



June 2021

Thank you for a wonderful school year! Your kids are amazing, resilient young people that persevered through a unique year. I am proud of how the staff, the students and the wider community continues to support each other. I continue to be thankful to be a part of such a fabulous community.

Thank you to our parents, whose generosity of spirit and dedication has enriched our school community. To our James Park staff, thank you for your wisdom and your commitment to the students that you serve.

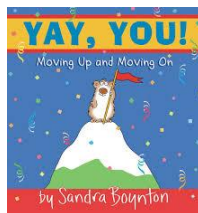
To our Grade 5 students...

Always remember James Park and all you have learned here. You have been an important part of our community as an elementary school student and you will continue to be an important part of our community as a middle school student....you will always be a part of our community! Know that you have made a difference at James Park and make sure to take advantage of everything that middle school has to offer.

A final thought for you, borrowed from Sandra Boynton, as you move to the next stage of your educational career...

***“And whatever you do, now or later, big or small, loud or quiet- whatever you do, don’t worry.
Just try it.
Whatever you do, whether near or so far, I know you’ll be great.
You already are.”***

Taken from “Yay, You!” by Sandra Boynton



Enjoy the summer!
Rob Wright
Principal

Summer Contact

Our school office officially closed on Friday, July 2nd for the summer. The school office will be open again on August 30th. **During the last week of August, Mr. Wright may be out of the office at different points of the day for district meetings so it may be helpful to call the school ahead at 604 942 6658 if you would like to contact him.* Alternately, you can contact Mr. Wright at rwright@sd43.bc.ca.

Saying Goodbye at James Park



It is that time of year to say goodbye to everyone for the summer, but for some it will be good bye and good luck in your new school. We have students leaving James Park, but we also have staff leaving. We wish everyone well and know that some may come back and rejoin our James Park community in September or at some other time in the future. We say goodbye and good luck to the following staff:

Mr Lee, Ms Panahi, Ms Yun, Ms Bernardi, Ms Wilkman, Ms Galan, Ms Lai, Ms Lau, Ms Stein, Mr Martin, Ms Kolbe, Ms Bailey, Ms Matterson, Ms Bawa, Ms Robinson, Ms Schick (EA), Ms Aranui (LISW) and Ms Callaway (EA).

Ms Dushenko has not been at our school this year, but she retired as of July 1, 2021.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

The first day of school for the 2021/2022 school year is Tuesday, September 7. ***The following information is based on limited COVID guidelines and our ability to be in mixed groups without cohorts. As we have done throughout the pandemic, we will have to be flexible if guidelines change over the summer and effect our school start up in the fall.***

On Sept 7, we ask that students in **Grades 1-5** come to school from 9:00 to 9:30 am. We ask that our incoming **Kindergarten** students go to the gym from 10:00 to 10:30. Parents who have any questions can check in with the office. Students will not need any school supplies on Tuesday, September 7.

Students in **Grades 1-5** will line up in their line up spot from last year and will return to the classroom they were in last year. Our incoming **Kindergarten** students will go directly to the gym. This will give children the opportunity to connect with their peers and teachers can take attendance and answer questions about the first week.

Attendance is very important during this first week as it will confirm our student registrations for school organization at James Park (and all schools) throughout our district.

Students will stay with their last year’s class until we have our organization approved by the School Board. We hope this will happen sometime in the second week of school.

Our first week of school will be planned collaboratively with all our teachers. We will have activities to actively engage our students and to give each child an opportunity to spend some time with their peers, all of our teachers and support staff.

Beginning Wednesday, Sept. 8 students should bring their backpacks, snacks, lunches, jackets and pencil boxes to school each day. Students will be instructed by their teachers when to bring their other supplies to school. Please visit our website - www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/jamespark.ca for calendar information (click “on the calendar”) and supply lists.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sept. 6 Labour Day	Sept. 7 First Day of School Grades 1-5 9:00 – 9:30 am Students to meet in their last year’s classroom. Kindergarten students arrive at 10:00 am and stay until 10:30 with their parents/caregivers – all students go to the gym.	Sept. 8 Grades 1-5 8:54 am– 2:53 pm *Bring back pack, pencil box, snack, lunch and jacket. Students will be involved with school- wide activities this week. (Kindergarten students and parents are involved in scheduled <i>Welcoming Conversations</i> and a gradual entry schedule this week. K students only come to school this week for their <i>Welcoming Conversations</i> and the very limited times outlined in the gradual entry schedule that will be sent home on or before Sept 7. The first full day of school for K students is not until Monday, September 20th)	Sept. 9 Grades 1-5 8:54 am – 2:53 pm *Bring back pack, pencil box, snack, lunch and jacket. Students will be involved with school-wide activities this week. (Kindergarten students and parents are involved in scheduled <i>Welcoming Conversations</i> and a gradual entry schedule this week. K students only come to school this week for their <i>Welcoming Conversations</i> and the very limited times outlined in the gradual entry schedule that will be sent home on or before Sept 7. The first full day of school for K students is not until Monday, September 20th)	Sept. 10 Grades 1-5 8:54 am – 2:53 pm *Bring back pack, pencil box, snack, lunch and jacket. Students will be involved with school- wide activities this week. (Kindergarten students and parents are involved in scheduled <i>Welcoming Conversations</i> and a gradual entry schedule this week. K students only come to school this week for their <i>Welcoming Conversations</i> and the very limited times outlined in the gradual entry schedule that will be sent home on or before Sept 7. The first full day of school for K students is not until Monday, September 20th)

If you have any questions about the start-up, or are going to join us after September 7, please give our office a call at (604) 942 6658 on or after August 30th. Our school office officially closed on Friday, July 2nd for the summer. The school office will be open again on August 30th. Alternately, you can contact Mr. Wright at rwright@sd43.bc.ca.

Are You Moving?

Have you moved during the school year or are you planning to move over the summer months and changing schools for the fall? If so, this information would be very helpful to both your child(ren)'s new school and to us in our planning for September. Please inform the office at 604 942 6658 or jamespark@sd43.bc.ca as soon as possible. Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

Summer Reading Club

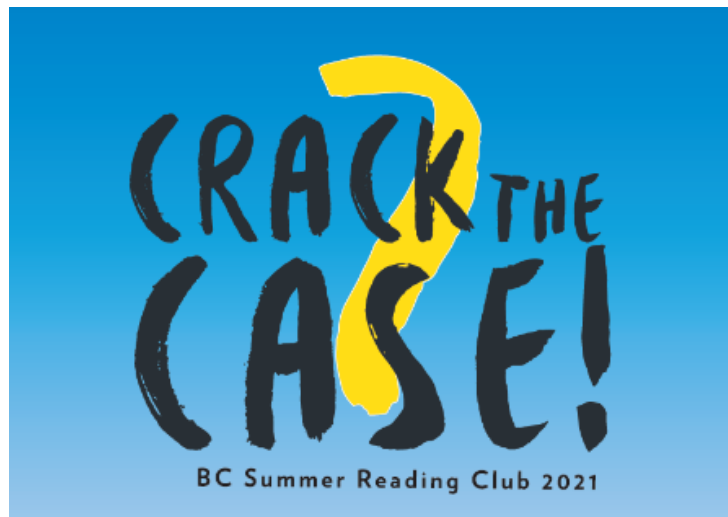
*** From <https://www.coqlibrary.ca/src-kids>

BC Summer Reading Club 2021

"Crack the Case!"

For kids age 0 to grade 5. Participate in BC Kids Summer Reading Club in a variety of ways. Just by participating, you'll be entered into our weekly giveaways and our Grand Prize Draw to win one of two Ozobot Evo's or a [Tangiplay](#).

For additional activity sheets, videos, quizzes and colouring sheets, visit the [BC Summer Reading Club - For Kids webpage](#). Share all the wonderful things you do using the hashtag #BCSRC2021 and the SRC will feature your work on their [Instagram page!](#)



City of Port Coquitlam

Check out all of the amazing opportunities for the summer at the *Recreation Parks and Culture* section of the City of Port Coquitlam's website <https://www.portcoquitlam.ca/recreation/>

School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)
SCHOOL CALENDAR 2021 – 2022
James Park Elementary

Schools Open	Tuesday, September 7, 2021
Non-Instructional Day (Common District Day)	Friday, September 24, 2021
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 11, 2021
Non-Instructional Day (Common District/ Common Provincial Day)	Friday, October 22, 2021
Remembrance Day	Thursday, November 11, 2021
Schools Close for Winter Vacation	Friday, December 17, 2021
Winter Vacation Period	Monday, December 20, 2021 – Friday, December 31, 2021
Schools Re-open after Winter Vacation	Tuesday, January 4, 2022
School Based Non-Instructional Day	Monday, January 31, 2022
BC Family Day	Monday, February 21, 2022
Non-Instructional Day (Common District Day)	Friday, February 25, 2022
Schools Close for Spring Vacation (Last Day in Session)	Friday, March 11, 2022
Spring Vacation Period	Monday, March 14, 2022 – Friday, March 25, 2022
School Re-open after Spring vacation	Monday, March 28, 2022
Good Friday	Friday, April 15, 2022
Easter Monday	Monday, April 18, 2022
Non-Instructional Day (Common District Day)	Friday, April 22, 2022
Victoria Day	Monday, May 23, 2022
School Based Non-Instructional Day	Tuesday, May 24, 2022
Last Day of School for all Students	Wednesday, June 29, 2022
Administrative Day	Thursday, June 30, 2022