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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 2014 year is almost over —where has the time gone? The holiday season is evident everywhere you go. The children have participated in many events and we are working hard to keep students engaged and motivated to learn, but also have some well deserved fun.

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. A big thank you to the following for the extra cheer they brought this school year: HMCS Procteur/Esquimalt Lions, Mount Doug Leadership, Maximus (Friday toast club and Pancake Breakfast), Cobbs Bakery, Central Baptist Church, Glad Tidings Church Coast Capital Savings, Harbourside and Oak Bay Rotary, St. Vincent de Paul, the PAC, Big Brothers and Sisters, Oak Bay Music Leadership, the staff of George Jay and countless volunteers who give of their time in feeding children, being mentors and just helping out wherever it is needed.

This time of year can also be extremely busy and stressful to families. Take the time, to be thankful and share quality time together doing simple things. Generosity in spirit is a wonderful gift to share. Whatever your customs at this time of year, may you enjoy this holiday break 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. 19th	Last day of school before Winter break
Jan. 5th	First day back
Jan. 12—16	French Immersion Kindergarten registration
Jan. 19	School pro-d day– no student attendance
Jan. 20	Ready, Set, Learn 1:30-3:00 in the gym
Jan. 22	Welcome to K Info Night at S. J. at 6:30
Jan. 26—30	English Kindergarten registration
Feb. 6	Carnaval—celebration of French culture
Feb. 9	Family Day—school closed
Feb. 20	Provincial Pro-D—school not in session

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.

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 outside the office. On Friday, Dec. 19th all lost and found not picked up will be taken into the donation room in the Parent room.



Computer

We are requesting that students come to school with earbuds/ earphone for computer class starting in January for health and safety concerns. Please put them in a small ziploc bag with your child's name clearly labeled on the bag. We are also starting to use iPads in all grade level and earbuds will help your child access reading programs. Earbuds can be easily purchased at the Dollar store for a dollar or so. If you are unable to purchase one for your child for any reason, please feel free to contact me and I will do my best to help.

In computer class, we are learning to use the iPads safely and appropriately. The kindergartens are learning to take photos with iPads and are working towards creating an iBook by inserting the photos and using the touch screen to create digital images. Grades 1-5 are working on using the iPads to create Stop Motion movies. Grade 4/5s will also be starting new projects using the Chromebooks and Google Docs.

In gym, we are learning to dribble, pass and shoot a basketball. We are keeping up with our fitness through warm up runs and cool down stretches. We are working on our flexibility, endurance and strength through various activities and drills. We are learning to run at a consistent speed to warm up our bodies. I am very proud of the progress the students are making in their ability to run non-stop in a warm up run. Even the kindergartens can run for 5 minutes without stopping or walking or complaining! Please ask your child to share with you some of the cool down stretches they have learnt in gym.

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KINDERGARTEN ENGLISH AND FRENCH

IMMERSION REGISTRATION

French Immersion Kindergarten Registration for the 2015-16 School Year: Registration for **French Immersion kindergarten** programs begins at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, January 12th at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, January 16th at 3:00 p.m. Registration for French Immersion Kindergarten is no longer first come first served. **For schools where there are fewer spaces than the number of applicants, a random, supervised draw will take place in accordance to the priorities listed on the district website.** Please bring your child's birth certificate/passport and proof of residency in our catchment area at the time of registration. Proof of residency could be a driver's licence, utility bill or a B.C. Government issued piece of I.D. <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/programs/french-immersion/registration-early-fi/>

English Kindergarten Registration for the 2015-2016 School Year: Registration for **English Kindergarten** will be held January 26—30th. Registration will be begin at 8:00 a.m. on Jan. 26th and end at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, January 30th. Please bring your child's birth certificate/passport and proof of residency in our catchment area at the time of registration. Proof of residency could be a driver's licence, utility bill or a B.C. Government issued piece of I.D. Please visit the school district website at www.sd61.bc.ca for more info.

Transfer Requests: Parents can request a **Transfer Form** at the time of registration for Kindergarten if they would like their child to attend a school outside of their catchment area. Transfer Forms are to be completed and dropped off at the school district by Monday, February 2nd. Families **not** residing within the Victoria School District but live in the Greater Victoria area, may go to any elementary school in our district to register a child from kindergarten to grade 5.

School Locator Not sure if you are in the George Jay catchment? Visit our district website at <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/> - go to **SCHOOLS** and the **SCHOOL LOCATOR** and follow the prompts.

For more information please see the district website at <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/fiRegistration.aspx>





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!



Smart Snacking

Healthy snacks can be good for you and can keep you going through a long day. Enjoy fruit, raw veggies, low fat yogurt, cheese sticks, or whole wheat crackers and peanut butter to name a few.

Try this healthy Christmas salad over the holidays for a treat. More recipes can be found on your School Meal Program bulletin board.

Christmas Salad

- 1 1/2 cups chopped fresh cranberries
- 1 cup chopped red apple
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1 cup seedless green grapes, halved
- 1/4 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 tbsp white sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 cup vanilla yogurt
- 1/2 cup plain yogurt



Chop cranberries in a food processor. Prepare all other ingredients.

Combine cranberries, apple, celery, grapes, walnuts, sugar, cinnamon, and yogurt. Toss to coat. Cover and chill 2 hours.

Stir just before serving.

Happy holidays,

BC Healthy Kids Dental Program



Basic dental coverage is available for children through the Healthy Kids Program. Dependant children under 19 years of age may be covered for dental care if the family is approved to receive premium assistance for BC Medical Services Plan (MSP).

Children are eligible for up to \$1400 of basic dental services every two years. This includes services such as exams, x-rays, fillings, cleanings and extractions. Some services are limited. For example the program does not cover orthodontic treatment. Healthy Kids may not cover all of the costs and there may be additional charges for each visit. Before treatment begins, confirm that your dentist is accepting children covered by the BC Healthy Kids Program, and what part of the services will be covered.

To use the services, take your child's BC Care Card to the dental office and they will confirm coverage before each appointment.

To find out if your child is covered call: 1-866-866-0800 (have your child's Care Card Number handy)

Or access the website at sdsi.gov.bc.ca/publicat/bcea/healthykids.htm

For more information contact:

VIHA Child, Youth and Family Community Health Dental:

Victoria	250-519-5100	Esquimalt	250-519-5311
Nanaimo	250-739-5845	Port Alberni	250-731-1315
Courtenay	250-331-8520	Campbell River	250-850-2124



NEW TO CANADA?



Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS) is a school-based outreach program aimed at helping eligible newcomer students (immigrants and refugees) and their families settle and integrate into their school and community.

Settlement workers can:

- Support newcomer students and families in understanding the school system and culture
- Connect newcomer students and families to resources within the community
- Organize group information sessions on topics to help students and families integrate into school and society
- Facilitate culturally sensitive communication between staff and families
- Promote respect for diversity and encourage participation in school and community

This program is FREE for eligible newcomer students and their families. It is provided through an agreement between ICA, SD 61, 62 & 63.

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SETTLEMENT WORKERS IN SCHOOLS

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Services can be provided in schools or ICA office.

SWIS Contacts:

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Service is available in English, Tamil, Telugu, Hindi, Japanese, Mandarin as well as many other settlement languages.

ICA Contacts:

Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria (ICA) Immigrant Welcome Centre

Phone: 250-388-4728

Address: 930 Balmoral Road, Victoria, BC V8T 1A8

Website: www.icavictoria.org



Inter-Cultural
Association
of Greater Victoria



Providing outreach immigrant settlement services in School Districts 61, 62 and 63.

Connecting immigrant and refugee students and families to school, community and government resources in the Greater Victoria area.



学校安置员项目 (SWIS) 是一项延伸到校区的移民服务项目, 意在帮助符合条件的新生 (移民, 难民) 及其家庭安顿并融入学校和社区生活。

学校安置员可以:

- 协助新移民学生及家庭了解学校体系及校园文化
- 帮助新移民学生及家庭了解社区资源
- 组织有关专题讲座来帮助学生及家庭融入学校及社区生活
- 协助学校工作人员与移民家庭之间的敏感话题沟通
- 提倡尊重多元文化并鼓励积极参与学校及社区活动

这是一项为符合条件的新移民学生及家庭提供的免费服务。该项目由ICA与校局61, 校局62及校局63协作提供。

ਸੈਟਲਮੈਂਟ ਵਰਕਰ (SWIS) ਜੋ ਸਕੂਲਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਕੰਮ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਨ, ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦਾ ਉਦੇਸ਼ ਨਵੇਂ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀਆਂ (ਰਵਿਊਜੀ ਅਤੇ ਇੰਮੀਗਰੈਂਟ) ਅਤੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰੀਵਾਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਸਕੂਲਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਭਾਈਚਾਰੇ ਨਾਲ ਜੋੜਨਾ ਅਤੇ ਵਾਕਿਫ ਕਰਾਉਣਾ ਹੈ।

ਸੈਟਲਮੈਂਟ ਵਰਕਰ (SWIS) ਤੁਹਾਡੀ ਮਦਦ ਕਰ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ:

ਨਵੇਂ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰੀਵਾਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਸਕੂਲਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਭਾਈਚਾਰੇ ਵਿਚਲੇ ਵਸੀਲਿਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਜਰੂਰੀ ਸਵੇਵਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਜੋੜਨਾ ਹੈ।

ਨਵੇਂ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰੀਵਾਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਸਕੂਲਾਂ ਦੇ ਸਭਿਆਚਾਰ (ਕਲਚਰ) ਅਤੇ ਸਕੂਲਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਤੋਂ ਕੀ ਉਮੀਦਾਂ ਹਨ, ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਸਮਝਣ ਅਤੇ ਜਾਣੂ ਕਰਾਉਣ ਵਿਚ ਸਹਿਯੋਗ ਦੇਣਾ ਹੈ।

ਨਵੇਂ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰੀਵਾਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਸਕੂਲਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਸਮਾਜ ਨਾਲ ਜੋੜਣ ਲਈ, ਹੋਰ ਸਭਿਆਚਾਰਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਭਿੰਨਤਾ ਬਾਰੇ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਭਰਭੂਰ ਵਿਸ਼ੇਆਂ ਉਤੇ ਗਰੁਪ ਸੈਸ਼ਨਾਂ ਦਾ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧ ਕਰਨਾ ਹੈ।

ਸੈਟਲਮੈਂਟ ਵਰਕਰ ਸਕੂਲ ਸਟਾਫ ਅਤੇ ਪ੍ਰੀਵਾਰਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਭਿਆਚਾਰ ਨਾਲ ਸਬੰਧਤ ਸੰਜੀਦਾ ਵਿਸ਼ਿਆਂ ਉਤੇ ਗਲਬਾਤ ਕਰਨ ਅਤੇ ਮਾਪਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਸਕੂਲ ਦੇ ਕੰਮਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਹਿੱਸਾ ਲੈਣ ਲਈ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਦਾ ਮਾਧਿਅਮ ਹਨ।

ਹੋਰ ਸਭਿਆਚਾਰਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਭਿੰਨਤਾ ਲਈ ਆਦਰ ਸਤਿਕਾਰ, ਸਕੂਲਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਭਾਈਚਾਰੇ ਵਿਚ ਸ਼ਮੂਲੀਅਤ ਲਈ ਉਤਸ਼ਾਹਿਤ ਕਰਨਗੇ।

ਇਹ ਪ੍ਰੋਗਰਾਮ ਯੋਗ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀ ਅਤੇ ਪ੍ਰੀਵਾਰਾਂ ਲਈ ਮੁਫਤ ਹੈ। ਇਹ ICA ਅਤੇ ਸਕੂਲ ਡਿਸਟਰਿਕਟ 61, 62 ਅਤੇ 63 ਵਿਚ ਇਕ ਸਮਝੋਤੇ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਮੁਹਈਆ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ ਜਿਸ ਨੂੰ ਸਿਟੀਜਨਸ਼ਿਪ ਅਤੇ ਇੰਮੀਗਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਫੰਡ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਹੈ।

موظفي التوطين في المدارس (SWIS) هو برنامج مخصص للتواصل مع المدارس بهدف تقديم المساعدة للطلاب الجدد وعائلاتهم, مهاجرين و لاجئين, للاستقرار و الاندماج في مدرستهم و مجتمعهم.

يقوم موظفي التوطين :

- بمساعدة الطلاب الجدد وعائلاتهم للتواصل مع المصادر و الخدمات الأساسية داخل المدرسة و المجتمع.
- بتقديم الدعم للأفراد و العائلات الجدد لفهم الثقافة المدرسية و لفهم المتطلبات.
- بتنظيم جلسات جماعية لتقديم معلومات حول المدرسة, التنوع الثقافي, التفاهم بين الثقافات, و مواضيع أخرى لمساعدة الطلاب و العائلات للاندماج في المدرسة و المجتمع.
- بتسهيل التواصل الثقافي بين موظفي المدرسة و العائلات و تشجيع الأهل للمشاركة.
- بتعزيز الاحترام للتنوع الثقافي و تشجيع المشاركة في المدرسة و المجتمع.

هذا البرنامج متاح مجاناً للطلاب و العائلات الذين يستوفوا الشروط, و هو مقدم بموجب اتفاقية بين كل من ICA, SD61, SD62, SD63, و تقوم دائرة الهجرة و الجنسية, كندا, بتمويل هذا البرنامج.