

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



Monday, December 20 to Monday, January 3, 2022	...School closed for winter vacation
Tuesday, January 4, 2022	...First day back after winter Vacation
Monday, January 17, 2022	...Professional Development Day No school for students



A Message from Ms. Hughes

This month, recognition of Remembrance Day at Trudeau was on November 10 and I would like to thank the students who participated in Divisions 1 6, 7, and 8 for their words and songs about peace. The school will be writing a cheque to The Poppy Fund for \$327 for the donations we received and we thank those families who were able to contribute this year.

lest we forget



This month staff also participated in an in-service day on November 26. On this day we focused on Indigenous education through a district-wide virtual conference. Staff also took some time throughout the day to work in groups reflecting on and reviewing the presentations. This work is ongoing throughout the district following our anti-racism in-service on September 7 and our Indigenous focus days in the previous two school years.

Reporting Student Absences



Our safe arrival line is working again!

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.



Going Away for Winter Vacation?



Are you travelling outside of Canada over the winter break or sooner? Fully vaccinated students, staff and other adults who have travelled outside of Canada *may* qualify for the fully vaccinated traveller exemption.

Currently, students, staff and other adults **who are not fully vaccinated** and have travelled outside of Canada **CANNOT attend school for 14 days after arrival back in Canada, as part of federal requirements.**

This information is outlined on the Daily Health Assessment and applies to those children who cannot be vaccinated due to their age. Please refer to the [Government of Canada Website](#) for more information.

Mandarin Bilingual Applications

Applications are currently being accepted for the Mandarin bilingual program at Trudeau. If your child is in grade three and you are interested in applying for this program for your child, please take a look at the [Vancouver School Board website](#) for more information about the program and the application process. Applications will be accepted until Monday, January 31 at 4:00 p.m. If we have more applications than spaces, there will be a draw.

***If you are applying for your child who will be going into grade 5, 6, or 7 an assessment would have to be completed to determine your child's level of Mandarin and if it would be sufficient to enter into the program.*



Winter Clothing for Families in Need

It is that time of year when the weather is wetter and colder. If your family is in need of winter jackets, boots, or gloves, please reach out to Ms. Hughes at the school. We have some funds available to support families in need and have some clothing that was purchased from the outdoor education grant that we received last year.

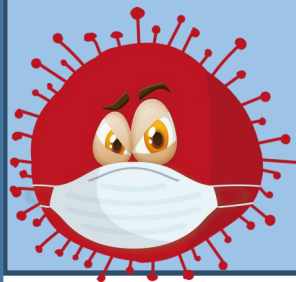


COVID-19 UPDATES

As the pandemic continues, I would like to remind families that you should be completing the Daily Health Assessment before sending your child to school each day. Children should not be coming to school if they are sick, including if they “only have the sniffles”. It is important that we all remain vigilant and stay home when sick.

Thank you for helping to keep everyone in our school community safe and healthy.

For more information about COVID-19 (including vaccination information), please visit the [Vancouver Coastal Health](#) website.



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Trudeau School Plan

This year, Trudeau staff will focus once more on social responsibility for our school plan. In October, staff completed some baseline assessment and, throughout the year, we will implement strategies to help move students along the learning continuum in this area. The district has uploaded the current school plan to the Trudeau website. The staff determined in our October staff meeting that students at Trudeau continue to need the most support in solving problems in peaceful ways. This is an area that we will continue to spend significant time on this year in the classroom and on the playground.



Kindergarten Registration Continues

As a reminder, the Kindergarten registration process is now open for the 2022—2023 school year. If you have a child born in 2017, you may apply for entry as follows:

- ◆ **Step 1:** Complete the online registration at vsbapplynow.vsb.bc.ca—print out the completed registration form.
- ◆ **Step 2:** Phone the school at 604-713-4865 to make an appointment to bring in the required documents. Entry to the school for registration purposes is by appointment only.
- ◆ **Step 3:** Bring the completed registration form along with the required documents to Trudeau.

NOTE: The registration process is not complete until you have completed all steps in the process. Priority registration for in-catchment students ends on January 31st. If we have more applications for kindergarten than we have available spaces, a draw will be held.

Visit the [Student Registration Page](#) on the Vancouver School Board website for more information.

Trudeau PAC

Thank you to those who were able to join us for the November PAC meeting. I would like to introduce the members of the PAC executive:

Hershcel Agoncillo—Chair

Iris Mather—Treasurer

Mark Achtemichuk—Secretary

The next PAC meeting will be on Thursday, December 9, at 9:15a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7114009684?pwd=YUUtGR2JNOTV0MU0yQkITUmVmY2QwZz09>

Meeting ID: 711 400 9684

Passcode: trudeau

All parents are welcome to join!

Extra Clothes

Rain or shine recess is proving to be fun but sometimes messy, wet, and muddy! We are asking families to please send in a change of clothes for your children. Active play in the rain and mud occasionally results in slips, falls and phone calls home to request fresh clothes. A change of clothes (**pants, socks, inside shoes**) being kept at the school is very helpful. Please ensure your child is dressed for outdoor activities every day.

Thank you.



A Friendly Reminder



If you have not already done so, please return any outstanding forms to the school as soon as possible.

WEB
VISIT US ONLINE!

Trudeau Website

Trudeau Elementary
449 East 62nd Ave
Vancouver, BC V5X 2G2
Phone 604-713-4865

Safe Drop-off and Pick-up at School

Please note: it is important for the safety of all students that , if you are dropping your child off at school by car, you follow all city bylaws with respect to parking and driving around a school zone.

This includes:

- Adhering to school-zone speed limits
- Adhering to no parking and/or no stopping signs around the school
- Parking on the correct side of the road when dropping off your child (there have been a number of cars that pull over and face the opposite direction than the traffic flow)
- We also ask that you do not attempt U-turns around the school, please drive the extra few meters and take another route rather than doing a U-turn

Following these signs and road rules will help to keep all of the children, parents, and community walkers safe during busy pick-up and drop-off times. Thank you.



Donations

For the past two years Trudeau has not done any fundraising due to the pandemic. In previous years, the PAC had done a direct drive and the school also participated in a walk-a-thon. These donations were very much appreciated!

This year, if you would like to donate to the school, you may do so using School Cash Online:

- ⇒ [Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary School](#)
- ⇒ [Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary PAC](#) to make your donation.

Funds received this year will be directed towards supporting classroom special events and activities and technology. Thank you for your support!





IPALS

Immigrant Parents as Literacy Supporters

Program for newcomers and immigrant families with children ages 3-5.
 (For **Mandarin/Cantonese** speaking families with **permanent resident status**)

Vancouver School Board is offering a **free** family literacy program, with **8 on-site sessions** that will give parents & caregivers strategies to encourage learning in their preschool aged children. Within IPALS, children learn to strengthen their language & literacy skills that will help to prepare them for school. There will be great learning materials & snacks to take home. All sessions will be presented in Chinese.

Session Dates	
January 5	12:30 – 2:30
January 12	12:30 – 2:30
January 19	12:30 – 2:30
January 26	12:30 – 2:30
February 2	12:30 – 2:30
February 9	12:30 – 2:30
February 16	12:30 – 2:30
February 23	12:30 – 2:30

(All sessions are on Wednesdays)

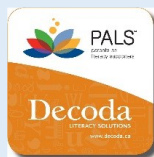
LOCATION

**Collingwood
Neighbourhood School
3417 Euclid Ave, Vancouver
Room 107**

For more information:
ipals@vsb.bc.ca or
 604-713-6000 ext 2100
 (English/Mandarin/Cantonese)

** take home snacks will be provided**
 (funding through various sources)

LIMIT: 14 participants Participants must commit to attend all 8 sessions.
 (Due to VSB health & safety protocol, only **1** adult per family can attend each session.)



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January 6	12:30 – 2:30
January 13	12:30 – 2:30
January 20	12:30 – 2:30
January 27	12:30 – 2:30
February 3	12:30 – 2:30
February 10	12:30 – 2:30

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February 17	12:30 – 2:30
February 24	12:30 – 2:30

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December Diversity Calendar

At Trudeau we try to recognize many different cultural celebrations and observances, however, we recognize that this list is not all-inclusive. If your family has special celebrations, please do let us know so that we can add them to our calendar. Thank you!

December 8—Badhi Day (Buddhist)
 December 21—Winter Solstice
 December 25—Christmas Day
 Hanukkah begins on the evening of November 28 and ends on the evening of December 6
 Kwanza begins on December 26 and ends on January 1, 2022



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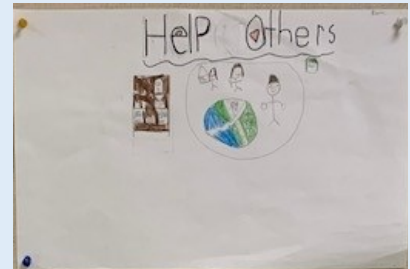
Trudeau Art



Bhangra Dancing
for Diwali



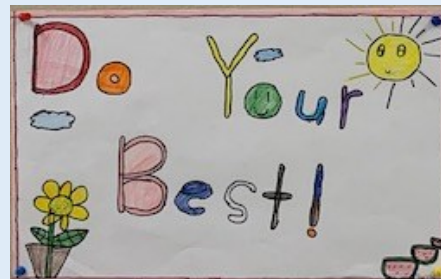
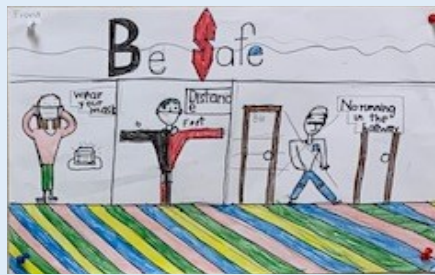
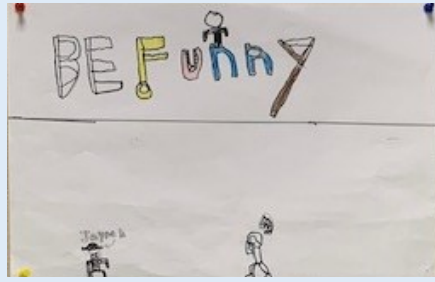
Kindness Counts
By Division 4



Trudeau Art

More Kindness
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Fall Leaves and Poppy Fields by Division 9