



# ÉCOLE SIR JAMES DOUGLAS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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REMEMBRANCE DAY

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## HIGHLIGHTS:

### Upcoming Events:

Go to the calendar on the school website:

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

### Donate to 1000x5



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



### PLASTIC BAGS NEEDED IN BACKPACKS FOR LIBRARY BOOKS PLEASE

The rainy season is upon us again and that means potentially leaky backpacks. Please help your child keep a plastic bag in their backpack specifically for transporting library books to and from school. We've already had 10 soggy books returned (largely from intermediate students) which is so unfortunate.

I'm always looking for volunteers in the library. If you have a few extra minutes before or after drop off or pick up, the book cart often needs attention. No experience necessary!

~submitted by Mrs. Colleen Pommelet, Teacher Librarian and WE Club co-sponsor teacher

## Allergy Awareness Reminder

As you are aware, there are a number of students at SJD with life threatening food allergies. Nuts and peanuts are the highest risk foods at school. We ask that parents avoid sending foods containing these ingredients to the school, even if there are no identified students with allergies in your child's class, as contaminants travel throughout the school on children's hands.

- 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 are in all classes and around the school.
- Students in all classes are reminded to wash their hands after eating nut or peanut foods and before using computers, to help lessen the risk of cross contamination.
- Information can be located on the school website. See <https://sjd.sd61.bc.ca/parent-info/a-healthy-safe-and-caring-sjd/>
- Discussions and education happen in all classes, not just in those with known at risk students.



## **A special Halloween allergen reminder: remind your children not to bring Halloween candy containing nuts or peanuts to school.**

### Remembrance Day Assembly - Friday, November 9 @ 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 tops.



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### **ALL BC SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12 FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY**

### Thank You to the PAC for the Author Visit

Last week, author Natasha Deen from Edmonton visited our school, thanks largely to the SJD PAC. Natasha told wonderful stories to all grades, emphasizing the importance of stories in our lives. She also demonstrated how adding details and mixing things up a bit can really elevate your story. Ask your child about some of the stories she told and see what they can recall.