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GEORGE JAY BULLETIN

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George Jay Elementary

"Learning to Care... Caring to Learn"

Dear Families, Friends and Guardians of George Jay School students:

December has arrived and the 2012 year is almost over —where has the time gone? Everywhere you go there are examples that the holiday season is upon us. With all this excitement going on all around the children, it has been hard work to keep routines and motivate the students to learn.

Generosity is defined as giving and sharing. We, at George Jay, are blessed to have a number of community partners, parents and volunteers who share freely, not with the idea of receiving something in return. They have found ways to give others happiness, and give just for the joy of giving. A big thank you to the following for the extra cheer they brought this holiday season: Mr. Wheeler's Vic High students, HMCS Procteur/Esquimalt Lions, Mount Doug Leadership, Salvation Army/Naden Band, Maximus (Pancake Breakfast), Cobbs Bakery, Central Baptist Church, Coast Capital Savings Holiday Stockings, PAC, Big Brothers and Sisters, staff of George Jay and the many anonymous donors and countless volunteers who give of their time.

This time of year can also be extremely busy and stressful to families. We encourage you to take this opportunity to be mindful of the important things in life...savour the quiet moments, be loving to yourself and your family, slow down and spend time with your children. Generosity in spirit is a wonderful gift to share. Whatever your customs at this time of year, may you enjoy this holiday break ahead with your family and friends. Relax, rest and rejuvenate! We would like to take this chance, on behalf of all George Jay staff, to wish you and your family a joyous holiday!

Leslie Lee, Principal

Terri Smith, Vice-principal

Dates to Remember

Dec. 14	Pancake breakfast in the gym 7:45—8:45
Dec. 19	Coast Capital Stockings
Dec. 20	Emporium
Dec. 21	Last day of school
Mon. Jan. 7	School Reopens
Jan. 24	Newsletter home
Jan. 28	Kindergarten registration begins
Jan. 29	Ready, Set, Learn 10:30 - noon
Jan. 30	PAC mtg at 5:30-7:00
Jan. 31	Parent potluck 11:30

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Virtue of Joyfulness: Joyfulness is an inner sense of peace and happiness. You appreciate the gifts each day brings. Without joyfulness, when the fun stops, our happiness stops. Joy can carry us through the hard times even when we are feeling very sad. Joy gives us wings.

Happy, Healthy Kids Program



This is a community funded hygiene program for students of George Jay Elementary, which provides hygiene supplies free of charge. Please contact Leila Durzi, Family Liaison Worker or Sue MacTavish, Youth & Family Counsellor for more information at 250 385-3381.

Flu and Cold 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.

Please contact callback or the office to inform us of your child's absence. If you leave a message, if they have flu like symptoms please let us know.

Lost and Found

Once again our Lost and Found box is bulging...it is full of coats, sweatshirts, hoodies, pants and other items of clothing. Please have your child check to see if any of the items belong to them. All lost and found items are on a table outside the parent room. On Friday, Dec. 14th all lost and found not picked up will be taken into the donation room in the Parent room.



Ready, Set, Learn For Three year olds

George Jay Elementary School hopes to help families with preschool age children connect positively with our school and with other community agencies in our area. As such, we will be hosting an interactive afternoon for families and their three year olds on Tuesday, January 29th. Please pass this information to neighbours and friends who will not receive this newsletter via their school age children. We look forward to seeing you in the school library between 10:30—noon

Play Ball Hockey!!

www.gvmbh.teampages.com

GREATER VICTORIA MINOR BALL HOCKEY 2013 SEASON STARTS NEXT SPRING

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW!!

Reduced rate until December 31, 2012

Registration closes January 31, 2013

BE SURE TO REGISTER EARLY AS TEAMS FILL UP FAST

Saanich – Westshore - Peninsula

If you would like to play this year or would like more info please visit our website at: www.gvmbh.teampages.com

1000 X 5

1000 Books by Age Five

**Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria
In this season of giving give the gift of literacy**

Thank you for all the books that you have sent into homes of children with few books – last count is 11,000 books. In

December this is even more important as many children will receive few gifts and likely even fewer books. Please part with a few of your “still in good shape” picture books suitable for babies and preschoolers. You will find the drop box in the hall way by Strong Start and thank you for giving the gift of literacy.



ERASE

On Wednesday, November 28th, Coast Capital Leadership team presented to George Jay students a rap about expecting respect and a safe education. They reinforced the belief that everyone should be safe from bullying. Don't let them control you and keep you down. Help ERASE bullying now. ERASE is a private and anonymous online reporting for targets of bullying or those who witness it taking place.

Parents and students can access resources and important information at www.erasebullying.ca