

# Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary School Newsletter



## Trudeau News

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

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### Dates to Remember

Friday, February 18	...Professional Development Day No school for students
Monday, February 21	...Family Day—No School
Wednesday, February 23	...Pink Shirt Day
Wed./Thurs., Mar. 2/3	...Goal-setting conferences—early dismissal at 2:00 p.m.
Friday, March 11	...Last day of school before spring break



## A Message from Ms. Hughes

Reaching the mid-point of the school year is always a time of year for me where I look forward to the lighter mornings and evenings, the milder weather and more opportunities to be outside without the cold. February and March we often see signs of spring popping up at the front of the school and down the street. On the south slope of Vancouver, the cherry blossoms always seem to bloom just a little bit sooner than in the rest of the city. This, I am looking forward to even more this year!

While we should always be thinking of ways to be better and to treat people respectfully, February is the month where we dedicate a specific day to anti-homophobia through Pink Shirt Day. This year, Pink Shirt Day will be on Wednesday, February 23. Please encourage your child to wear pink on that day to acknowledge the importance of respect for diversity.

Also, take a look at page 4 for the February Diversity Calendar and a reminder to let us know if you would like something added to this calendar.

This month, teachers have been writing student progress reports. These reports will be sent home with your child(ren) on Monday. If you are new to Trudeau, please take a look at page 4 for details about reporting student progress.



### 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.



### Help us Plan for Next Year

We are starting to prepare for next year and, although it is only the end of January, we do need to start looking at the number of students that will be returning to prepare for our staffing.

**We will assume that your child is returning to Trudeau unless you contact us to tell us you are moving.**

Please be reminded that you should register your child at their new home school as soon as possible if you have moved to ensure a space at that school in September. If you are moving and plan to attend a different school, please contact the school as soon as possible to inform us of this move.

Thank you.



### Sustainability Grant and Seed Donation

In December Trudeau applied for a \$500 sustainability grant. We are happy to report that we received this grant. The money will go towards the purchase of materials to build a compost bin to support our gardens. Any remaining monies will go towards purchasing more tools for the gardens.

We would also like to thank West Coast Seeds for their generous donation of seeds again this year.



The school is looking forward to the spring and the time when we can start to clean up our planters and start gardening again!



### Cross Boundary Application Process

Priority registration for Kindergarten to grade 7 closes at the end of January. While we still accept applications throughout the year, and make every effort to have all of our catchment students accepted at our school, we sometimes do not have space and we will have a waitlist. All waitlisted students will be offered a space as one becomes available before cross-boundary students. The cross-boundary application process opens up on February 1st and closes at the end of February. If you are thinking of applying to a school cross-boundary (including high school), please visit the [VSB website](#) for complete information.



#### Join Us For Generation Health This Winter!

Learn about healthy eating & physical activity and build long-lasting healthy habits as a family in Generation Health. This 10-week program for families with children ages 8 to 12 is free, interactive and FUN!

Delivered virtually through the YMCA of Greater Vancouver starting January & February 2022 on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings.

Interested? Register today!  
Call 1-888-650-3141 or email [info@generationhealth.ca](mailto:info@generationhealth.ca)



[generationhealth.ca](http://generationhealth.ca)



We would like to humbly acknowledge that we are learning, unlearning and relearning on the unceded, un-surrendered, and traditional territories of the x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əyəm | Musqueam, S<sup>k</sup>wxwú7mesh | Squamish & səlilwəta+ | Tsleil-Waututh Nations. With this acknowledgement comes the commitment to engage in ongoing acts of reconciliation.



# PAC Updates

Please join us for the next PAC meetings on:

February 17, April 21, May 26, June 16

Join via the Zoom Meeting

**\*\*NOTE this the same link as the December and January meetings\*\***

<https://langara.zoom.us/j/62293444209?pwd=ck5LWGQ2a0dFMHNRZXIyTWVJRDA2Zz09>

Meeting ID: 622 9344 4209

Passcode: 234176

All parents are welcome!

## Donations

Thank you to the families who donated to the PAC in December. The extra \$500 is much appreciated. If you would like to make a donation, please follow this link:

[Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary PAC](#)

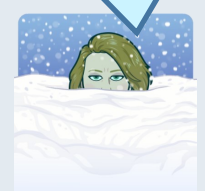
## PAC Parent Survey

As a reminder, please follow [this link](#) to be added to the PAC contact list and participate in the short survey—thank you!

# Snow Closure

On very snowy days, by **7:00 am**, the VSB will post information about snow closures on its website at [www.vsb.bc.ca](http://www.vsb.bc.ca) and will inform local media stations, including:

Please DO NOT phone media outlets for information.



- CKNW (980 AM)
- CBC (690 AM, 105.7 FM)
- CJVB (1470 AM)
- CFHG (96.1 FM)
- CKWX (1130 AM)
- BCTV/Global (Cable channel 11)
- CITY TV (Cable channel 13)

'There is no such thing as bad weather, only inappropriate clothing' - Ranulph Fiennes

## COVID Update



On Thursday, January 20, the BCCDC updated their guidelines for isolation and return to work/school. Please see the flow chart document linked [here](#). NOTE: As the Omicron variant continues to be the dominant variant, please do expect the BCCDC to make changes to these guidelines. For further information, please visit the [BCCDC website](#).

## District Information



It is that time of the year when the Vancouver School Board is planning for the 2022-2023 budget. For more information about the process and how you can provide your input, please follow the [link](#).

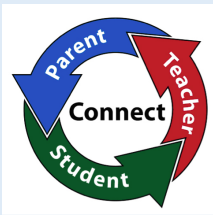
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# PARENT-TEACHER communication

All Vancouver Public Schools, along with schools throughout British Columbia, continue to use the model of reporting to parents on a regular and pre-determined schedule to communicating student learning with parents on an on-going basis throughout the school year. Teachers in Vancouver have been working with the school district to provide parents with timely and responsive communications of student learning throughout the school year. Parents now receive five communications from teachers within a school year:



- a written progress report at the end of January
- a written summative report at the end of June
- a minimum of three ongoing communications of student learning in various subject areas (goal setting conferences in October were one example of this communication).

The written reports will include descriptive comments and a summary of student progress in relation to the learning standards from the BC Curriculum. For more information about reporting of student progress, please [click here](#). If you have any questions about your child's report card, please speak to your child's teacher.

## Diversity Calendar

### February is Black History Month

For more information about Black History Month in Canada see the following [link](#). The theme for Black History Month in Canada this year is "February and Forever: Celebrating Black History today and every day". This theme was announced on January 21 which is Lincoln Alexander Day in Canada.

Lincoln Alexander was Canada's first Black member of parliament who became an advocate for equality for Black Canadians.

February 3—Setsubun-Sai (beginning of Spring in Japan)

February 12—Lunar New Year

February 12-14—Losar (Tibetan Buddhist New Year)

February 16—Vasant Panchami (Hindu—Coming of Spring)

February 20—World Day of Social Justice

February 26—Lantern Festival (Chinese)

February 27—Maghi Purnima (Hindu)

Pink Shirt Day  
is Wednesday,  
February 23



February 14—Valentine's Day



At Trudeau We Love Our School!

# Trudeau Art



Division 6—Snowmen and the Shadow of the Moon

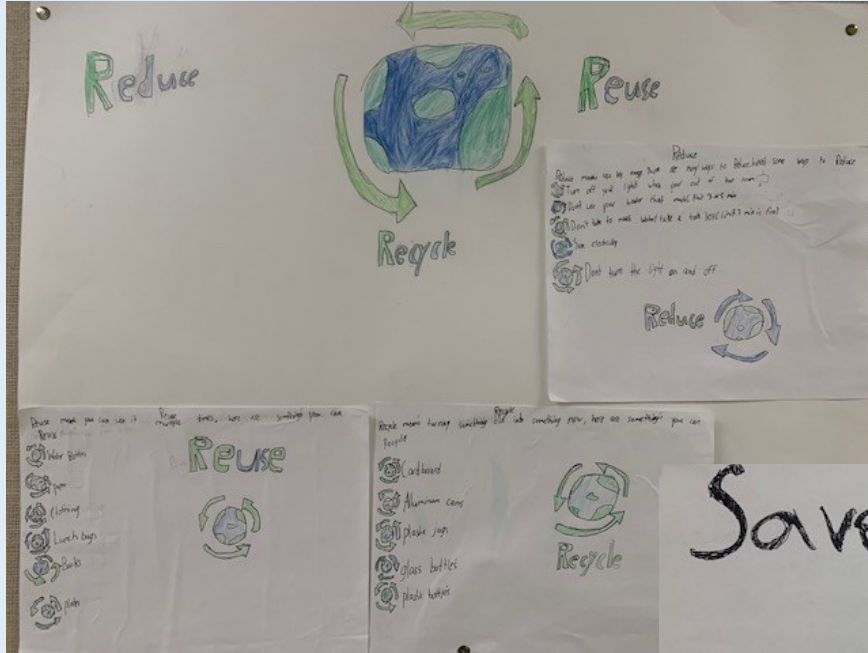


# Trudeau Art

## Reduce, Reuse, Recycle by Division 4



# Trudeau Art



Save our Planet



Reduce  
Use less energy.

Reuse  
We use it again and again.

Recycle  
Old things turn into new things.

- We reduce energy by turning off the lights.
- We reduce trash.
- We reduce gas by not idling.
- Turn off the water tap when it's not use.
- We reuse cans.
- We reuse plastic bottles.
- Use lunch bags not bags.
- Use both sides of a paper.
- We recycle news paper.
- We recycle cans.
- We recycle bottles.
- Recycle old batteries.

We take care of the earth because the earth takes care of us.

Sebastian



# Trudeau Art

Recycle

Reuse

Reduce



Waste Fact

Reduce	Reuse	Recycle
<u>Use less</u>	<u>use it again</u>	<u>Make things</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gas by driving less</li> <li>• light Turn off lights when not in the room</li> <li>• Turn down heat when you go out</li> <li>• Buy only what you need</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You can drink from your bottles Again</li> <li>• You can Reuse the wash machine to wash your cloths</li> <li>• You can Reuse your boat</li> <li>• You can ride your bike when you want</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You can Recycle food</li> <li>• You can Recycle cardboard</li> <li>• You can Recycle Paper news</li> <li>• You can Recycle bottles</li> </ul>
<p>If we reduce, reuse and recycle we protect our earth.</p>		

Reduce Reuse Recycle

Reduce is one of the three r's. Reduce means to use less of something. Some things we can reduce is....

Hot water

light

electricity

paper

These are some of my sentences.  
If you can use a cloth bag, use it  
Wash your clothes only when there is lots. You could use less electricity.

Reuse means to use again, which means not to waste food and stuff. To protect the earth we can... use less.

glass jars

Milk jugs

plastic containers

egg cartons

Some of my sentences are....  
reuse plastic containers by washing them.  
You can use egg cartons into cardboard and use it. You can use your glass jars into something usefull.

Reuse!

Recycle is one of the three r's. Recycle means to make something you don't need into something that is useful or to not waste something. Something you can do to save the planet is....

Recycle paper

Donate your clothes, don't use two sides of a paper

Have a garage sale

Give out free stuff

Use your leather or woolen clothes

Save the Planet by following these steps!

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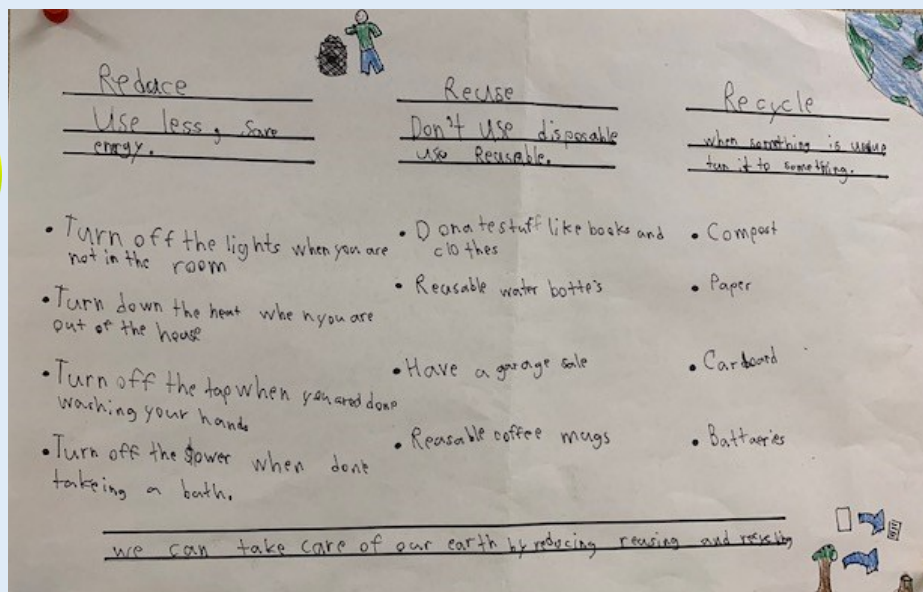




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**Reduce Recycle**  
**R.R.R**  
**Reuse**



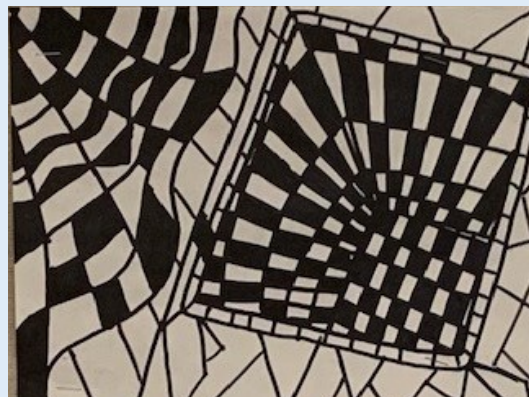
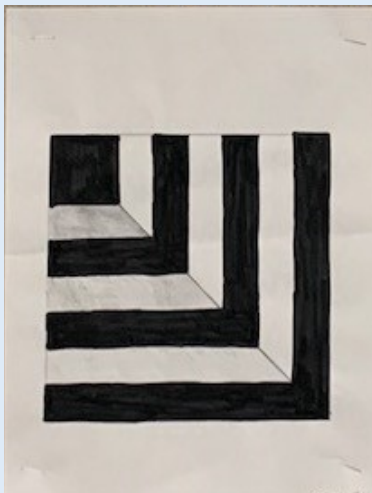
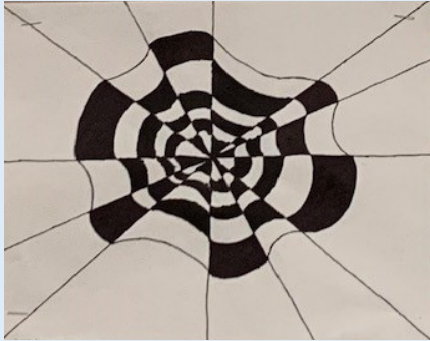
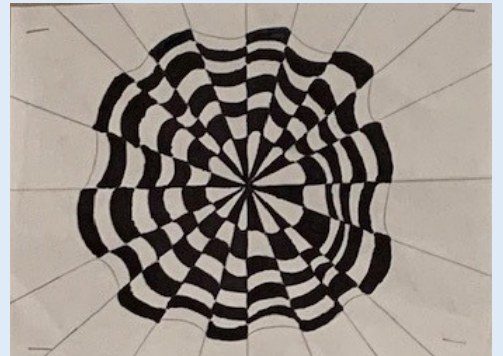
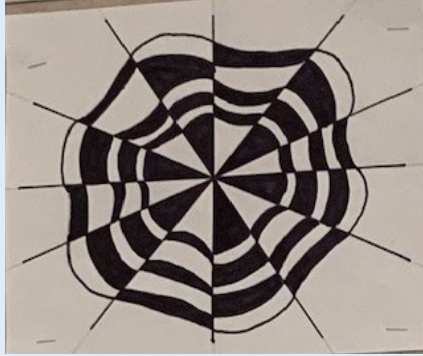
Reduce	Reuse	Recycle
<p>Reducing is to use less and save energy</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Instead of using paper use cardboard.</li> <li>2. Instead of playing games inside turn off the lights and go outside.</li> <li>3. Instead of using the heater put on more layers and use blankets.</li> <li>4. Instead of using a lot of water use less when taking a bath.</li> <li>5. Instead of using usable batteries use chargeable batteries.</li> <li>6. Instead of using electronic make some art</li> </ol>	<p>Reuse is to not use disposable and use reusable</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Instead of plastic water bottles bring a reusable water bottle.</li> <li>2. Instead tin foil bring a container.</li> <li>3. Instead of buying a backpack every year keep it until its broken.</li> <li>4. Instead of using one side of paper use both sides.</li> <li>5. Instead of disposable mask bring reusable mask.</li> <li>6. Instead of plastic plates use glass plates</li> </ol>	<p>Recycling taking something old and turning it new</p> 



By Division 10



# Trudeau Art



**Line Art  
By Division 1**



# Trudeau Art

