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## Sir James Douglas School Newsletter

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**Two exceptional programs, one extraordinary school.**

### *A message from the Principal:*



October was a wonderfully busy month at the school. I would like to thank all the parents that volunteered during the month at our PAC lunch days, Hallowe'en Dance and most recently, the City Finals in x-country. Thank you for your support! We couldn't do it without you.

Our SJD families should be very proud of the contributions that you have made to the **1000 X 5** literacy project. Sir James Douglas School has been recognized as the top school contributor to this literacy project. To date, SJD families have donated 11,134 books to this program. This is many thousands more than any other school in District 61! All the books that have been dropped off in our **1000 X 5 bin outside the library** are sent to Rockheights Middle School to be washed and sorted by the volunteers. They pack three books per bag, ready to be shipped out to a community organization, who will distribute the books to preschoolers. What a great recycling project! We will collect books all year long so thank you for your continued generosity.



Murray Harris

# LITERACY

Many thanks to teachers Sarah Paulson, Colleen Pommelet, Tegan Ringham and V.P. Jeni Scott who joined me at the School Trustee Meeting last Monday evening. They volunteered their time to share the wonderful success that have been happening around literacy at SJD. These staff members have been key in changing the way literacy is supported in our school, particularly in our English program. Here is a [link](#) to the slideshow we used. Due to privacy the videos are not playable.

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## *Clubs and Activities at Sir James Douglas School*

### *Mondays at Lunch*

- ❖ Drama Club in room # N113 with Mme Shorthouse (starting in January)
- ❖ LGBTQ Club

### *Tuesdays at lunch*

- ❖ Yoga Club -Kindergarten to grade 2, with Lauren C. and Mena (Starting in December)
- ❖ We Club in Mme Kayli's room #215 (Mrs. Pommelet, Mme Kayli and Ms. Tegan)

### *Wednesdays at lunch*

- ❖ Choir in the Gym (Mrs. Reid, Mme Gerhart and Mme Meservia)

### *Thursday before school starts*

- ❖ Running with Coach Lucy at 8:15 on the front court
- ❖ Art and Games in Mrs. Hart's room 214

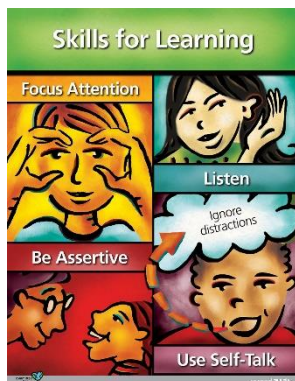
### *Thursdays*

- ❖ Magic Club in Mme Kayli's room #215
- ❖ Games in Mrs. Hart's room #214
- ❖ Swim Club at the Crystal Pool @ 3:30-4:15

### *Fridays at lunch*

- ❖ Frisbee Club

## Second Step (Social Emotional Learning Curriculum)



The school-wide theme for the next few weeks, until the winter break, focus on the skills for learning: listening, focusing attention, using self-talk to stay on-task, and being assertive when asking for help with a learning task. In our morning announcements and school assembly, we'll be reminding students of these skills, which help students be successful learners.

*Second Step* lessons teach skills for learning. You'll be receiving Home Links describing why these skills are important and including fun activities to do with your child to practice them. We hope you enjoy them!

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# School will be closed on Remembrance Day, Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.



Parents are invited to attend the Remembrance Day assembly on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. Children in the Choir are asked to wear dark bottoms and white tops for this assembly.

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<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5 Fun Lunch Day</b> 	<b>6 Grade 3's vision testing</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8 Remembrance Day assembly</b>  <b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11 Remembrance Day Schools Closed</b> 	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15 Newsletter</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19 Fun Lunch Day</b> 	<b>20 PAC Meeting</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22 PRO D School closed</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

## We Scare Hunger

Remember to send in your non-perishable food items. Monday, Nov 4 is the deadline.



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## **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 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.**



## **Pack It In – Pack It Out**



SD 61 is unable to provide recycling services for schools other than for paper products. As you may know only 9% of all plastics used in Canada are recycled. That 9% is made into inferior plastics that break down and enter our environment. The best way to reduce plastic pollution is to reduce at the source.

For these reasons SJD is a pack it in – pack it out school. Any garbage sent to school in student lunch boxes or back packs will sent back home for families to recycle or compost. Please help out by using reusable containers whenever possible

## **Before and After School Care Available**

The SJD Out of School Care has some spaces coming available. Drop by their space at the front of the school or call them at 250-389-0500.



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