

# James Hill

Elementary Newsletter

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## Hello Families,

Each year during Diversity and Respect Week in February, schools engage in learning activities that foster an appreciation of diversity in our communities. We believe that everyone has the right to learn and work in an environment that values each other's strengths and uniqueness. One of the objectives in our School Action Plan for Learning plan is to ensure all learners value diversity and have a strong sense of belonging. One of the key areas we will focus on to achieve this will be to ensure all learning environments are physically, socially, and culturally inclusive, and are responsive to the diversity of learners and their families.

All children in our schools should feel safe and have the opportunity to learn in a culture of respect as inclusiveness is fundamental to education. Diversity makes our communities stronger, and we encourage all our families to start a conversation about the importance of diversity and to continue that conversation throughout the year.

## Diversity & Respect Week -Feb 25-28

As we want diversity and respect to continue throughout the year, at James Hill Elementary we will continue to be donning Pink Shirts/Kindness shirts Wednesdays for people who are interested. We will also be doing a variety of school activities in support of Diversity & Respect Week, which will include classroom window displays, assemblies, cultural music, and themed days focusing on celebrating individuality, diversity, and kindness.

### JHE Daily Themes for the week of Feb 25-28:

Mon Feb 24: Family Day -School not in session

Tues Feb 25: Cultural Heritage Day -wear your cultural attire -celebrate your heritage

Wed Feb 26: Pink Shirt Day

Thurs Feb 27: Express Yourself Day - wear what represents you

Fri Feb 28: Rainbow Pride Day -wear the rainbow for inclusivity

## Upcoming Events

**Feb 10** -Professional Development Day -No school for students

**Feb 12 & 14** -Oceanwise Seadome visit -all classes

**Feb 14** -Valentines Day -please ask your teacher about bringing items for the class

- Langley Rivermen Hockey Team visit
- PAC Treat Day

**Feb 17** -Family Day -No school

**Feb 21** -Grade 5 Entrepreneur Day

**Feb 22** -Murrayville Community Hall Celebration

**Feb 24** -Learning Update & Design Assess  
Day -No school

**Feb 25-March 7** -Student Inclusive  
conferences

**Feb 25-28** -Diversity & Respect Week -see  
above

### **Update Parent/Guardian Contacts**

Have you changed your email address or phone number? As the District continues preparing procedures and communications for potential school closures, we kindly ask families to ensure their contact information is up to date. If there are any changes, please be sure to inform your school office. If you want to receive SchoolMessenger notification text messages in the event of emergencies or urgent communications, you can opt-in by following these instructions here - [https://www.sd35.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2021/01/SMS\\_Text\\_Opt-In\\_Instructions\\_English\\_French.pdf](https://www.sd35.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2021/01/SMS_Text_Opt-In_Instructions_English_French.pdf)

“Though February is short, it is filled with lots of love and sweet surprises.”

Warmest regards,

**Lynn Fairley**

Principal JHE