

# George Jay's December PAC Newsletter!

## "Learning to Care, Caring to Learn"

### PAC Meeting: January

Our January PAC meeting will focus on Parent Education with guest speaker Brooken Sayers, who will define the idea of "self regulation" and explain to us how to use these effective tools at home. The meeting starts at 5:30pm on Wed., Jan. 29, with the discussion at 6pm.

### Volunteer Readers

George Jay is always looking for Volunteer Readers to help out at the school. The teachers really rely on the volunteers to help our kids better learn how to read, and there are many children in our school who could use a hand. We're actually losing a couple of our regular readers and there is a real need for new volunteers to help out with this at George Jay right now.



If you can spare an hour a week, every week and would love to share the joys of literacy with children, please call George Jay at (250) 385-3381. No special skills or teaching ability needed, just a love for reading! Thank you in advance for offering to help.

### Gifts That Give Back

If you were thinking of buying a gift for your teacher, babysitter, friends and family, consider supporting these businesses who have actively supported our school already this year! (Maybe a gift certificate for coffee or lunch?) Here's a handy list:

Fernwood Inn • Cornerstone Café • Patisserie Daniel • Caffe Fantastico • Aubergine • North Park Bikes • Gemi Hair Salon • The Belfry Theatre • Larsen's School of Music • U Retreat Spa • Oak Bay Butcher • Crystal Pool • Finn & Izzy • Status Hair • Wellburns • WIN • Floyd's Diner • Market on Yates • Dominoes Pizza • Nando's Restaurant

### Holiday Emporium

Our annual Holiday Emporium is coming up fast, and we still need donations and volunteers! Set up happens 9am - 2:30pm on Wednesday, December 18 and the Emporium runs all day Thursday, December 19.

Volunteers are needed for set-up, working as cashiers on the day, helping kids to shop, clean up & driving the leftovers away.



Paperwork is coming soon to your child's backpack! Or email PAC president Kate Wallace at [georgejaypac@gmail.com](mailto:georgejaypac@gmail.com) and she'll send a link to the online volunteer shift list.

Goods can be dropped off during school hours from Dec. 2 - 17. We always need new or gently used items—books, kitchen stuff, decorations, toys and stuff for dads and babies!

### Fairway Card changes

Just a reminder that old Fairway Cards will be discontinued as of December 31. New cards are available now, but if you have money on the old ones, spend it soon! Get your new George Jay Fairway Card from PAC treasurer Terri Gagnon most mornings in the Parent Room. Remember, the PAC will get 5% of whatever monetary amount you load onto your card!

### Swim Club

January's Tyee Swim Club forms will be in the school office starting December 3. Please, remember not to put cash in the office's PAC apple box without getting a receipt from Kate, Terri or Leila!

Find us online at [www.georgejaypac.com](http://www.georgejaypac.com) or email us at [georgejaypac@gmail.com](mailto:georgejaypac@gmail.com)

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### Thanks to All!

A big thanks to Clayton Hale for organizing another extremely successful Scholastic Book Fair, which continues to raise money for our school library—we made a record-breaking \$1,100 this year. And thanks to all the volunteers who manned the tables and worked the cash desk for the event. We couldn't do it without you!

Kudos as well to Shannon MacLeod for organizing the Lice Checks in November. (If your child does have lice and you aren't sure what to do about it, see Leila Durzi in the Parent Room. She can help you with products and techniques for combatting the critters.)

Thanks to Mrs. H for offering her room for Movie Night in November. It was cozy and fun—we might have to do that again!

Thanks to Aubergine Specialty Foods on Gladstone, who donated proceeds from his Halloween pumpkin sales to our school—almost \$200 went to the teachers field trip funds.



### Just Say "George Jay"

Nando's Restaurant has joined the list of Victoria's excellent community sponsors! Just say "George Jay" when you visit Nando's (at the corner of Pandora and Government streets downtown), and a portion of your meal price will be donated back to the school.

Other similar community sponsors include Cobbs Bread at Harris Green Plaza and The Soap Exchange at the corner of Bay & Fernwood. Be sure to support everyone who cares enough to support George Jay!

### En Francais

We are pleased to report that George Jay's French Immersion program has been accepted by SD61. Starting September 2014, our school will add one Kindergarten class to the French Immersion program. George Jay will benefit from more families and students, but also add to our already multiculturally diverse school!

### Halloween!



Our Halloween Dance was awesome this year! Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time to make it such a success, to the Vic High Dancers for performing and to Leila's practicum student Amanda Walker for organizing the picture display in the front hall. It was another great George Jay event!



### At The Clubs

Don't forget to remind your kids to sign up for Lunch Clubs. Right now we have Mocasins Club on Mondays & Fridays, Choir on Thursdays, and Friendship Club on Wednesdays. Lunch clubs are a great way to meet new friends and maybe even learn a new skill!

And if you have a passion—music, sport, games, cooking—email Lunch Club Coordinator Beth at [t-house@shaw.ca](mailto:t-house@shaw.ca) and share your skills with the school! If you can't commit to one lunch a week, please share your skill with your children's teachers once in a while. We know the teachers and children love to have guests in the classroom!

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