

James Hill Elementary Bulletin

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Hello Families,

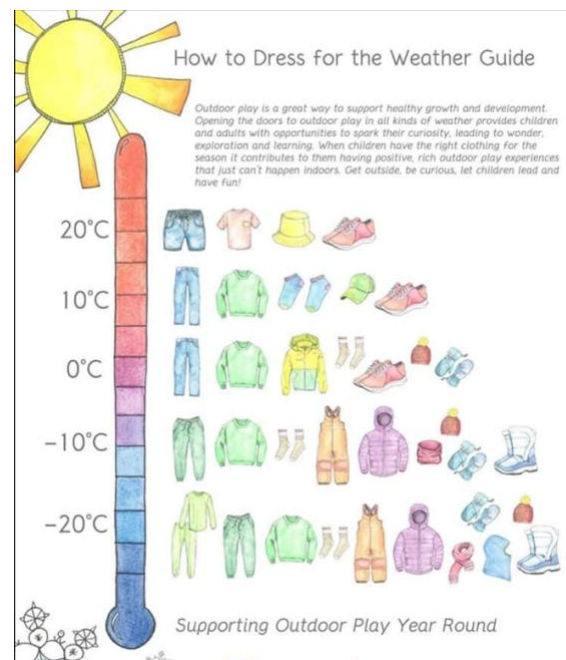
Welcome to November! The frenzy of fall has subsided. You have carved pumpkins, planted fall flowers, and pulled out your cozy sweaters and rubber boots. You've polished off lots of Halloween candy, or not, and now you get to settle into November. It's a month to take time to breathe, for students to really dig into learning now that routines have been established and enjoy the perfect temperature of November.

Outside Play

The importance of play for children's healthy development is grounded in a strong body of research. As a natural and compelling activity, play promotes cognitive, physical, social, and emotional well-being, offering the necessary conditions for children to thrive and learn. Through play, the child can experiment, solve problems, think creatively, cooperate with others, gaining a deeper knowledge about themselves and the world. From an early age, the possibility to experience several opportunities for unstructured play, in which the child can decide what to do, with whom and how, promotes positive self-esteem, autonomy, and confidence.

Outdoor play also enables children to enjoy the natural environment and learn to seek out exercise, fresh air, and activity. There is something fundamentally healthy about using the outdoors. Thus, outdoor play develops disposition for the outdoors, for physical activity, and for care of the environment.

At JHE we will be going outside most days therefore, we ask that students come prepared for our BC weather. In addition, it is suggested that ALL students have a full change of clothes to access at school should they need them. The office is already a very busy place and calling home is not optimal as students miss important class time.



Remembrance Day

We will be doing our **Remembrance Day Assembly Nov. 7th at ~10:40 am.**

During our assembly will also be also acknowledging November 8th as National Aboriginal Veterans Day. This is a day of remembrance and commemoration of the contributions of Indigenous veterans in the First and Second World Wars, as well as the Korean War. National Aboriginal Veterans Day began in Winnipeg in 1994 when Indigenous veterans were not recognized in Remembrance Day activities and is now celebrated in many communities across Canada.

For more information, please check out the following websites:

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/those-who-served/indigenous-veterans>

<https://learningbird.com/national-aboriginal-veterans-day/>

<https://www.righttoplay.ca/en-ca/national-offices/national-office-canada/whats-new/honouring-indigenous-veterans-this-national-aboriginal-veterans-day/>

It is a long-standing tradition for schools to support our veterans and the efforts of the Royal Canadian Legion. Once again this year, our school will be receiving a poppy for every student and distributing them to classes. We will continue to collect funds this year in support of the Legion's Poppy Campaign but kindly ask students and their families to donate online via School Cash Online: <https://sd35.schoolcashonline.com/>. Please do not send cash or cheques with your child to school. If you need assistance accessing School Cash Online, please contact the school office.

We appreciate your generosity. As always, our school is committed to educating our community about the meaning of the poppy and Remembrance Day.

SIC -Student Inclusive Conferences -Nov 27 & 28

The goal of reporting and communicating student learning is to ensure that parents are well informed about their child's progress. Effective communication between the home and the school is central to student's success.

Families will meet with their child and the teacher to discuss student learning. Conferences will vary in style, but all will share key components:

- Duration of about 20 minutes
- Students will share Evidence of Learning (items that reflect progress)
- Families will reflect on the growth they have noticed in their child's learning
- Teachers will reflect on the student's strengths and next steps
- Collaboratively, everyone will set the student's next learning goals
- The learning, growth, strengths and next steps discussed in the conference will lead to the development of the Communicating Student Learning Progress Report.

There will be more information in the upcoming weeks that will be shared with families.

Information About School Status During Inclement Weather

With the days growing shorter and the weather changing to rain, fog, and frost, JHE is reminding all our students to take extra precaution when walking to and from school. Please be aware of your surroundings, walk on the sidewalk and with someone whenever possible, and avoid wearing headphones. We also ask drivers in our school community to be vigilant on our roads. Student safety is our priority. Thank you for your cooperation and support in keeping everyone safe.

Snow closures and power outages are an annual occurrence in the Langley School District. So, where do you go to get information about the status of schools during periods of inclement weather? If you are able to access the internet via computer or smartphone, current information about Langley schools can be accessed on all school websites or www.sd35.bc.ca. Updates are also posted to X (formerly Twitter) @LangleySchools and Facebook at www.facebook.com/langleyschooldistrict. If you don't have internet connectivity but your phone is working, call a relative or friend in an area that has not been affected by the storm and ask them to check the district website for you. Local radio stations are also informed of school status in Langley. Tune in to CKWX 1130AM, CKNW 980AM, Country Radio 107.1FM, Pulse 107.7 or CBC 690AM or 88.1FM for updates.

Please note that Langley District schools are all considered 'open' until a decision to close is required. Decisions on school closures are usually made by 6:30am. As always, it is a parent's decision whether to send their child to school based on safety and individual circumstances. If you feel it is unsafe for you or your child to travel to or attend an open school for any reason, please keep your child home and report an absence to the school.

Reminders

Our JHE Website continues to be a main source of communication, and we work hard keep this information current.
<https://jameshill.sd35.bc.ca/>

Instagram

Follow us at #JHESchool

The link JHE School Community Calendar has all the dates, holidays, special events and upcoming happenings on it for your convenience.

Links:

HTML:

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/8a0e2176fc564d4ea042be8229f6dfc3@sd35.bc.ca/b2f3dfc9db324b599b059bfd038f8eb17389745409578908493/calendar.html>

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Facebook

Please join our PAC Facebook page called “James Hill Elementary Parent Info” to stay up to date on what’s happening at the school, information on school events, fundraisers and much more!

JHE Spirit Wear!

We would like to remind families that we have JHE Seawolf Spirit Wear for all our students and families! There are a variety of styles, colours, and items, to choose from. Please use the link to place your orders!

<https://yaphee.ca/store/jhes35/>

Thank you for taking the time to read through this important information.

Warmest regards, Lynn Fairley

Principal James Hill Elementary

