

Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary School Newsletter



Trudeau News

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We acknowledge that we live, work and play on the unceded and traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples – Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh and Musqueam nations

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the 2022–2023 school year! We hope you had an enjoyable, safe, and relaxing summer. A warm welcome to our Trudeau new families!

I would also like to thank everyone for the warm welcome that I received at Trudeau - what a great community!

Typically, newsletter will be published and emailed once a month.

We so look forward to a great year at Trudeau!

"WE ARE PROUD TO BE TIGERS"

Parin Morgan - Acting Principal

Mark Your Calendar!

Sept. 19 th	National Day of Mourning to mark the Queen's funeral- School Not in Session
Sept. Week of 22 nd	Meet the Staff
Sept. 23	Pro-D - School Not in Session
Sept. 28 th	Terry Fox Run
Sept. 29 th	Orange Shirt Day
Sept. 30 th	National Truth and Reconciliation Day—Statutory Holiday - School Not in Session
Oct 4 th	Fire-Drill
Oct. 5 th	Photo Day

A Warm Welcome to our New Staff

- ♦ Mr. Train - Gr. 5/6.
- ♦ Ms. Henderson - Gr. 4/5
- ♦ Ms. Marshall - Gr. 3/4
- ♦ Mr. Fan - Gr. 6/7 Bilingual Program
- ♦ Ms. Tsai - Gr. 4 Bilingual Program
- ♦ Ms. Smith - District Hearing Teacher
- ♦ Mr. James - District CORE Program
- ♦ Ms. Kaur- District Core Program

AIRS Program at Trudeau

The AIRS program began in 2015 with a vision for restoring equitable access to the visual arts within Vancouver elementary schools. We have a dedicated studio space at Trudeau to enable a long-term artist in residence to work alongside teachers to provide ongoing, meaningful art engagements for children across the whole school. For more information, we invite you to access the site at airsprogram.org We so look forward to Alex, our Artist in Residence who will be starting the program in October 2022!

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT – WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 22nd- Classroom teachers will send invites to their families with specific times closer to the date

Student Sign-Out Procedures

If you are picking up your child during school hours, please sign them out. If the students are not signed out, they will be considered 'missing' and a search will be initiated immediately. In the event if we are unable to locate the child or reach the parents the school will be calling 911. Thank you!

REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES

Please 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.

Dropping Off / Picking Up your child

School staff provide limited outside supervision before school at 8:40 a.m. and after school until 3:20 pm only. Parents are asked to ensure their child clearly understands your family's drop-off and pick-up arrangements. *Please do not be late picking up your child.*

Please note we will also be continuing to have entry and exit in the same manner as last year. Children will wait outside before school starts and line up as they did last year. At the end of the day, we ask you to also wait outside to meet your child. We continue to appreciate parents coming into the school on a school-business-only basis and making appointments when needed. Please call the school to make those arrangements or contact your child's teacher. We also ask that, if you are visiting the school, you please sign into the office and then sign out when you leave so that we know who is always in the building in the event of an emergency. Thank you.

SUPERVISION DURING RECESS & LUNCH

We dedicated supervision aides at recess and lunch time on the playground. In addition, we have several our support staff who are monitoring the students during break times. We want to take this opportunity to thank our staff for their vigilance in ensuring that sound supervision is conducted during break times. Thank you.



SCHOOL FEES & IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

As a reminder school fee are to be paid online. If you have not yet registered, please do so at:
<https://vsb.schoolcashonline.com/>

We have sent home some important documents for your signature: permission forms, verification sheets, Emergency Reunification forms, AUP, Media Consent, CASL forms, and Neighbourhood Walk Consent letters. Please return the forms as soon as possible to your child's teacher. Thank You.

CROSS-COUNTRY & SOCCER

Thank you to our sponsor Trudeau Staff - Bal

Cross Country Practices at Trudeau:

- ♦ Sept. 20 & 27 at 3:15-4:00
- ♦ Oct 4-18 at 3:15-4:00

Mini-Meets:

- ♦ Thurs. Oct 6 @ Moberly -3:05-4:45 &
- ♦ Thurs. Oct. 13@ Henderson -3:00-4:40

Final Meet:

- ♦ Thurs. Oct. 20 @ Trout Lake -12:00-3:00

Soccer

Soccer Practice for Sr. Boys & Sr. Girls:

- ♦ Tues. Sept. 20 @ 8:00am -8:40am

Sr. Boys Game:

Wed. Sept 21 @ Moberly - 3:00-4:00



Thank you to our considerate Trudeau families for not entering the school via the staff parking lot.

Emergency Procedures at Trudeau

Throughout the school year, we will have numerous emergency drills (fire, earthquake, hold and secure, shelter in place, and lockdown) so that in the event we need to evacuate, the students will do so confidently. For our Reunification Drill, once are on the school field, they will be supervised until they are picked up by their parent/guardian or an authorized contact through the reunification process.

We also have a lock down procedure in case of a community emergency or an intruder on the grounds. A "Hold and Secure" means the exterior of the school will be locked (this means the school doors) to allow movement within the school, but no entrance into the school or exit from the school is allowed. A "Lockdown" means a full lock-down -- there is no movement at all in the building. During such a drill, if possible, we place a sign on the outside doors indicating that we are in hold and secure or full lock down. Please do not expect to enter during these times.

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Terry Fox - A True Canadian Hero from BC

Terry Fox was raised in Port Coquitlam, British Columbia. He was an active teenager involved in many sports, but at 18 years old Terry was when he was diagnosed with osteogenic sarcoma (bone cancer) had his right leg above the knee in 1977. While in hospital, Terry was so moved by the suffering of other cancer patients that he decided to run across Canada to raise money for cancer research. He called his journey the Marathon of Hope. Terry started his run in St. John's, Newfoundland on April 12, 1980, with little fanfare. Enthusiasm soon grew, and the money collected along his route began to mount. He ran 42 kilometres (26 miles) a day through Canada's Atlantic provinces, Quebec, and Ontario. It was a journey that Canadians never forgot.

However, on September 1st, after 143 days and 5,373 kilometres (3,339 miles), Terry was forced to stop running because cancer had appeared in his lungs. An entire nation was stunned and saddened. Terry passed away on June 28, 1981, at age 22. The heroic Canadian was gone, but his legacy was just beginning. To date, more than \$400 million has been raised worldwide for cancer research in Terry's name through the annual Terry Fox Run, held across Canada and around the world.

Every year, students at Trudeau Elementary and many, many other schools, run to raise money for Cancer Research. Thank you to Ms. Tong and Mr. Bal for sponsoring this important event.

Terry Fox Run will take place on Wednesday, September 28. All donations this year can be made at:

<http://schools.terryfox.ca/PierreElliottTrudeauElementary>

Communicable Disease Prevention Plan

The Vancouver School District and Trudeau Elementary continue to follow the guidance of the Ministry of Education and Child Care, the BC Centre for Disease Control and Vancouver Coastal Health in putting in place measures to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. The BC Centre for Disease Control updated guidance for the K-12 sector indicates that, “Transmission within K-12 schools settings accounts for a minority of COVID-19 cases even amongst students and staff.”

Measures that will continue to be in place for the coming school year include reminders to all staff, students, and their families to monitor their health daily and to stay home if they are ill. Information about COVID-19 symptoms can be found on the BCCDC website. Students who become ill during the school day will be asked to wear a mask and wait in a supervised area, away from other students, until they can be picked up by a parent or guardian. We will continue to apply a trauma-informed lens including consideration of gradual transitions to larger gatherings (e.g., school-wide assemblies). Please continue to drop and pick up your child behind the fence so we can avoid overcrowding.

Staff will continue to remind students of the importance of regular hand washing/hand sanitizing and of coughing/sneezing into their elbow or a tissue. We will continue to ensure school sinks are well stocked with soap and that hand sanitizer is available. Staff will also continue to remind students to be respectful of others' personal space while going through daily school activities.

Wearing a mask, other than what is recommended by public health, is an important personal health choice for students and families. Some staff and students will choose to wear a mask throughout the day or for certain activities. Others will choose not to wear a mask. Individual decisions around mask wearing will be supported and respected at Trudeau Elementary.

Clean air and proper ventilation are an important part of the prevention measures in all Vancouver schools. During the past months, District staff have undertaken the refurbishment and rehabilitation of ventilation equipment in all schools and will continue to install new ventilation and heating equipment in portables. Air filters in schools have been upgraded and are replaced three times per year.

More information on COVID-19 prevention measures in Vancouver schools can be found [here](#).

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

A few families have asked about after-school care for their child. We are thrilled that the YMCA will continue to run its

Kids Club, a licensed before and after-school care program. It will provide this service to the Trudeau community by offering a walking school bus to and from its Henderson YMCA Kids Club. The YMCA understands that time gaps before and after school can be a challenge for parents, which is why its Kids Clubs offer school-aged children a safe and inviting environment where they can connect with others and participate in productive and enjoyable activities.

For more information or to join the waitlist, contact ymcakidsclub@gv.ymca.ca

ORANGE T-SHIRT – EVERY CHILD MATTERS

When thinking about Orange Shirt Day and Residential Schools, what resonates is the loss of innocence. Children reach school age and ideally start school with innocence. How could orange represent Phyllis Webstad's innocence, the day her shirt was taken away? The salmon egg represents the beginning of a journey, a birth, a hope. Like salmon, children grow into their world, their home, and they remember where home is. Residential schools were designed to make Indigenous children forget home, forget who they were, and forget where they came from. In that moment when the belongings are taken away, when the orange shirt was taken away from Phyllis Webstad, was when part of that innocence was taken away. It represents the culture that residential schools were designed to extinguish.

Trudeau Staff & Students to wear Orange Shirt on September 29 to honour this day