encourage all parents to:

- **Drive to 5**
There are lots of quiet streets close to the school where parents can easily drop off their child for them to walk the few short blocks. Arranging to meet them at the same spot after school would help to lessen the traffic at the end of the day as well. Let's keep the spots closest to the school free for parents with infants or with mobility issues.
- **Not Park in the Residential Parking Only Zone** The south side of Thurlow Street is all residential parking only. It is a violation to stop and put your car in park unless you live in one of the houses on that section of Thurlow. It also has a huge impact of traffic flow when both sides of the street are filled with parked cars.



- **Not Turn Left onto Thurlow out of the Drive Through**

Turning left out of the drive through is often the cause of traffic gridlock on Thurlow. Please turn right onto Thurlow and, in only half a block, you can turn left on Durban or, in another half block, turn right on Kipling. You will get where you are going just as quickly.

It was incredible how clear the roads were during our Walk and Wheel Week. Let's get some of that back.

Ideas on How to Support Your Child's Reading at Home

Click [here](#) for an excellent list of tips from the Teachers' College of Reading and Writing.



Please Send us Your Halloween Party Pics

Michelle would like to create a bulletin board of pictures from the PAC Halloween Party. Please send your pictures to her at SJD@sd61.bc.ca Please use **Halloween Party** in the subject of your email.

Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found is, once again, overflowing. Come by and see if you recognize anything before we ship it off.

