



Trudeau News

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Important Dates to Remember

Nov. 3: Parent Chat & Coffee in Activity Room
(by the Office) 8:40am - 9:30am
Nov. 4: Change your clocks back one hour
when going to sleep
Nov. 7: Artist in Residence Program continues
Nov. 10: Remembrance Day Service 9:30 am
Nov. 13: **No school** in lieu of Remembrance Day
Nov. 24: Professional Development Day
- class not in session
Nov. 29: PAC Meeting via Zoom 6:30pm



Student Information and Consent Forms

Information and forms were sent home in September with reminders since then. Thank you to everyone who completed the request tasks as it helps the school's keep the information about your child current. If you have not completed the paper or online forms yet, please complete them as soon as possible. Current telephone numbers and emails are important in case we need to contact you or your designated emergency contact during school hours. Some consent forms can be completed online. If you have any questions, please call the office for help.

Remembrance Day Service

All parents/guardians and family members are invited to attend our annual Remembrance Day service to be held on **Friday, November 10th at 9:30 am in the gymnasium**. Next week students will be collecting donations for the Vancouver Poppy Fund. All students will receive a poppy on the day of the service.





Kindergarten registration for children born in 2019 begins on November 1.

All kindergarten applicants are required to submit an application to their English catchment elementary school. This includes families who wish to apply for choice programs (Early French Immersion, Montessori, Indigenous Focus School, Early Mandarin Bilingual, Nootka Fine Arts) and/or make a cross boundary application to attend a non-catchment school.

The priority registration period for Kindergarten opens on **November 1** and closes on **January 31**. Students who submit an application within this priority period will be accommodated before late applicants.

Applying for kindergarten is a **2-step process**:

Step 1: Online Application (ApplyNow)

- Completion of an online application form (<https://applynow.vsb.bc.ca/>) for the school year **2024-25**



Step 2: Verification of documentation

- Contact your English catchment school office to set up an appointment to bring your supporting documentation
- Bring supporting documentation to your English catchment school office during your scheduled appointment



Supporting documents needed:

1. Proof of residence in Vancouver
2. Child's birth certificate
3. Immigration documentation (if applicable)
4. Immunization records
5. Court orders/documents (if applicable)

If you want to apply for a Choice Program or cross-boundary, you must first apply to your English catchment elementary school. Choice Programs and Cross Boundary applications will begin to be accepted in early 2024.

In the event there are more in-catchment applicants than available space* at the school, the following process will be used to prioritize enrolment:

Kindergarten Applications Received Between November 1 and January 31

1. **In-catchment** kindergarten applicants with siblings in attendance at the school (and who will be attending next year) will be placed first.
2. The names of all other in-catchment registrants will be entered into a **random draw** for the remaining kindergarten spaces.
3. Students who cannot be accommodated will be placed on a waitlist in the order in which their name was drawn.
4. Between January 31 and the second Friday in June students on the ordered waitlist will be accommodated as space becomes available.

Kindergarten Registrations Received AFTER January 31st

In-catchment kindergarten students who apply **after** January 31 will be accommodated if there is space. If there is no space, their names will be added to the bottom of the existing waitlist.

Note: There will be **no priority** given to registrants with siblings if they register after January 31.

For more information on kindergarten registration visit: <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/kindergarten>

* Available Space includes physical capacity, resources, staffing, or educational programs available or planned for a school as defined by the District (Administrative Procedure 300).



Dress for the Weather

Since the weather in Vancouver this time of year can be wet, cold, or unpredictable, please ensure that your child is dressed warmly. Having a rain jacket and waterproof footwear is a necessity. Keeping a toque, mittens, and an extra pair of socks in your child's backpack is a good idea as well. Outdoor time at recess and lunch is the norm. An inside day will only occur during an extreme downpour.

Severe Weather Procedures

All schools will remain **open** if at all possible during severe weather events. Any district-wide closure will be decided by 7:00 a.m. at the latest.

Information about any district-wide closures will be sent to Metro Vancouver radio, television stations and be on the district website (www.vsb.bc.ca).



Student safety is the top priority of the Vancouver School Board. Schools will be kept open except under extreme circumstances to provide the option of attendance for all, but the decision to attend is the responsibility of each family.

Parents/guardians are responsible for their children's safe travel to and from school. If, for any reason, a parent/guardian feels that a child cannot travel safely to school, then they should make other arrangements.



Safe Arrival

To Report Your Child's Absence:

Please call **604-713-5159 ext. 87** to report your child's absence or late arrival or email truattendance@vsb.bc.ca Remember to leave your child's name, division, teacher's name and reason for absence or late.

Cross-Country

Trudeau's Cross-Country season was a huge success. It was wonderful to have a huge level of participation. Forty-seven students from grades 3 to 7 participated in the final season meet at Trout Lake and had a lot of fun. A BIG thank you to everyone for their support, the parent drivers for volunteering their time to ensure the students could attend the meet and the coaches Ms. Yu, Ms. Jeram, Ms. Marshall, Ms. Henderson, and Mr. Swain for organizing and running the Cross-Country events. None of this would be possible without all of you!



PAC Update

Thanks to the parents who attended October's PAC meeting. Upcoming PAC Meeting: Wednesday, November 29th. There are still open positions for Exec Members at Large. If you are interested in joining our team, please reach out to Mark Achtemichuk (machtemichuk@gmail.com).



Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84849400859>

Meeting ID: 848 4940 0859

You can get information or follow PAC at our website:

<https://pierretrudeaupac.wixsite.com/trudeaupac>



Making Arrangements for Picking Up Your Child

Supervision at the school ends at 3:20pm in the afternoon. Parents are asked to be on time and ensure that their children understand the family's pick-up arrangements. Please do not be late picking up your child as staff have other responsibilities after school and therefore supervision past 3:20pm is not viable. If some unforeseen event happens and you will be late, please contact the school office at 604-713-4865.

Lost and Found

There are currently many items to be picked up. At the moment there are many items in the main hallway ready for pickup. Normally, the Lost and Found is near the picnic tables near the office. You never know what you may find!



Grade 7 Information for Grade 8 Mini-Schools

VSB's Mini-School programs provide enrichment opportunities for highly motivated students who are Vancouver residents, consistently work at an Applying level and have excellent work habits. **Students must apply to each program separately as per each program's process through the Mini-School program websites.**

District Mini-School General Registry will open on November 14th through December 21st.

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5292/mini-school>

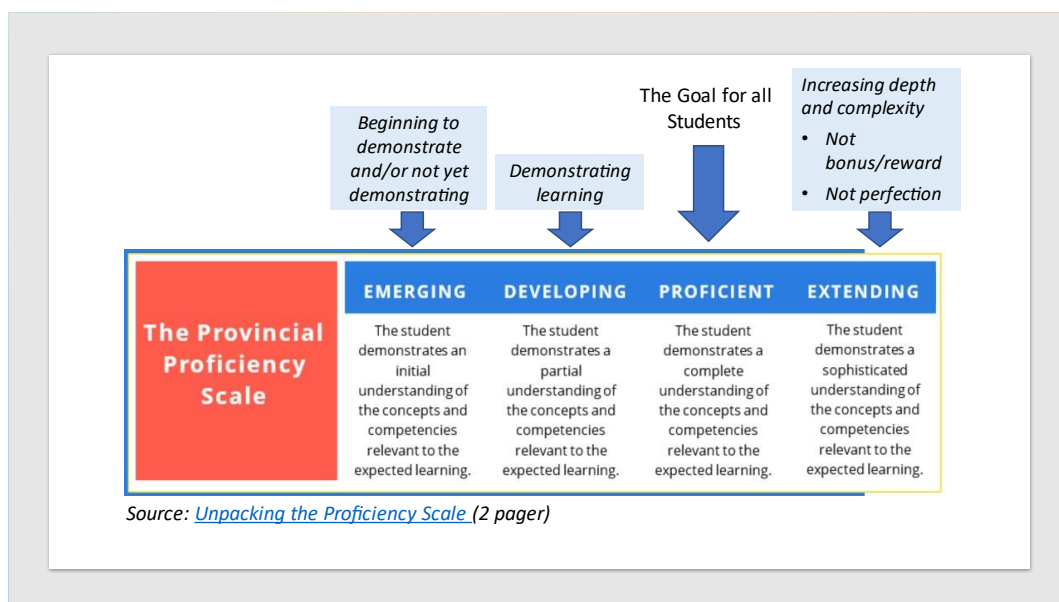
Communicating Student Learning

This year, parents will receive various communications from teachers.

- a written progress report on December 1st and March 12th
- a written summative report at the end of June
- at least two informal learning updates of student learning through conferences and others forms of communication.

In relation to the learning standards from the BC Curriculum, the written reports will include:

- A Provincial Proficiency Scale for all areas of learning currently being studied.
- descriptive feedback describing student strengths, areas for growth and opportunities for further development.
- information about student attendance.
- student self-reflection of the Core Competencies and student goal setting.



Click here to get more details: [Unpacking the Proficiency Scale](#)

School Fundraiser

The school has an express account with Encorp Return-It. All you need to do is follow these easy steps to help the school receive money from recycling:

- 1) Place your clean deposit recycling items into a clear plastic bag.
- 2) Take it to the **South Van Bottle Depot at 34 East 69th Avenue.** (near SE Marine & Ontario).
- 3) Go to the Express computer terminal and give our school number: 604-713-4850.
- 4) Take the bar code sticker that you are given and stick it on the bag. You are now done!



<https://www.return-it.ca/locations/east-van-bottle-depot>

How can I prevent the spread of colds and the flu?



Wash your hands: Frequent hand washing can reduce the risk of all respiratory infections. Use soap and warm water for 20 seconds.

Cover your cough: You can also reduce the spread of germs by practicing safe coughing and sneezing techniques. By coughing and sneezing into the crook of the elbow or the sleeve, those with colds can minimize the spread of germs.

Stay at home: Anybody who thinks they have an influenza-like illness (i.e. fever and cough) should remain at home and limit exposure to others.

Parent Chat & Coffee: Please join us every first Friday of the month at 8:40am for parent chat and coffee in the Activity Room (across the hall from the Office). It's a chance to get to know each other. **The next Chat and Coffee morning is on November 3rd.**



Yoga Buggy - Spots still available! Sign up today!

Mindfulness & Movement

Grades 2 - 4



Tuesdays, Nov. 7 - Dec. 19th

3:00-4:30 pm

Trudeau Activity Room

\$60

**sliding scale available*

Yoga, music, mindfulness, games, arts & crafts, storytelling and more.

Come play with us!

The Yoga Buggy

scan or click
to register!



#bringingyogatoallkids



