



## James Park News November 2017

Together We Can ... Learn, Belong, Take Care of each other and this place  
Please help us as we strive to do our best at school

### ***Dear Parents/Guardians,***

#### **Unveiling of Our New Logo Assembly**

Thank you to all parents/guardians and relatives who attended our logo assembly mid-October. This was a special assembly in that we reviewed our school's core values and beliefs – Safety, Kindness, Respect, Trust and Learning - and how these values look, sound and feel like at James Park Elementary. Our aboriginal education youth worker Ms Lori Halcro also spoke about the role and significance of the eagle in aboriginal culture. Logo designer and former James Park student Victoria L. concluded the assembly by unveiling the 90" diameter logo now permanently installed in our gymnasium.

#### **Our James Park Community is Amazing**

Thank to our volleyball coaches Ms Wachowski, Ms Jorgenson, Ms McCoy and Ms Camele who have invested many hours in terms of helping over 30 of our grade 4 and 5 students develop their volleyball skills with opportunities to play with other elementary schools and participate in the grade 5 volleyball jamboree at Pinetree Secondary. Coaches, your time and efforts are very much appreciated!

Intermediate staff members are also very appreciative of the many parent volunteers who came out on a rainy, soggy day on October 25 to volunteer for the HUB Learn2Ride program that was offered to all intermediate students. Students had a lot of fun learning about traffic rules and how to ride their bikes safely at various stations.

Under the guidance of Ms Oliverio, our staff and students are busy preparing for our multi-cultural holiday musical "Paint the Town December". We have two performances on Wednesday, Dec. 20: one from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. and the second one from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. I am very grateful to the staff at James Park Elementary for not only organizing a concert, but also for volunteering their time and energy for an evening performance again this year. We anticipate high numbers of guests at both concerts. Therefore, please consider walking to the school, especially for the evening performance. If you are driving to the school, please ensure your vehicle is parked legally in our neighbourhood and give yourselves enough time to get to the school.

#### **James Park Christmas Market**

Please consider coming to the James Park Christmas Market on Saturday, November 18 at 11:00 a.m. This is a PAC fundraiser event and you may even find the perfect craft or gift for the holidays. For more information, please visit our PAC's website at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1118258238210217/>

#### **Websites**

Please visit our school's website (<https://www.sd43.bc.ca/School/jamespark/Pages/default.aspx>) or the back of this newsletter to find out about important upcoming dates and events.

#### **Parent Volunteers**

Have you considered volunteering at James Park? If the answer is "Yes", we would love to hear from you. Throughout the year, we - teachers and our Parent Advisory Group (PAC) - usually are looking for parent drivers for field trips, coaches, assistance with special class or school-wide events. If you "only" have one hour on a particular day, why not volunteer and listen to a child read a book to you? Please speak to your child's teacher if you are interested. All volunteers must complete a volunteer form and submit a (free) criminal record check. If you are interested in driving, you must also submit a driver's abstract.

## Traffic

For the benefit of our children's safety, I am asking you again to obey school zone traffic regulations. To name a few, please slow down, avoid U-turns and follow parking zone regulations. Also a reminder that the staff parking lot is for staff members only. Thank you so much for your cooperation! Absence Reporting When your child is going to be absent from school, or will be late you can go to our web page and use the Absence Report button and fill out the form. If you don't have access to a computer please call the school (604-942-6658). If no one answers please leave a voice mail with your son or daughters name, why they are absent and their home room teacher and/or division.

Sincerely,

Marco Jankowiak  
Principal James Park Elementary

## School Calendar

Please establish an easy link to our website at

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/jamespark/Pages/default.aspx>

<b>Turs, Nov 9</b>	1:00 p.m.	Remembrance Day Assembly
<b>Fri, Nov 10</b>		District Day – No School
<b>Sat, Nov 11</b>		Remembrance Day
<b>Mon, Nov 13</b>		Remembrance Day Holiday
<b>Wed, Nov 15</b>		Dairy Farm presentation
<b>Fri, Nov 17</b>		Pajama Day
<b>Fri, Nov 17</b>		Hot Lunch
<b>Sat, Nov 18</b>	11:00 a.m.	Christmas Market
<b>Mon, Nov 20</b>	11:00 a.m.	Performing Arts - Infinitus
<b>Wed, Nov 22</b>		Kernels Popcorn
<b>Fri, Nov 24</b>		Pro D Day



## CANDY buy-back

Benefitting our school!

District Contest – Coquitlam Family Orthodontics



We know it's hard to resist all the sticky sweets at this time of year, but you can help your school PAC by donating your candy! The top three schools will win: \$200, \$300 or \$500!

Drop your candy off at: Coquitlam Family Orthodontics @

106-1158 The High Street Coquitlam, BC

Contest closes November 17, 2017.