

# James Hill Elementary Bulletin

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## Hello families,

Every new month feels like a bit of renewal, but there's something special about September. There's just something that most of us LOVE about the month. With the equinox, the daylight hours consider becoming cooler and even shorter, but there's no rush to end the abundant sunshine and the warm days linger. And there are apples — along with everything apple-scented and apple-flavored. Let's not forget cooler evenings and best of all, there are fewer mosquitoes and other insects to annoy us when we decide to partake in outdoor activities.

As we settle in over the next couple of weeks, we will be developing our routines and building relationships with our student's and families. We are happy to be back and look forward to a journey of learning and reconnecting with the community.

## Website/Calendar

Our JHE Website will be a main source of communication. Please remember to check it as we update it with current information including any alerts we need to share.

<https://jameshill.sd35.bc.ca/>

## Instagram

Follow us @JHESchool. Instagram allows us to share wonderful moments we come across in our school day.

## Food

JHE Grab-and-Go Breakfasts are up a running. If you could please remind your children that their individually packaged items need to be consumed quickly within the first 10 minutes of the day, so as to not impact their learning or use of materials.

In addition, we are continuing with **litter-less lunches!** Students will continue to bring home any materials including wrappers and left food as this has been very helpful as we now have an instructional lunch period.

## Consent Forms

This year, we will be collecting parent consents through an online form rather than on paper. At the beginning of the school year, an email will be sent to the primary guardian of each child as indicated in MyEdBC. Instructions will be included in that email. The email will come from 'Langley Schools' and the subject will be 'Parent Consent Request'.

Paper copies of Student Verification and Medical Forms are still sent home with your child next week and will need to be returned to the school.

### **Parking Lot**

#### **Pickup and Drop off...**

JHE parking lot continues to be a very busy place and we have been working very hard to make it as safe as possible.

#### **Reminders:**

- GO SLOW as we are keeping our children safe
- Island area NO STOPPING
- Have children use the CROSS WALK ONLY for crossing
- The right lane next to the school PARENTS MUST REMAIN IN CARS
- Middle lane NO STOPPING AT ALL
- Left parking spots next to median PARENTS MAY PARK & GET OUT OF CARS
- Please treat the staff working the parking lot kindly as they are there for you children's safety

Thank you for your support with this. If you have any further question, please feel free to contact me at the office.

### **Meet the Teacher**

YES! We are doing this as we feel it is important to stay connected with our families, although it will look a little different! We have set **Meet the Teacher for September 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

Families will be able to sign up for a time on **SchoolAppointments Online**. Meetings will be a short introduction as we have our **Parent /Teacher meetings on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>** to discuss your child's individual progress.

**PAC** will be at the front of the school to greet families with a treat and help direct to classroom exterior doors. 😊

### **Terry Fox Run**

Mark the date! We Can't wait to celebrate the anniversary of the Marathon of Hope! We will be participating in the annual Terry Fox Run, which will be completing the run/walk on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Students will be remaining on the school property and will be running Grade groups. Our donations will be done on School Cash Online. Please log onto your child's account to see it listed there.

### **Truth & Reconciliation Day**

In 2008, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) was created as part of the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement, with a mandate to educate Canadians on the deplorable conditions of the residential school system, to document experiences of the survivors and their families and to guide and inspire a process of reconciliation and renewed relationships based on mutual understanding and respect.

On **September 30**, we will join the Federal Government and other provinces and territories to mark the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to recognize the legacy of residential schools, which is a **Statuary Day** and therefore **schools are not in session**.

**Orange Shirts – 2 Recommendations for Ordering!**  
(don't wait too long to order – they will go fast!)

[Native Northwest Reconciliation](#) Fund

The Native Northwest Reconciliation Fund was created to support people and families who continue to be impacted by Residential Schools and intergenerational trauma. Its purpose is to advance Reconciliation by funding initiatives that support Indigenous wellness, learning, and culture. In its first year, Orange shirt and orange sticker proceeds will fund newly created scholarships for Indigenous youth at several post-secondary institutions. We look forward to highlighting Native Northwest Reconciliation Fund scholarships and their recipients soon.

[Orange Shirt Day Society](#)

The Orange Shirt Day Society was formed in Williams Lake by the Orange Shirt Day founders to encourage and support communities to recognize Orange Shirt Day and support reconciliation events and activities. Their goal is to create awareness of the individual, family and community inter-generational impacts of Residential Schools through Orange Shirt Day activities. A portion of sales is donated to the Orange Shirt Day Society.

**Additional Information...**

**[Get on Board – Kids 12 and Under Ride Free starting September 1, 2021](#)**

Please include the following information in your upcoming newsletters:



Starting Wednesday, September 1, children 12 and under will be able to ride TransLink services free of charge as part of a new provincial program. The program will make transit more affordable for families and help to encourage children to become lifelong transit riders.

Here's what you need to know about children 12 and under riding our different services:

### **Riding the bus**

Children 12 and under will be able to ride buses free of charge without requiring a transit pass, identification or an accompanying fare paying customer.

### **Riding SkyTrain, SeaBus, and West Coast Express**

Children 12 and under will be able to ride on SkyTrain, SeaBus, and West Coast Express free of charge only if accompanied by a fare paying customer. A fare paying customer can accompany up to a maximum of four children through the fare gates.

Children 12 and under will continue to be able to access the gated system by themselves with the purchase of a fare to tap through fare gates.

### **Riding HandyDART**

Children 12 and under who are registered HandyDART customers or children who are accompanying a registered HandyDART customer will be able to travel for free on HandyDART without requiring a fare product or identification.

While travel for children 12 and under will be free, parents and guardians are responsible for educating and making decisions about the safety and care of their children whenever travelling on transit. This includes when children are travelling unaccompanied were permitted and determining if their children can or should take transit independently.

Please visit [translink.ca/kidsridefree](https://translink.ca/kidsridefree) for more information about the program. For resources and youth travel initiatives, please visit the [TravelSmart page](#) under the "TravelSmart for Schools" section.

### **Family Accident Reimbursement Plan**

In past years, the District used to send enrolment forms to schools for coverage under the Kids Plus Voluntary Insurance Plan. The Kids Plus Voluntary Insurance Plan was cancelled in 2019 by the supplier and was replaced by the Family Accident Reimbursement Plan Voluntary Insurance. The plan is voluntary but I would encourage you to share the following information (and in the FARP newsletter attached) with the parents of your students as soon as you can so they have an opportunity to enroll as early in the school year as possible. There are significant benefits of this accident insurance coverage and every year it seems we have a student or two who lose teeth for example and have no coverage.

Please note that going forward, enrolment in the program will be done online only, through <https://www.solutionsinsurance.com/aonbc>. This information can be provided to parents through the school's/District websites, e-newsletters and social media. The website provides information about the program including pricing and coverage. Parents and students should be able to locate all the information they need online to make an application for coverage.

### **COVID-19 Notification Process**

The Ministry of Education has informed the District of the COVID-19 Notification Process. The District will continue to follow the protocols as set out by Fraser Health to help keep our students and staff healthy and safe.

Here is what we can share with you now:

Public health will continue to prioritize schools for contact tracing. Public health will directly follow up with anyone identified as a COVID-19 case and determine if other students or staff were close contacts.

- [Close contacts](#) are followed up with directly because they may be at greater risk of infection. They will be directly informed by public health if they need to take action, like self-monitoring or self-isolating.
- People at school who are not close contacts are not at increased risk, so don't need to take any additional actions beyond continuing to follow general public health recommendations.
- In line with practices for other community settings and workplaces, school notifications to the broader school community, such as letters or exposure notices on regional health authority websites, will be used when public health deems them necessary to support contact tracing or outbreak management.
- Public health continues to monitor transmission of COVID-19 across the province, with the latest data on COVID19 available from [BCCDC](#).

**Thank you for taking the time to read through this. We, as a staff, continue to do our very best to keep us all connected. We will continue to plan and think outside the box, to build community in and outside of the school. If you have any wonders or thoughts do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, the PAC, or myself.**

**Have a great weekend!**

**Kind regards,**

**Lynn Fairley**