



JAMES KENNEDY JAGUARS

Newsletter – March 4, 2025

Dear James Kennedy Families,

We have begun **Term 2 Student-Inclusive Conferences at James Kennedy** and look forward to meeting with families to discuss student growth and progress! Conferences began on February 27th and continue until March 11th. We would like to remind you about the schedule this week.

- On Wednesday, March 5th,
 - There is an **early dismissal** at 12:33 p.m.
 - Students will not eat lunch at school that day.
 - Conferences will start after dismissal and go until 7:30 p.m.

- On Thursday, March 6th,
 - There are **no classes** in session.
 - Conferences will take place throughout school hours.
 - Students **do not** attend school on this day unless it is for their scheduled conference time.

Spring is in the air! It is only a week and a half until Spring Break. There is still a lot happening at James Kennedy and in the School District. This newsletter contains quite a bit of information about upcoming PAC and District events. It also contains information from community organizations about Spring Break opportunities.

Kind regards,

Tim Bonnar
Principal

Upcoming Events:

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| • Wednesday, March 5 th | Early Dismissal @ 12:33 – Student-Inclusive Conferences |
| • Thursday, March 6 th | School not in session – Student-Inclusive Conferences |
| • Friday, March 14 th | Hot Lunch / Spirit Day – Dress as a twin/triplet |
| • Friday, March 14 th | Last Day before Spring Break |
| • Monday, March 31 st | School Re-Opens after Spring Break |
| • Thursday, April 3 rd | White Hatter Presentation |

For additional dates including class field trips, please see the [calendar on our school website](#).

INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY / DIVERSITY AND RESPECT WEEK

Over the last week and a half, we celebrated International Mother Language Day and Diversity and Respect Week at James Kennedy.

Classes focused on the value of diversity in our society and the importance of treating others with respect. There were many different activities where students learned about supporting each other, especially those who might face unkindness or discrimination.

One of these activities was having older students read dual-language picture books in our Kindergarten / Grade 1 classes. We encourage you to check out a video about this which can be found on SD35 social media including YouTube: [International Mother Language Day!](#)

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION (ENGLISH PROGRAM)

James Kennedy Elementary is excited to welcome new Kindergarten students to our school community for the English program. (Registration for French Immersion Kindergarten was completed in the Fall). Parents can access [registration instructions online](#). Registration closed on **Feb. 18th, 2025**. **If you missed that deadline**, we encourage you to contact the office as soon as possible!

PAC INFORMATION

MAKE EID SPECIAL

Give the best this spring

ORDER DEADLINE
March 22, 2025

ORDER PICK UP
April 10, 2025

Order your Treat by...
1. Scan the QR code below:

2. Enter the Customer Number:
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Happening NOW @ JKE

Make Easter memorable

JKE PAC PRESENTS

Live Virtual Event

THE WHITE HATTER

Internet Safety and Digital Literacy
for Parents and Caregivers



Thursday Apr 3, 2025

6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

START WITH CONVERSATION

WITH JKE POLICE LIASON

Register

NOW

CHILDCARE, SNACKS & PRIZES



LANGLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT – INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

A SPECTACULAR DAY AWAITS AT THE MANE EVENT

The Mane Event will be taking place on **Sunday, May 25th** at 12:30 pm, hosted at Thunderbird Show Park. The goal of this event is to **raise funds for a worthy cause!**

Dress in your finest Kentucky Derby-inspired attire and prepare for an afternoon of elegance, excitement, and community spirit. Here's what to look forward to: wine & craft brew tastings, gourmet canapés, and world-class show jumping

The day will begin with a warm welcome and glasses of champagne to set the tone for a truly extraordinary experience. Guests will savor exquisite wine tastings from award-winning wineries, perfectly paired with gourmet canapés. This delightful combination promises to create an atmosphere of sophistication and indulgence.

Enjoy VIP access to a breathtaking show jumping event. Watch as skilled riders and horses demonstrate their talent, soaring gracefully through the air in a thrilling spectacle you won't want to miss!

Our annual goal is to raise \$50,000 for the Langley School District Foundation's Autism Assessment Initiative. These funds will help students in financial need access crucial educational support, making a significant difference in their lives. To secure your tickets please visit **<https://lsdf.org/mane-event/>**.

THIS MONTH IN THE ARTS - MARCH 2025

The Arts are alive and well in Langley schools! Please check out the poster at the link below for a quick glance and overview of all of the amazing Arts events and activities happening across schools in the Langley School District in March! **[This Month in the Arts - March.pdf](#)**

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM HOMESTAY FAMILIES

Embark on a rewarding journey of cultural exchange! The District is seeking homestay families to host International Student Program (ISP) students for the 2025-2026 school year and beyond. There are many benefits including learning a new culture, sharing your family traditions, and developing life-long friendships. Homestay families are provided \$1200 per month to offset costs. Start your journey here: **<https://www.studyinlangley.com/student-life/>**.

RAISING DIGITALLY RESILIENT KIDS - PARENT WORKSHOP/RESOURCE

The Raising Digitally Resilient Kids parent workshop outlines how parents and guardians can support children's well-being and help them balance the risks and benefits of digital media. Based on insights from MediaSmarts' research with youth, the workshop provides an overview of online risk categories and provides resources and essential strategies that participants can take to manage these risks. You can find [all of these resources at this link](#).

SCREENAGERS - ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AGE EDITION - APRIL 9, 2025

Physician and filmmaker Delaney Ruston examines the growing impact of screen time on young children, exploring the challenges families and educators face in managing digital use. Through personal experiences, expert insights, and the latest research, the film addresses key issues such as social media pressures, video gaming, screen time limits, and the effects of early exposure to technology.

Offering practical strategies for fostering healthy digital habits, Screenagers: Elementary School Age Edition is a must-watch for parents, teachers, and caregivers looking to guide children toward balanced tech use. View trailer: <https://youtu.be/EzzzeCny6oU>

FREE EVENT: Join other Langley parents and caregivers for a 55-minute documentary screening followed by a Q&A with expert panelists. [Eventbrite ticket page](#). [Facebook Event Page](#).

ACTIVE AFTER THE BELL – TOWNSHIP OF LANGLEY PROGRAM

Help prepare your child to be active and healthy for life! Children will enjoy this after school program focused on physical activity, fundamental movement skills, health, and fun. Active Beyond the Bell (ABTB) runs for two hours after dismissal.

Registration opens soon for the 2025/2026 school year!

- Priority registration will be offered to current participants and their siblings if conditions are met.
- All spots in the ABTB program will be booked on a first-come, first-served basis.
- General registration for ABTB opens up for JKE on Tuesday, April 15.

See the flyer at the back of the newsletter for more information.

THEATRE PRODUCTION - P.L.A.Y. SOCIETY

P.L.A.Y. Society's Performance Program is back this spring and we're not holding anything back. The movie was a huge hit, the Broadway Musical was a huge success and now P.L.A.Y. is bringing it to Langley. The cast is filled to the brim with talented performers from across the Lower Mainland and the director just got back from headlining on a Caribbean Cruise. This show has all the pieces needed to wow audiences. There are only four shows and if you have been to P.L.A.Y. shows in the past, you know they are going to fill up fast. Get dresses up in your pink outfits and grab your tickets before they sell out. See you at the show - it's gonna be FETCH!

PLAY
Presents

MEAN GIRLS

HIGH SCHOOL VERSION
It's going to be **FETCH!**

Chief Sepass Theatre 9096 Trattle Street

Thursday March 20th 7pm
Friday March 21st 7pm
Saturday March 22nd 2pm
Saturday March 22nd 7pm

\$24 Regular Admission
\$17 Student and Seniors 60+
\$15 Student tickets on Thursday

www.playsociety.ca info@playsociety.ca 604-768-6597

PG MUSIC BY JEFF RICHMOND BOOK BY TINA FEY LYRICS BY NELL BENJAMIN

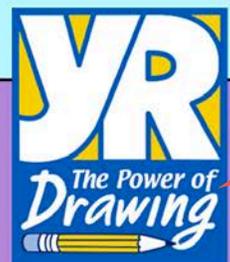
MEAN GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL VERSION IS PRESENTED THROUGH SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL (MTI). ALL AUTHORIZED PERFORMANCE MATERIALS ARE ALSO SUPPLIED BY MTI. WWW.MTLSHOWS.COM

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Classes for Kids



Young Rembrandts

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ART CLASSES AT: JAMES KENNEDY ELEMENTARY

Spring has sprung, and it's time for **SPRINGTIME FUN WITH YOUNG REMBRANDTS!** Kids captivated by movies will love our movie theater still life. Drawing Aladdin's Lamp will be a wish come true! We'll also ride the waves with a cool Surfer & Wave illustration. Fantasy lovers can spark their imagination with our baby dragons lesson, focusing on color and composition. Finally, we'll create a stunning portrait of Frida Kahlo to inspire creativity. Don't miss out—sign up today and let the creativity bloom!

REGISTER TODAY AT:

www.youngrembrandts.com/lowermainland

CLASS DATES: MARCH 31 – JUNE 9/25

WHEN: MONDAYS at 2:35 - 3:35 PM

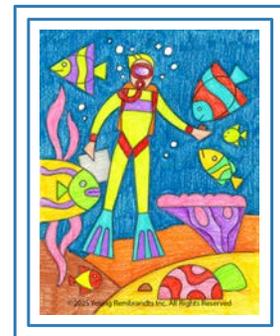
WHERE: THE SCHOOL Library

COST: \$193 for 9 weeks (excludes Holidays)

***PAYMENT OPTIONS AVAILABLE AT CHECKOUT**

**DID YOU KNOW WE
HAVE SPRING BREAK
CAMPS IN LANGLEY?!**
See our website for all
the details!

**HELLO KIDDIES
ANIME, ART VARIETY,
& PASTELS**



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604-724-7919



LEARNING CENTRE

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION SEPTEMBER 2025 OPEN!

Monday/Wednesday/Friday Classes

Tuesday/Thursday Classes

Monday to Friday Classes

Classes run 9:00AM-1:00PM

****Part of Government Reduction Program***



*A positive place where kids can learn, play, and socialize in a
fun, easy going way!*

****Licensed Centre *Qualified Staff***

Located at James Kennedy Elementary School

9060 212th street

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604-613-7910

'intheknow'

Connect and Learn

For families and caring adults who are parenting a child or youth with mental health and/or substance use challenges.

EVERY MONTH, WE HOST EVENTS FOR FAMILIES CALLED 'IN THE KNOW'. WE WATCH A VIDEO AND SHARE EXPERIENCES AND STRATEGIES THAT HELP IN THE HARD MOMENTS. WE HELP FOCUS ON STRENGTHENING OUR UNDERSTANDING AND CONNECTION WITH OUR KIDS.

Explosive Behaviour in Teens: Strategies to Empower Families

When our teens are showing up in explosive ways, we sometimes blame ourselves. Discover with us as a therapist explains some causes of explosive behaviour and strategies that support parents and teens.

Join Victoria Keddis as she hosts a conversation with Kirk Shields-Priddy, MSW/RSW Group and Family Therapist with Fraser Health START Program.

Come together and watch a video presentation and stay for a facilitated conversation by our Family Peer Support Workers.

Cost: Free of Charge

Date(s):

Tuesday, March 4th at 6:30pm (Most of BC)
Wednesday, March 5th at 6:30pm (Most of BC)
Tuesday, March 11th at 6:30pm (Most of BC)
Wednesday, March 12th at 12:00pm (Most of BC)
Tuesday, March 25th at 6:30pm (Most of BC)

Registration required:

www.familysmart.ca/events





**STURGEON
BASKETBALL**

SPRING BREAK CAMP

at Walnut Grove Secondary

MARCH 24-28

Grade 4-6 Girls and Boys: 9am-12pm

Grade 7-8 Girls and Boys: 12:30pm-3:30pm

\$175/ player

Camps are run by WGSS coaches Wedan and Goertzen and
WGSS players.

Each session will include skill development and gameplay.

Email fraserriversturgeon@gmail.com for
information and registration.

IMPACT HOOPS

2025



SPRING BREAK CAMPS

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT BASKETBALL IQ LEADERSHIP

Grades	Dates	Time	Location	City	Cost
4-7 Girls	March 17-20	9:00am-11:45am	Walnut Grove Secondary	Langley	\$245
8-11 Girls	March 17-20	9:00am-11:45am	Walnut Grove Secondary	Langley	\$245
4-7 Boys	March 17-20	12:15pm-3:00pm	Walnut Grove Secondary	Langley	\$245
8-11 Boys	March 17-20	12:15pm-3:00pm	Walnut Grove Secondary	Langley	\$245
4-7 Boys	March 24-26	9:00am-12:45pm	Columbia Bible College	Abbotsford	\$245
8-11 Boys	March 24-26	9:00am-12:45pm	Columbia Bible College	Abbotsford	\$245

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT:

If you register **by February 28** cost will be \$245.
If you register **after February 28** cost will be \$275.

REGISTRATION OPENS FEB 3RD



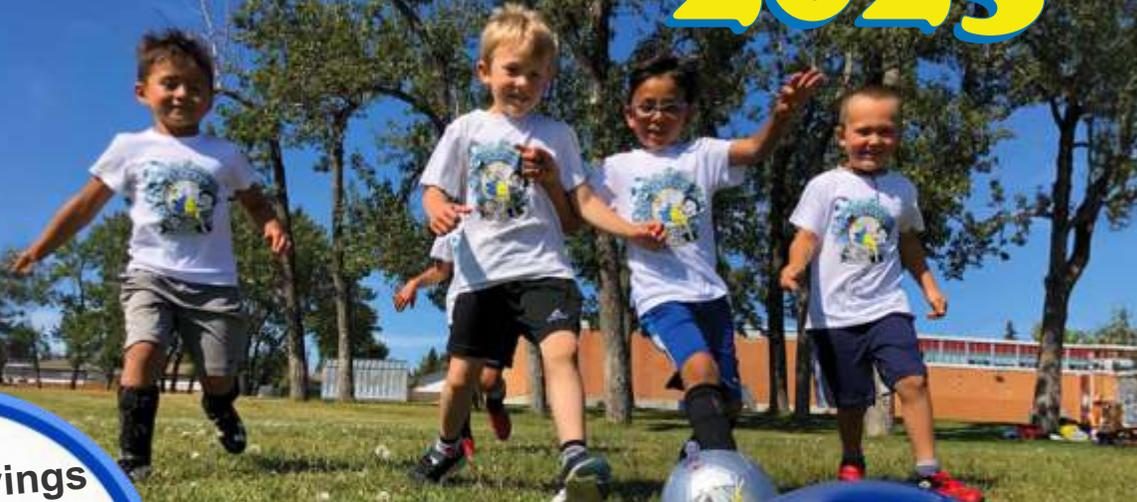
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2025



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