

# Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary School Newsletter



## Trudeau News

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### Dates to Remember in May

- Thursday, May 5 ...Big One at Two—Earthquake drill
- Tuesday, May 10 ...Kindergarten Immunization
- Thursday, May 12 ...Kindergarten/Gr. 1 Hearing Screening
- Wednesday, May 18 ...Welcome to Kindergarten for our 2022/2023 Kindergarten families
- Monday, May 23 ...Victoria Day—no school

## A Message from Ms. Hughes

Spring has sprung and we have finally had some consistent dry days and sunshine, although still not terribly warm outside. Classes have started to do their planting in our gardens and classes are getting outside a bit more often.

We are happy to have Mr. Swain return to Trudeau next week and wish Ms. Cook and Ms. Lee well as they go to work at other schools for the remainder of the year.

It is the time of the year that we are preparing for the 2022-2023 school year and I would like to thank those families who have informed us of their plans for next school year. This helps us to organize classes and get a better idea of what our staffing needs will be.

Enjoy the last weekend in April and hopefully we will see even warmer weather in May.

We are looking for families to help water our garden boxes during the summer months when students and staff are not attending school. Please contact your child's teacher if you are interested. Thank you.



### REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is sick and unable to come to school, please report your child's absence:

**Call 604-713-5159 extension 87#**

Report your child's first and last name, division number, and teacher's name. It is important that you do call this number, even if you have sent a message to your child's teacher via e-mail. This will let the office know your child is absent so that we know they are safe at home. Teachers do not necessarily check their e-mail or they may be away themselves and we would not have access to the information.

Thank you.



### TRUDEAU'S MISSION STATEMENT



Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary, a neighbourhood school, focuses on the uniqueness of each child and fosters a supportive learning environment that nurtures all children to become responsible and productive citizens.

We believe that we are in a partnership with families and that parent, child, and school; all play a role in the development of children as responsible members of society.



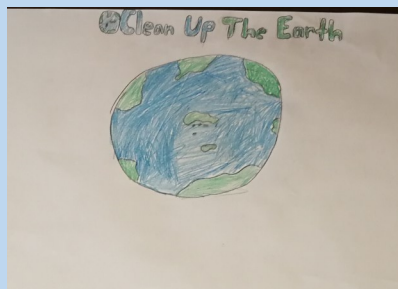
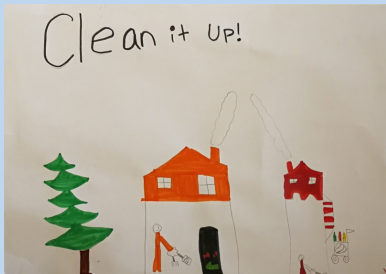
# Getting Ready to Garden



A big thank you goes out to Mia and her family who donated their time and supplies to build a compost box for our school. As you can see, the children in Division 7 are ready to plant! Thank you also to West Coast Seeds for their donation again this year and to Urban Roots for their donation of herbs, veggies and strawberries!



April 22 was Earth Day. In recognition of Earth Day, Ms. Atkinson's class spent the week cleaning the earth around the school. Our posters remind us that every day is earth day, and that we can all take part in protecting the planet.



Restaurant Soft Opening!

# Mandarin "Night Market"

歡迎光臨 (Welcome)☺

To sum up their food and drink unit in Mandarin, Division 11 students opened their own restaurants to serve their Division 10 peers "food" and "drinks." From conducting surveys with their potential customers in Division 10, using iPads to design their restaurant menus, making these promotion posters and presentations, to launching their restaurant soft opening (night market style) in our school gym, both classes had a lot of fun!

Until next time! 下次見面☺





## 2022 Summer Learning Program is on the way...

Course information will be available for viewing on April 29th at <https://summerreg.vsb.bc.ca/>

**VSB students (students currently attending a VSB school):** Registration begins May 9, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. See [How to Register](#) for more information.

**Non-VSB students:** Registration begins May 17, 2022, at 8:00 a.m.

- A Pre-Approval process is required before you can register. This process will involve submission of required documentation.
- See [How to Register](#) for more information.

If you have any questions or inquiries, please send an email to [summerlearning@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:summerlearning@vsb.bc.ca) or call 604-713-4550.

**Elementary Program** - See [Program Information](#)

Grade 1-7 Review and Consolidation (Literary, Numeracy, Science) courses.

July 5 to 22 (9:00 am - 11:52 am; 12:30 pm - 3:22 pm).

### Locations

Henderson Elementary – 451 East 53rd Avenue  
 Mt. Pleasant Elementary – 2300 Guelph Street  
 Nootka Elementary – 3375 Nootka Street  
 Tecumseh Elementary – 1850 East 41st Avenue  
 Trafalgar Elementary – 4170 Trafalgar Street  
 Van Horne Elementary – 5855 Ontario Street

We would like to humbly acknowledge that we are learning, unlearning and relearning on the unceded, un-surrendered, and traditional territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm | Musqueam, Skwxwú7mesh | Squamish & səlilwətaʔ | Tsleil-Waututh Nations. With this acknowledgement comes the commitment to engage in ongoing acts of reconciliation.



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# PAC Updates

The next PAC meeting will be on Thursday, May 26 at 9:15 a.m. on Zoom. Register for the meeting at the following link:

## [PAC Meeting Link](#)

All parents are welcome!

Thank you!

## Diversity Calendar

For more information about these and other celebrations throughout the year, take a look at any diversity holiday calendar. There is so much to learn! This list is not all inclusive. If your family celebrates or recognizes any specific days not listed and you would like them to be, please contact Ms. Hughes who would be happy to add them.

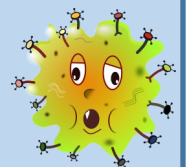
- May 3—Eid ul Fitr (Muslim)
- May 4/5—Yom Ha'atzmaut
- May 8—Mother's Day
- May 19—Lag B'Omer (Jewish)

## The Big One at Two

On Thursday, May 5, the VSB is participating in the "Big One at Two" earthquake drill. Schools are asking parents to come at 2:15 p.m. to pick up their children and participate in the reunification portion of our drill. We did this in October but only a handful of parents were able to participate so we did not get a true sense of how things may unfold. When you arrive at the school at 2:15 p.m. (preferably no sooner) please do not enter the school grounds, instead, look for the "Check in" table where you will be asked to provide picture ID and sign in. You will be given a slip of paper with your child's name and division number on it, and then asked to walk around to the "Student Release" table where a runner will go and collect your child to go home for the day. We ask that as many parents as possible come for this practice (of course, if you are working and are not able to do so we do understand). Thank you for helping us prepare for a day when a reunification such as this may be needed.

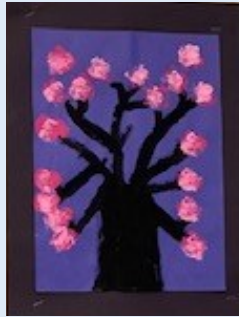
## Is Your Child Sick?

Please be reminded that if your child has any symptoms of the cold or flu, these are still symptoms of COVID and you must keep your child home. The wellness of the whole school community is dependent on us all remembering to stay home when sick. If your child has any communicable illness or is not able to fully participate in the school day, due to illness, please keep them at home until they are better. Thank you for helping us to keep everyone healthy at Trudeau!

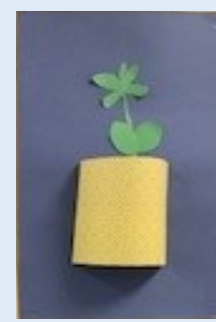
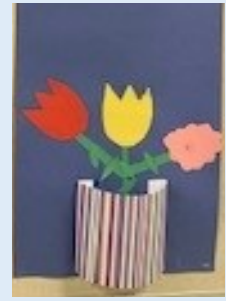
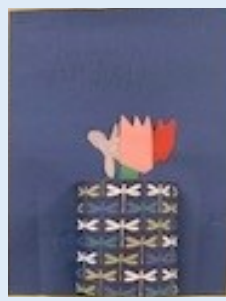


# Trudeau Art

Spring has Sprung—By Division 7



# Trudeau Art



Spring Flowers—By Division 5



# Things to Do if You Are a ... By Division 3

**Things to do if you are a shirt**

Be sewn together with cotton and string,  
Get folded and cramped into a package,  
Take a road trip to another country,  
Listen to the ambience of wheels grinding against gravel,  
Have hands pull you out of your package,  
Hang on displays of your shop,  
Wait day after day to be purchased,  
Rest on the checkout counter,  
Sit in a bag beside your new owner,  
Twirl and swirl in the washing machine,  
Stay wrapped around your human like wrapping paper,  
Repeat the last three steps for years,  
Finally, be outgrown by your human.

By Sophia

**Things to do if you are a car**

Get dirty everyday,  
Get hydrated with gasoline,  
Have a shower,  
Annoy people by making loud noises,  
Go on adventures all day long,  
Sometimes be crushed by a wall.

By Sidney

**Things to do if you are a door**

Come in different sizes and styles,  
Be opened everyday,  
Get closed all the time,  
Be poked by a key,  
Be put in a house when it's built,  
Have multiple brothers and sisters,  
Be locked at night to give people privacy,  
Be sturdy and strong.

By: Kyle

**Things to Do if You Are a Soda**

Be made in a factory,  
Be shipped to a store,  
Sit on a shelf and wait to be taken away,  
Have someone buy you,  
Be taken to a home and taken out of your box,  
Have your lid opened,  
Have someone drink you and slowly run out of energy,  
Be put in a truck and crushed into bits of metal.

By Guransh

**Things to do if you are a PAPER!**

Meet your cousins before you get picked by a human,  
Get cut by a big knife,  
Be folded and transformed into a beautiful card,  
Have your body tattooed with lots of drawings,  
Be taped on a hard surface,  
Be stepped on by shoes making you all dirty,  
And at the end be crumpled and thrown into a big blue Bin!

By Carlisle

**Things to do if you are a bubble**

Be created from soap and water,  
Come in different sizes,  
Float in the air with my friends,  
Have kids stare at me,  
Be chased by people,  
Be left alone when I am too high in the sky,  
Be popped by the touch of a hand.

By Ali

**Things to do if you are a TV**

Be awakened by a fancy remote,  
Have one million eyes stare at you,  
Entertain your viewers for hours,  
Blind your owner with bright lights,  
Be a VIP on movie nights,  
Be BFFs with a Nintendo Switch,  
Take a nap in the middle of the day,  
Shut down at night.

BY ISABEL

**Things to do if you're a soccer ball**

Be pumped like a hot air balloon,  
Get kicked like a strike of lightning,  
Get blocked by a goalie's hands,  
Get stuck in a spider web,  
Be lost in the woods,  
Feel like you're going to space,  
Then belly flop on the hard solid grass,  
Feel like poop splashed all over you,  
Then win like a king.

By Carla

**Things to do if you're a Book**

Be printed out and folded up,  
Give knowledge to people as they read your pages,  
Sometimes read books to people who can't read,  
See all my brothers and sisters in different colour coats and a title on their faces,  
Get checked out and don't see your brothers and sisters for a week or two,  
Have water spilled on you,  
Come back home and sit on a shelf until someone else picks you.

By: Gurveen



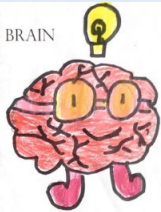
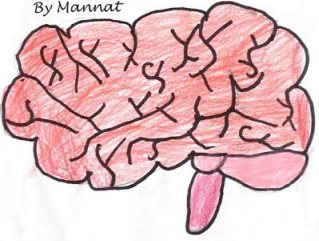


# Things to Do if You Are a ... By Division 3

**THINGS TO DO IF YOU ARE A BRAIN**

Be carried by my servant,  
Be the boss of my body,  
Control everything,  
Do work all the time,  
Look like a walnut,  
Think a lot and be smart,  
Get tired from working hard all day.

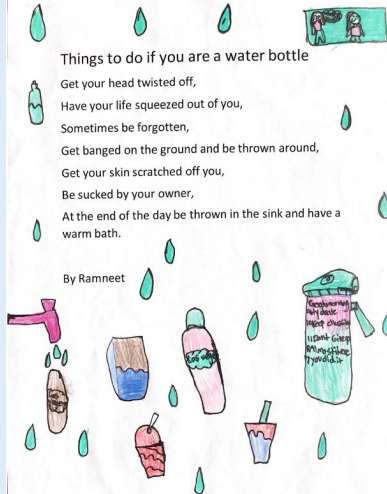
By Mannat

**Things to do if you are a water bottle**

Get your head twisted off,  
Have your life squeezed out of you,  
Sometimes be forgotten,  
Get banged on the ground and be thrown around,  
Get your skin scratched off you,  
Be sucked by your owner,  
At the end of the day be thrown in the sink and have a warm bath.

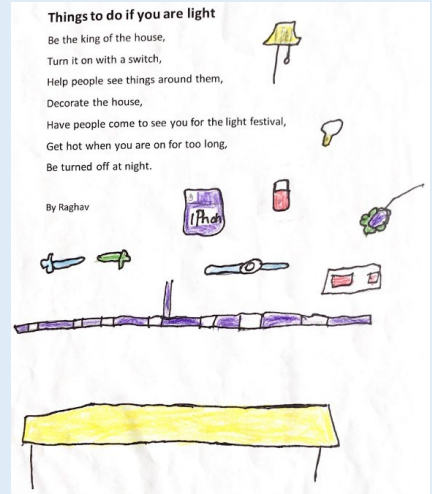
By Ramneet



**Things to do if you are light**

Be the king of the house,  
Turn it on with a switch,  
Help people see things around them,  
Decorate the house,  
Have people come to see you for the light festival,  
Get hot when you are on for too long,  
Be turned off at night.

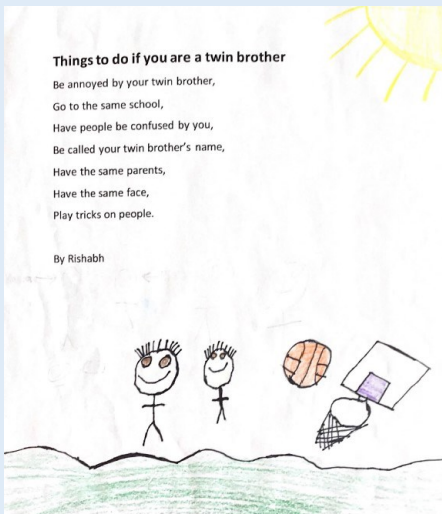
By Raghav



**Things to do if you are a twin brother**

Be annoyed by your twin brother,  
Go to the same school,  
Have people be confused by you,  
Be called your twin brother's name,  
Have the same parents,  
Have the same face,  
Play tricks on people.

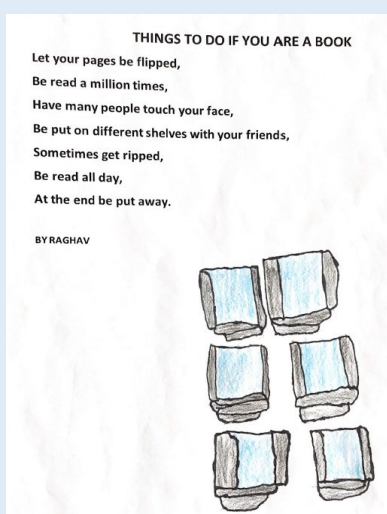
By Rishabh



**THINGS TO DO IF YOU ARE A BOOK**

Let your pages be flipped,  
Be read a million times,  
Have many people touch your face,  
Be put on different shelves with your friends,  
Sometimes get ripped,  
Be read all day,  
At the end be put away.

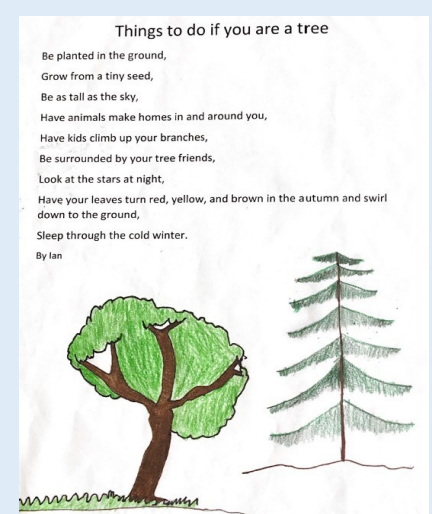
BY RAGHAV



**Things to do if you are a tree**

Be planted in the ground,  
Grow from a tiny seed,  
Be as tall as the sky,  
Have animals make homes in and around you,  
Have kids climb up your branches,  
Be surrounded by your tree friends,  
Look at the stars at night,  
Have your leaves turn red, yellow, and brown in the autumn and swirl down to the ground,  
Sleep through the cold winter.

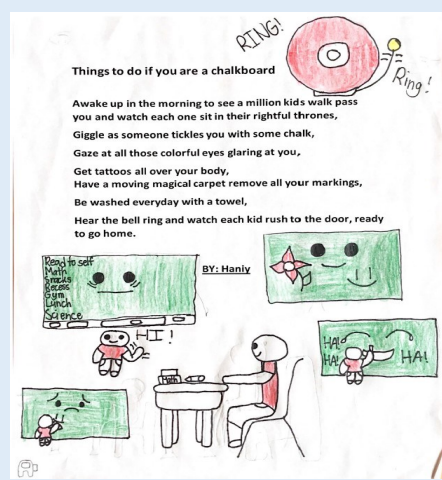
By Ian



**Things to do if you are a chalkboard**

Awake up in the morning to see a million kids walk pass you and watch each one sit in their rightful thrones,  
Giggle as someone tickles you with some chalk,  
Gaze at all those colorful eyes glaring at you,  
Get tattoos all over your body,  
Have a moving magical carpet remove all your markings,  
Be washed everyday with a towel,  
Hear the bell ring and watch each kid rush to the door, ready to go home.

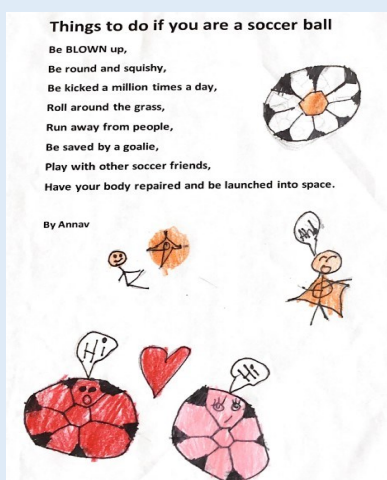
BY: Hanvi



**Things to do if you are a soccer ball**

Be BLOWN up,  
Be round and squishy,  
Be kicked a million times a day,  
Roll around the grass,  
Run away from people,  
Be saved by a goalie,  
Play with other soccer friends,  
Have your body repaired and be launched into space.

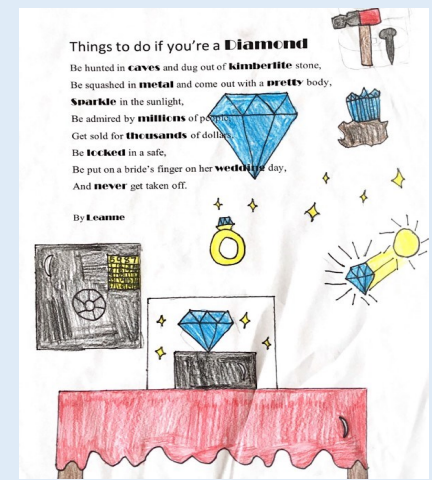
By Annav



**Things to do if you're a Diamond**

Be hunted in caves and dug out of kimberlite stone,  
Be squashed in metal and come out with a pretty body,  
Sparkle in the sunlight,  
Be admired by millions of people,  
Get sold for thousands of dollars,  
Be locked in a safe,  
Be put on a bride's finger on her wedding day,  
And never get taken off.

By Leanne




# Things to Do if You Are a ... By Division 3

## Things to do if you're a book....

Be made by an author,  
 Have millions of words tattooed on me,  
 Live on a shelf,  
 Have millions of fingers touch me,  
 Have people stare at me for hours and hours,  
 Have thousands of clones of me,  
 Sooner or later get ripped apart.  
 By Rajdeep



## Things to do if you are a car ☺

Come in different designs and colors,  
 Wait patiently in the car factory to be shipped to a dealership,  
 Be test driven and soar fast through the dark grey streets,  
 Honk at fellow brothers and sisters,  
 be driven by different owners,  
 Stay in the garage or front yard of your keeper,  
 Fetch your kid friends from school,  
 Go on road trips,  
 Get recharged at the gas station,  
 Have food crumbs on your seats,  
 And a hike rock on top of your head,  
 Be driven everywhere no matter the weather,  
 Travel the world.  
 Skye



## Things to do if you're a BASKETBALL!

Get blown by air,  
 Get thrown in a hoop,  
 Be the star of the game,  
 Get bad headaches,  
 Meet NBA players,  
 Get shot by trick shots,  
 Go flying in the air,  
 Be stored in a glass box.



By Sebastian :D

## THINGS TO DO IF YOU ARE AN AIRPLANE

Fly high in the clouds,  
 Make loud noises with your spinning blades,  
 Scare people with your loud engines like a loud guitar,  
 Have people sleep inside of you,  
 Fly for so long overnight,  
 Wait for other planes to take off,  
 Land with your landing gear.  
 BY JACOB

