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# GEORGE JAY BULLETIN

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## "Learning to Care... Caring to Learn"

Dear Families,

Fall weather is upon us and it is starting to get chilly and wetter outside. As rainy weather begins, please make sure your child is dressed appropriately to stay warm and dry and comfortable when returning to the class. We believe it's important that children go outside during their breaks as much as possible. Fresh air and exercise energizes learning, so unless it is pouring rain, out they go! We are asking, if possible, that indoor shoes (nothing fancy or expensive) can be sent to school to help us keep the school clean. Flu season is approaching and if your child is sick, please keep them at home. If your child is exhibiting illness at school, we will be calling to send the child home. Keeping everyone healthy is a priority.

The end of the first school term is almost complete and teachers are in the process of preparing reports which will be sent home December 11th. If you have questions about your child's progress at any time, please feel free to contact your child's teacher. Good communication between school and home is always important to us. To support your child at home, reading is a great place to start. With the month of December being such a busy time of year, proper nutrition and enough sleep helps your child do their best at school. Good communication between school and home is always important to us.

And finally, I have decided to retire from the day-to-day life as an educator. I have been working for thirty seven years in education and looking forward to a change. I will be finished here at George Jay the end of Jan. 2016. It has been an amazing journey to help transform this school into a place where children truly are caring and love to learn! Terri Smith will undertake the role of acting principal for the rest of the year. This will be a seamless transition for all in the building and I know the school will be in great hands!

Mrs. Leslie Lee

Mrs. Terri Smith

## Dates to Remember

Nov. 20	School Pro-D—School not in session
Nov. 25	PAC meeting at 6:30
Nov. 27	Movie night 6:00-8:30 Gym
Dec. 4	1:00 SOAR assembly
Dec. 10	Christmas concert—1:00
Dec. 11	<b>Christmas Pancake breakfast sponsored by Maximus Health 8:30 am start. Parents welcome to attend with their child. Please come early to the gym</b>
Dec. 17	Emporium 9 - 3:30 Gym
Dec. 18	Last day before Winter break
Jan. 4	District Pro-D; school <b><u>reopens Jan. 5</u></b>

**GVSD**

Virtue of Integrity: Integrity is living by your highest values. It is being honest and sincere. Integrity helps you to listen to your conscience, and to tell the truth.

## Maker Space

It has been a very messy last few months in MakerSpace with students building arcade games, puppet theatres and animals. Grade 4/5s got to display their arcades during the Halloween dance and they were a huge success.

Grade 2/3s are now finished building their puppet theatres and will be performing for the kindergarten and grade 1 students next week.

Thank you for your donations of materials. It has been very helpful in maintaining the MakerSpace. We are short of masking tape so if you are able to make tape donations, we would be very grateful. As always, we are always collecting the following items throughout the year so keep them coming!

- masking tape
- toilet paper/ paper towel rolls
- clean, washed, non-greasy plastic containers
- lids
- corks
- craft stuff
- glue
- egg cartons
- small tools (screwdrivers, hammer etc)
- anything else you think we could use to build stuff

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## Emporium donations

We are accepting donations of new and gently used items that are small in size and look almost new. Some examples: candles, toys, ties, jewelery, ornaments, picture frames, CD's, books, puzzles, purses, wallets, scarves, tools.



This is a great annual event for the kids and families of George jay. Please drop off your donations at the school starting December 1st. Call the school for more information.

**Gifts** – you can give a donation of a gift that is new or gently used (toys, books, puzzles, etc.) that will be available to students to purchase for \$1 or less at the George Jay gift emporium in mid-December

**Other Donations:** This year a request has been made for wrapping materials or ribbons. If you have end rolls from last year or would like to donate wrapping paper or ribbons, it would be greatly appreciated.

### Volunteer –

Pre-event: You can serve alongside other volunteers and parents to wrap the gifts.

During the event: You can serve either manning a table, helping kids 1 on 1 as they look for gifts, or wrapping the gifts they have purchased.

## Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic book fair was a huge success! Our goal was to sell \$1500.00 in books and we sold \$2091.60. We earned \$972.60 which will be used to buy books for our school library. Thank you to everyone who made this event such a success!



## Clothing Exchange

Come and see what's new in our clothing room in the Parent Resource room. We are looking for Christmas related items. Decorations, holiday clothing, trinkets, etc. We look forward to having you drop in!

## School Closure for Inclement Weather

We are now approaching the season when inclement weather may affect the safety and welfare of students. In particular, snowy weather has the potential to cause school closure or some School District 61 services to be suspended.



During inclement weather, information about schools will be updated continuously on the Greater Victoria School District 61 website at <http://www.sd61.bc.ca/>.

Within the Greater Victoria School District, the Superintendent of Schools will provide media outlets with information about the status of our facilities and transportation service by 6:30am. We will also send out a syner-voice notification.

## Flu Season

Remember that the best prevention for all season flus and colds is by taking the following steps:

Students should not be exchanging/sharing makeup, lip gloss, bottled water, food etc.

Wash hands frequently. Proper hand washing should take 20 plus seconds and should include soap and water or hand sanitizer. It may be helpful to encourage younger students to wash their hands until they have finished singing happy birthday or their ABC's in order to promote proper hand washing.



When a tissue is not available, please cough or sneeze into the elbow of your sleeve.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

Stay home if you are sick.



## George Jay “Coats for Students”

If your child is in need of a winter coat, please fill out the information below and return this form to the school A.S.A.P. Thank-you to the Coats for Kid’s campaign for donating coats to us this year.

Please get your request in soon as sizes and styles are limited.

Child’s name \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Size:            \_\_\_Small                    \_\_\_Medium                    \_\_\_Large

Teachers: please place completed forms in Leila or Sue’s mailbox.

We will come and get students from your class to choose a coat. Thank-you!



## 1000X5

1000 Books by Age Five

Children’s Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria

5 Years and 86,000 books into homes that need them

1000X5 has to be one of the best recycling projects going. YOU are making such a difference to so many children’s lives. Over 1500 babies and preschoolers now have libraries at home and are developing a skill and love of literacy in the critical early learning years.

This year, 24 social agencies are begging for books to give to families. Story after story talks about the changing habits they see. All it takes is for you to donate your gently used books for babies and toddlers as often as you or our space outgrows them!! Take your books to the pink bin in the school office.



# GOOD FOOD BOX ORDERING

The Good Food Box is available twice a week for pick up right here at George Jay school. Orders happen every two weeks and pick up is every two weeks on the opposite weeks. This is the only school in the district that offers this program!

**What can I buy?** Small, medium or large fruit and veggie boxes, all fruit box, all certified organic box, snack box.

All boxes are made up of seasonal, local and regional produce which is either unsprayed or organic. The Good Food Box is a non-profit alternative food distribution system that provides high quality local produce at a reasonable price.

**ORDER DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 25th. PICKUP IS WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> IN THE PARENT RESOURCE ROOM**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student's name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\$6 small fruit and veg.      \_\_\$10 snack box

\_\_\$12 medium fruit and veg.      \_\_\$15 all fruit box

\_\_\$18 large fruit and veg.      \_\_\$18 all certified organic

Please include cash or check for your order and drop off at the office or parent room no later than Wednesday Sept. 30. **Checks should be payable to Fernwood NRG.**