



JQ eNews - 2025.10.16

JQ eNews, including information about school procedures, activities and events is emailed to families every week. Please also visit the VSB website¹ and the JQ school website² for information regarding district and school events.

¹<https://www.vsb.bc.ca>

²<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel>

Safe Arrival and Reporting Student Absences



To report your child's absence, please call **604-713-5159, Ext. 39**, prior to 9:00 am on the first day of the absence. If your child arrives late to school, they should report to the office and sign-in.

Early Dismissal for Informal Learning Update

Wednesday October 22 and Thursday October 23, 2025, all JQ students will be dismissed at 2:00 pm for the fall informal learning update.

Teachers have 2 options for sharing informal learning updates with families:

1. Conferences (student-led, parent-teacher, 3-way)
2. Portfolio review (SpacesEDU, Teams, Canva, paper) with option for family to request follow-up conference

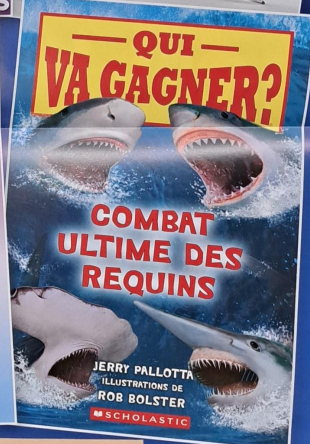
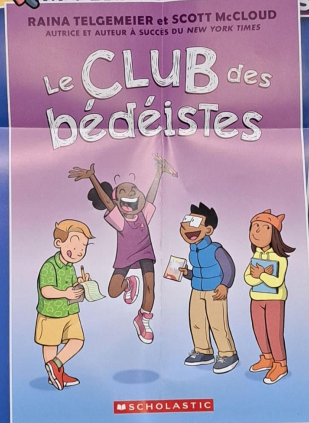
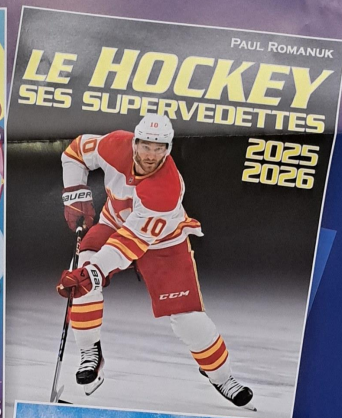
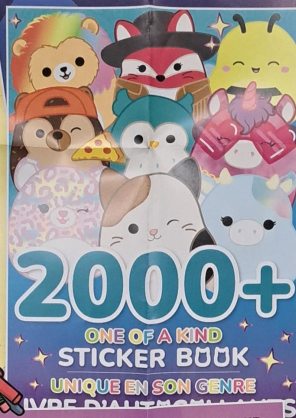
Whichever option teachers choose, informal learning updates must include:

- Descriptive feedback that describes strengths and areas for growth in literacy, numeracy and critical & creative thinking

- Strength-based language focused on what students can do
- Suggested ways to support learning for the areas for growth that have been identified

Scholastic Book Fair - October 22 & 23

SCHOLASTIC



For students with classes:

Tuesday Oct 21

CHAQUE ACHAT AIDE NOTRE ÉCOLE!
ALL PURCHASES BENEFIT OUR SCHOOL!

Les principales cartes de crédit, de débit, Mydoh, l'argent comptant et les chèques sont acceptés dans les écoles participantes. Titres sous réserve de disponibilité.

All major credit cards, debit, and Mydoh accepted at participating schools. Titles are subject to availability.

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Our Teacher-Librarian, Mme Brigitte, will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair on **Wednesday, October 22 and Thursday, October 23 in the Library.**

Parents are invited to drop by when on site for their child/ren's learning updates.

The Book Fair will be open during the following hours:

Wednesday, October 22: 2:15 to 6:00 pm

Thursday, October 23: 8:00 to 9:00 am and 2:15 to 5:00 pm

Classes (grades 3 to 7) will visit on Tuesday, October 21.

If any parent would like to volunteer at the Book Fair, please contact Mme Brigitte at:
battalinetherton@vsb.bc.ca

Photo Retake Day - Wednesday, October 22

Edge Imaging will be back for retake photos on **Wednesday, October 22. Photos will be taken between 9:00 and 10:00 am.**

The photographers have a list of students absent on the first photo day and of families who have already requested a retake.

If you would like your child to have a retake photo done, please fill in the form attached below and submit to the classroom teacher.

- Photo retake permission slip³

³<https://media.vsb.bc.ca/media/Default/medialib/retake-permission-slip-emailer.21dcee84464.pdf>

Lost and Found



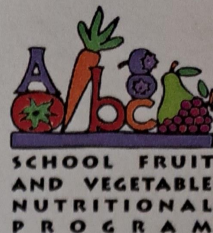
JQ families,

The school's lost and found rack is overflowing. Please come check if any of the items belong to your child. Unclaimed items will be donated after **Thursday, October 23.**

Thank you!

Fresh to You School Fundraiser

FRESH TO YOU FUNDRAISER



The Fresh to You Fundraiser is a great way to fundraise with healthy food choices while making a 40% profit for your school.

Here's
What's in
the Bundles



We love to eat fresh
fruits and vegetables!

Basic bundle \$25

3lb Carrots
3lb Yellow Onions
3lb Apples
5lb Russet Potatoes

Seasonal Bundle \$

3lb Carrots
1lb Parsnips
5lb Russet Potatoes
283g Shallots
3 Pack Loveable Little
Squash

Our school is making a healthy choice in fundraising by selling top quality fruits and vegetables from BC.

Help us:

- 🍅 meet our school's fundraising goals
- 🍅 support healthy choices
- 🍅 support local growers and producers

JQ is making a healthy choice in fundraising by selling top quality fruits and vegetables from BC.

We've sold 35 of the minimum 40 bundles we need to sell.

Help us:

- Meet our school's fundraising goals (**proceeds will help pay for this year's grade 7 camp**)
- Support healthy choices
- Support local growers and producers

40% of sales go to the school.

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Bundles are now available for purchase on School Cash Online
(<https://vsb.schoolcashonline.com/>) until Tuesday, October 28.

Bundles will be delivered to the school sometime between November 21 and 29 - tba.

JQ Terry Fox Run Results

JQ students and staff did their Terry Fox Run on Friday, September 26. As a school, we ran 1,007.2 kilometres!

It's not too late to donate to the Terry Fox Foundation for this year's special 45th anniversary of Terry's Marathon of Hope. So far we've raised \$300.00.

Donate at: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/EcoleJulesQuesnelElementaryVancouverBC>⁴

District Cross-Country Final Meet - Tuesday, October 21 at Trout Lake



The District Final Meet will take place on:

- **Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 1:00 PM at Trout Lake**
- Please click [HERE](#)⁵ to read important 2025 District Cross Country Meet information for parents, caregivers and volunteers

A few key reminders for families:

- **Arrive early.** We strongly encourage participants to carpool, walk, take transit, or park farther away to avoid last-minute scrambles. Roads near Trout Lake become extremely congested before the races begin. Please plan ahead accordingly.
- **No access to the Trout Lake Community Centre parking lot.** As noted at the organizational meeting and in the information letter, the lot is for Community Centre patrons only. City of Vancouver staff will be monitoring it. Vehicles parked illegally will be ticketed and/or towed

Good luck to JQ runners.

Grades 1 to 3 - Yoga Buggy after school

Yoga Buggy at JQ

Grades 1-3 Yoga Buggy

Thursdays – October 30 - December 11, 2025

3:00-4:30 pm in Room 206

Cost - \$187 for 7 classes (Subsidies available)

These are fun classes that incorporate music, yoga poses, games, mindfulness activities, storytelling, and dance. Our yoga classes, which are taught in a fun, child-friendly way, can help

⁴<https://terryfox.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=9c16f8b6c2b735d53eb75ef97&id=3ade1ad75f&e=fce89c9486>

⁵<https://media.vsb.bc.ca/media/Default/medialib/2025-cross-country-district-meet-message.18945784369.pdf>

build attention span, self-regulation, body positivity confidence, strength, flexibility, balance, resilience, and social emotional awareness.

Interest form Link : <https://forms.office.com/r/WKC9LtUGvJ>

JQ Choir - come sing with us!

It's not too late to join the **2025–2026 school choir!** The first practice was held yesterday, and rehearsals will continue for grades 1 to 7 every Wednesday at 8:15 am in Room 105.

Mme Young will also have additional choir practices on Thursdays at lunchtime for interested choir members in grades 4 to 7.

Permission forms are available from Mme Young or at the school office window. Please return them as soon as possible. All students in Grades 1–7 who love to sing are welcome to join us!

Rainy weather



As the beautiful September weather comes to an end, rainy days are now in the forecast. This is a reminder to all parents that students go outside for both mid-morning and lunch recess, regardless of the weather.

Please ensure your child comes to school dressed appropriately for cold and wet conditions. We recommend waterproof jackets, rain boots, and, as the temperatures drop, hats and mittens.

Umbrellas are also welcome—just be sure to review safe and respectful umbrella use with your child.

We also strongly suggest keeping a spare set of clothes at school, including an extra pair of socks. This is especially important for younger students, as slips and falls are more common during wet weather, and having dry clothes on hand helps ensure comfort for the rest of the day.

Thank you for helping your child be prepared for a successful day at school—rain or shine!

School Playground Guidelines

QuintDaily.com



We kindly ask that parents drop off their child(ren) at the school gates in the morning and allow them to walk independently to their classroom line-up. Teachers are outside ready to greet and welcome the class. At the end of the day, we encourage parents to wait outside the gates or along the fence to greet their child(ren).

This practice not only fosters the development of independence in our students but also helps staff maintain clear lines of sight while supervising the school grounds.

We would also like to remind families that **dogs are not permitted on school grounds before 5:00 PM**, even if on a leash. Additionally, we have designated areas for bicycles to be securely locked.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Reminder - School Forms



A reminder has been sent to families who have yet to complete the online forms. If you could take the time to do this, it would be much appreciated. Here is the link: My Forms at VSB⁶ (<https://myforms.vsb.bc.ca/>)

If you prefer to sign a hard copy, please reach out to Liz in the office (etoone@vsb.bc.ca) and the forms will be sent home with your child. The office can also provide your child's Personal Education Number.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

The PEN (Personal Education No.) and your child's date of birth are required. A student's PEN can be retrieved at the following: <https://kchoice.vsb.bc.ca/penrequest.aspx>

For more information and/or help with MyForms, please click [HERE](#).

⁶<https://myforms.vsb.bc.ca/>

Reminder - School Fees



A reminder will be sent to families with outstanding fees on **October 17**.

School fees — including items such as **agendas, communication pouches, class swimming programs, and field trips** — are all posted on **School Cash Online**⁷. While the school continues to accept cheques or cash, **online payment is preferred** for convenience and efficiency.

If your family is experiencing financial hardship, please reach out to **Principal, Vital Peeters** (vpeeters@vsb.bc.ca) to request that fees be waived. All requests will be handled **confidentially**.

Thank you for your continued support!

⁷<https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/>

School Calendar & Upcoming Dates



The 2025-2026 School Calendar and other information is available on our school website⁸.

Please visit the school website regularly for the most up to date information regarding JQ activities and events.

Upcoming events are listed on the school website homepage and on the Calendar⁹ page. Click the List View tab on the Calendar page for list of upcoming events.

Dates to Note in October



Tuesday, October 21: Cross Country Final District Meet at Trout Lake (pm)

Wednesday, October 22: Photo Retake Day

⁸<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel>

⁹<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel/page/2257/calendar?tab=monthview>

Wednesday, October 22: Parent Conferences - Early Dismissal at 1:58 pm

Thursday, October 23: Parent Conferences - Early Dismissal at 1:58 pm

Friday, October 24: Professional Development Day (Province-wide)

Friday, October 31: Halloween Parade - tba

Please remember to pack cutlery!



Please ensure your child/ren bring any necessary cutlery for their lunch and snacks. We are gradually phasing out the daily distribution of cutlery due to the high volume of requests. **Also,** a reminder to send cutlery on hot lunch days. Thank you.

Art in the Hallways







JQ PAC Updates



PAC Direct Donation Campaign is Underway

The PAC Direct Donation is underway, and information can be found at the following link:
<https://jgpac.com/donate/>

We have set a target of **\$15,000 in direct donations** to support the following important JQ parent and teacher-identified priorities:

- Tech upgrade -- new laptops
- Swimming lessons
- Music program supplies
- Field trips for all classes

The 2025/26 campaign will run until October 31, 2025 -- please donate now! Families are encouraged to donate \$75-\$100 per student to ensure we meet our goal.

**Please note that JQ also discretely supports a child subsidy fund to ensure no student will be denied access to any opportunities for financial reasons -- please email vpeeters@vsb.bc.ca¹⁰ privately if you have any questions.*

HOW TO DONATE: Donations can be made through www.schoolcashionline.com¹¹. Please follow these directions to ensure donations will be allocated to the Jules Quesnel PAC:

1. Sign in
2. Click the "Make A Donation" button
3. Under the "Gift Information", enter amount -- **please consider donating \$75-\$100 per student!**
4. From the "Fund Destination" drop down menu, select "Ecole Jules Quesnel PAC" (note there are separate selections for "Ecole Jules Quesnel" and "Ecole Jules Quesnel PAC" -- please select the latter option for this campaign)
5. Under the header "Message to School Board", write in the message optional box:
"2025/26 JQ PAC Direct Donation Campaign"
6. Add item to cart and proceed with purchase

A screenshot of what you will see in the donation portal is copied below -- please email jqpac.treasurer@gmail.com¹² if you have any difficulties.

Thank you for your support!

¹⁰<mailto:vpeeters@vsb.bc.ca>

¹¹<http://www.schoolcashionline.com>

¹²<mailto:jqpac.treasurer@gmail.com>

PAC Meetings

This year, all PAC meetings will be held online from 7:00–8:00 pm on Wednesdays.

The next PAC meeting will take place on **Wednesday, November 26**. A link will be sent closer to the time.

All subsequent meetings will also be held on Wednesdays, on the following dates:

- January 28
- February 25
- April 22
- May 27 (AGM)

Here is the link for the PAC Meetings webpage: **PAC Meeting Dates** ¹³

Minutes from previous meetings are available at the following link: Meeting Minutes – Jules Quesnel PAC¹⁴

Hot Lunch Program

Hello JQ families,

For the 2025-2026 school year, hot lunch will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Ordering is open at munchalunch.com¹⁵. If you don't have an account set up, you will need to create one to order food for your student. **Orders must be in by 9 am for the following day's hot lunch meal.**

Hot lunch is a fundraiser for the Jules Quesnel PAC, which benefits the school's student population.

If you have any questions, please direct them to the hot lunch coordinators (Kate & Helene) at jqhotlunchpizza@gmail.com¹⁶

PAC Newsletter

If you are not receiving the PAC Newsletter and you would like to:

¹³<https://jqpac.com/events/>

¹⁴<https://jqpac.com/meeting-minutes/>

¹⁵<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=4cf65b4a26&e=afa53965a6>

¹⁶<mailto:jqhotlunchpizza@gmail.com>

Add us to your address book¹⁷

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can update your preferences¹⁸ or unsubscribe¹⁹

JQ Parent Advisory Council

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Vancouver, BC V6R4K9

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Community Links

See below for information regarding community activities, events and programs.

VSB Family and Community Info page

Did you know:

VSB now has a central location for family and community information.

Find what you need, all in one place. Explore programs, policies and school supports through VSB's Family and Community Information page²⁰.

VSB Family Digital Literacy Learning event

Upcoming Session – Save the Date!

Our next Digital Literacy virtual session will take place on:

¹⁷<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/vcard?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=cf68741d5b>

¹⁸<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/profile?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=cf68741d5b&e=afa53965a6&c=a3093351af>

¹⁹<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/unsubscribe?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=cf68741d5b&t=b&e=afa53965a6&c=a3093351af>

²⁰<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/81591/family-and-community-information>

When: Monday, November 4, 2025, from 6pm to 8pm (PST)

Where: Virtually

Who: Hosted by Safer Schools Together

Topic: Social Media Awareness, Digital Citizenship, and Cyber-Bullying

Keep an eye out for an email from the district and communications from your school administrator with registration details.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you for reading!

Contact Us



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Visit us on the web at <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel>.

²¹<mailto:studentrecordsquesnel@vsb.bc.ca>