

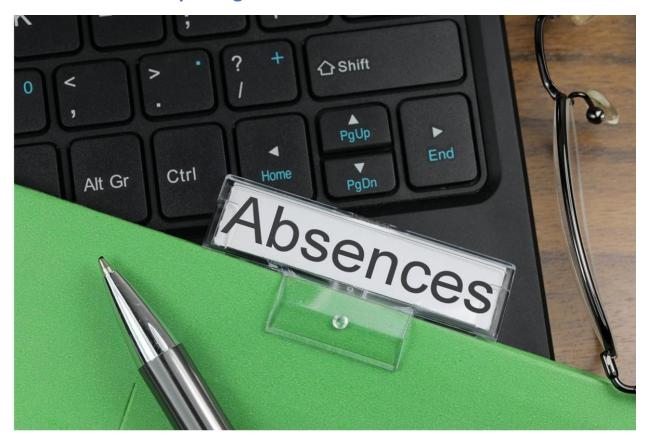
JQ eNews - 2025.11.14

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.

¹https://www.vsb.bc.ca

²https://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 signin. Student number is not required.

Remembrance Day at Jules Quesnel



Students and staff held a Remembrance Day Assembly at Jules Quesnel on Monday, November 10.

We would like to extend our thanks to the band and choir members for the beautiful music, to our MCs for their leadership, and to all students for their respectful participation during the Assembly.

If you would like to donate to the Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Fund, you may do so online or by mail:

Online Donation

Royal Legion Poppy Fund Online Donations³

³https://www.legion.ca/remembrance/the-poppy-campaign/funding-for-organizations

Donations to the Royal Canadian Legion Dominion Command Poppy Trust Fund can be made online to support national Veteran initiatives. *Please note that Dominion Command cannot issue tax receipts due to its not-for-profit status*.

Donate by Mail

Cheques can be made payable to:

The Royal Canadian Legion Dominion Command Poppy Trust Fund

Mail to:

The Royal Canadian Legion National Headquarters

86 Aird Place

Ottawa, ON K2L 0A1

District Choice/Mini School Application Deadline Extended to December 18

Attention grade 7 families,

For the 2026-2027 District Choice/Mini School Application process, the District Registry and School Application deadline will be:

Thursday, December 18, 2025, at 3 pm (extended from previous deadline of Dec 15).

The Mini-School application process opens on Monday, November 10th.

VSB Mini Schools⁴

⁴https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5292/mini-school-programs

Big Brothers Teen Mentoring Program



The Teen Mentoring program provides children in grades 1-7 with a Teen Mentor (from the local High school) who is a positive role model and friend. We create one-to-one Mentor and Mentee Matches, who spend time getting to know one another, while in a group setting supported by a Mentoring Coordinator. The Teen Mentor and Mentee build a bond and friendship by engaging in activities such as board games, sports, or just hanging out. Some objectives of the program are to enhance self-esteem, confidence and connection to the school and community.

Location: Jules Quesnel Elementary School Room 206

When: Tuesdays November 4 – June 9, 2026, 3:00PM- 4:15PM

Grades: 1-7

Cost: Free

Limited Spaces



Please fill out the online form linked here: Jules Quesnel Out of School Time Programs - Fall2025 – Fill out form⁵

As soon as possible. (Filling out forms does not guarantee a spot)

Please reach out to the office or Travis 604 250 6039 for a hard copy form if needed.

Questions? Contact Community Schools Coordinator, Travis Klimko at: tklimko@vsb.bc.ca6

The collection and retention of information requested on this form is authorized and governed by the British Columbia School Act and the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Communicating Student Learning Video

Fall informal learning updates were shared with JQ families this week.

The first term written learning update will be made available to families Wednesday December 17, 2025.

Click HERE⁷ to watch a short video outlining Communicating Student Learning in the Vancouver School District.

⁵https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=WC6KCzB7CEq6t9dVWeDjpW5YHIZRh2FHjsJIx9dlsFxUM0lPT1ZPTjg2Qk1BMElSVDI5SFk1RTEwUS4u&origin=QRCode

⁶mailto:tklimko@vsb.bc.ca

⁷https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel/page/2282/assessment-and-reporting

Kindergarten registration for children born in 2021 begins on November 1



All kindergarten applicants are required to complete an online application for their English catchment elementary school. This includes families who wish to apply for **District 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 online 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 (https://applynow.vsb.bc.ca/) for the school year
 2026-27

Step 2: Verification of documentation

 After applying, you will receive instructions on how to schedule your in-person appointment. Bring supporting documentation during your scheduled appointment for verification.

Supporting Documents Needed:

Proof of residence in Vancouver,

- Child's birth certificate,
- Immigration documentation (if applicable)
- Immunization records
- Court orders/documents (if applicable)

If you want to apply for a District Choice Program or cross boundary, you must **first apply to your English catchment elementary school.** District Choice Programs and Cross Boundary applications will begin to be accepted in early 2026. For more information, go to: govsb.ca/kchoice⁸ and govsb.ca/crossboundary⁹

Note: Please email Liz in the Office if your child has a younger sibling entering Kindergarten in September 2026. Siblings have priority and we wish to ensure that all siblings are accounted for at the closing of the Choice program application deadline.

Save the Date - Winter Concert - Tues. Dec. 16



⁸https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5196/kindergarten-choice-programs

⁹https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5198/cross-boundary-application

We're excited to invite you to our Winter Concert!

Date: Tuesday, December 16

Time: Evening (exact time to be announced - approx. 6 to 8 pm)

Location: Lord Byng Auditorium

Mark your calendars and join us for an evening of music and holiday cheer!

Rainy 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 Calendar & Upcoming Dates



The 2025-2026 School Calendar and other information is available on our school website¹⁰.

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 Calendar¹¹ page. Click the List View tab on the Calendar page for list of upcoming events.

Dates to Note in November and December



Wednesday, November 19: Parent Education Session (virtual) - Cell phones, what's healthy, what's not and how to support our kids

¹⁰https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel

¹¹https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel/page/2257/calendar?tab=monthview

Friday, November 21: Professional Development Day (District wide)

Friday, November 21 to Tuesday, November 25 (approx): Art card samples sent home to families

Wednesday, November 26 to Sunday, November 30 (approx): Art cards can be ordered online by parents

Wednesday, November 26: PAC Meeting at 7 pm

Saturday, November 30: Purdy's chocolates -order deadline

Wednesday, December 3: Family Movie Night & Family Portrait Night (first session)

Thursday, December 4: Family Portrait Night (second session)

Friday, December 5: Active First Friday

Tuesday, December 16: Winter Concert (evening)

Monday, December 22 to Friday, January 2: Winter Break

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.

JQ PAC Updates



Parent Education Session (Virtual) - Wed. Nov. 19th

If you haven't already signed up, don't forget to register for a very special virtual parent ed event on on **Wed Nov 19th** (6pm) on the topic of "**Cellphones: what's healthy, what's not and what we can do to support our kids.**" The event features award-winning educator and author Hannah Birch.

Participation is free, thanks to the support of the PAC's at Bayview Elementary, General Gordon, Tennyson, Trafalgar, and JQ. JQ families are invited to register here¹². After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Winter Programs ready for Registration

Winter programs are in the scheduling process. Plan your schedule and register for these returning programs now! More programs will be added to the list over the coming weeks.

Mondays - Lights Up - K to 7 - Jan 5 to Mar 9 - \$ 325

This season showcases How to Train Your Dragon! Registration is OPEN!¹³

Thursdays - Professor Puffin¹⁴ registration opens soon.

¹²https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-

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¹³ https://us3.mailchimp.com/mctx/clicks?url=https%3A%2F%2Flightsuptheatre.ca%2Fafterschool%2Fjq%2F&xid=ef 15209ee5&uid=22957571&iid=455d37e250&pool=cts&v=2&c=1763068444&h=2f140327a05dee6e015b32057e8d 4c4ab70cdf0aacecacda6a7594573d2b7edf

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Fridays - Pedalheads soccer - K to 7 - Jan 9 to Mar 13 - \$180

Kick Ziggy the mascot ball around the gym for this non-competitive, skill-building program. Registration is OPEN!¹⁵

Please connect with Vital if your family requires a subsidy to join any of the extracurricular programs.

Pedalheads Soccer Pro-d Day Camp on Nov 21st



Why not sign your kiddo up for an indoor soccer camp where they'll learn and practice foundational soccer skills, have fun and play all-day. Secure your spot¹⁶ ¹⁷today.

- What: Soccer camp with our pro coaches
- When: 9am 4pm Friday, November 21

¹⁵https://us3.mailchimp.com/mctx/clicks?url=https%3A%2F%2Fpedalheads.com%2Fen%2Fcamp%3Fregion%3D1% 26cities%3D1007%2C1013%2C2%2C3166%2C1003%2C3%26programs%3D1012%2C1011%2C1014%2C1012%26ph search%3Dtrue%23camp-

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¹⁶https://pedalheads.com/en/camp?region=1&cities=3&programs=1012&selectedDates=2025-11-21%2C2025-11-21&ph search=true#camp-list

¹⁷https://pedalheads.com/en/camp?region=1&cities=3&programs=1012&selectedDates=2025-11-21%2C2025-11-21&ph_search=true#camp-list

- Where: Indoors @ Jules Quesnel Elementary School
- Age groups: Kindergarten Grade 3; Grade 4 Grade 7

Register now¹⁸ to join this 1-day Pro-d Day camp.

Ravens Girls Rugby - Grades 5 to 7



 $^{{}^{18} \}underline{\text{https://pedalheads.com/en/camp?region=1\&cities=3\&programs=1012\&selectedDates=2025-11-21\%2C2025-11-21\&ph_search=true\#camp-list}$

Ravens Girls Rugby - Grade 5 to 7 - Thursdays - 3:00 to 4:30 pm at Camosun Field - Free*

A donor has covered registration costs for girls. Register now 19

Direct Donation thanks - and not too late!



We are pleased to share that our **Direct Donation Campaign** has reached nearly **\$10,815**... 72% towards our \$15,000 goal, which is now well within our reach. A huge thank you to all families who have already contributed... and it's not too late to donate if you haven't; we will keep the campaign going until the December 31st, donations instructions online here²⁰.

¹⁹https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf6Zb6OoA13g3dEzQRD83zzFmT0zoft05Fzfo2 8SDDUQNbIA/viewform

²⁰https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=daf62b84f7&e=35de609226

Active First Friday a sustainable success!



Our second Active First Friday of the school year last week was absolutely buzzing with energy! A big round of applause to all the students who walked, biked, scooted, or took the bus and brought their own mugs to help make our **Active Friday** × **Sustainability** a success. Your efforts to stay active and reduce waste showed how small actions can make a big difference. We are also deeply grateful to our parent volunteers who kept the cocoa flowing, played great music, and made the morning flow so smoothly. Your energy and teamwork turned a chilly November start into a warm community celebration. Stay tuned for more exciting updates soon, and mark your calendar for the next Active Friday × Sustainability coming up before you know it Fri Dec 5 (8:45-9:00 am).

JQ Awarded a CoV Grant

We are thrilled to share that JQ has been awarded a \$1,500 Walk Bike Roll Mini Grant from the City of Vancouver's School Active Travel Program. See link here²¹.

²¹https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=2224f96ce8&e=35de609226

This will allow us to build on our bus programs—walk, bike, or transit — and other travel initiatives, helping more students and families choose active and sustainable ways to get to school. Schools can link their projects to existing events or create new initiatives that promote active travel.

A huge thank-you to **Lori Ferguson** for leading the grant application, and to **Colleen Kellogg**, **Jonathan Kellogg**, **Valerie Balaski**, **Nafisa Fera**, and many others in our community for their support and enthusiasm.

We always welcome your ideas and volunteers to help build these initiatives together. Please reach out to us!

PAC Meeting - Wednesday, November 26

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 ²²

Minutes from previous meetings are available at the following link: Meeting Minutes – Jules Quesnel PAC²³

²²https://jqpac.com/events/

²³https://jqpac.com/meeting-minutes/

Purdy's chocolates for a cause



If you are looking for one-stop holiday shopping, no need to look further. Purdy's chocolates are here to rescue you, all while raising funds for JQ's senior class capstone experience. Click here²⁴ for deliciously happy shopping.

NOTE: you do not need to attend JQ to participate, please share the campaign with your personal network. If someone places an order online, please ask them to include your child's full name in the notes section, to facilitate deliveries.

Key Dates: Order Deadline: Nov 30 | Delivery Date: Dec 5

What You Need: Campaign Number: 82568 | Campaign Link: click here²⁵

Family Portrait Night - Wed Dec 3 & 4, 5-8pm

It's a JQ family night double-header! HT Photography will be back at JQ (room 235) **Dec 3 and 4, 5-8 pm**, for a holiday portrait family fundraiser. HT will be donating a portion of the \$20 sitting fees back to JQ PAC. A limited number of 10 minute photography sitting sessions are available (grey background and fun holiday props provided) please book now at this link²⁶. ON NOTE: a link for Dec 4th session will be sent in the coming week.

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²⁴https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-

²⁵https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-

²⁶https://www.htphotog.com/booking-calendar/december-3rd-2025-jules-quesnel-elementary-holiday-family-portrait-fundraisers/

Holiday Movie Night - Wed Dec 3, 5-7pm



We're pleased to invite all JQ families to attend a holiday movie night which will be held in the gym from 5-7pm on Wed Dec 3. Admission will be by donation (min \$5) to raise funds for our sister school holiday hampers. Tickets are available for purchase via cash online. Small donations of packaged tea, coffee, or other little treats are welcome to make the holiday hampers extra special. Movie selection is still TBC but will be JQ student age-appropriate. Please bring your own chair, pillows, blankets, and stuffies for an extra cozy evening. Popcorn and treats will be for sale onsite (cash only). Thanks to Mme Lauren for sponsoring this JQ event.

Hot Lunch Program

Hello JQ families,

For the 2025-2065 school year, hot lunch will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Ordering is open at munchalunch.com²⁷. 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.com²⁸

²⁷https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-

Class Parents - Stay connected

Thanks to the generous parents who have volunteered to serve as their division's Class Parent! As part of our ongoing efforts to stay connected and coordinated, Class Parents are invited to join a new WhatsApp group - sign up here²⁹. If your class doesn't yet have a representative - please check our list and confirm interest here³⁰.

All other parents are invited to join the general JQ PAC WhatsApp group here³¹, for last minute reminders and other important community news.

PAC Newsletter

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

Add us to your address book³²

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can update your preferences³³ or unsubscribe³⁴

JQ Parent Advisory Council

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³¹https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-

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³²https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/vcard?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=cf68741d5b

³³https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-

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³⁴https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-

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Community Links

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

VSB After the Bell LIVE - Learning Updates

Hello VSB families,

You will soon receive a formal learning update from your child's school. These learning updates, previously known as report cards, are sent home three times a year for elementary students and four times a year for secondary students. They provide updates on your child's learning progress in relation to the B.C. curriculum for each grade level.

To support families with clear information about learning updates, we are hosting a special live episode of our podcast, VSB: After the Bell³⁵. You'll hear from experienced educators who will discuss what learning updates communicate, how the B.C. proficiency scale is used for assessment and how to support your child's learning. The team will answer common questions about curriculum, assessment and student progress.

VSB After the Bell: Live

Topic: Learning Updates

Date: Nov. 19, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Who:

- Jiana Chow, After the Bell Host
- Ranjit Bains, Director of Instruction, Secondary
- Shannon Burton, Director of Instruction, Elementary
- Suzie Polzin, District Principal of Learning Instruction

Have questions? Ask ahead of time to get them answered live. Submit your questions by emailing them to engage@vsb.bc.ca³⁶

A Teams link will be sent a day before the event.

³⁵https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/60332/podcast

³⁶mailto:engage@vsb.bc.ca

Free Online Parent Workshop with Saleema Noon

Free Online Parent Workshop with Saleema Noon!

November 18 and 21

Talk to Your Preteen (Before TikTok Does)

How to Have Smart Conversations About Consent, Confidence, Relationships & Online Life 🖖



In less than an hour, parents will walk away with practical strategies (we're talking word-forword scripts!) for having meaningful, connected conversations about all of the above.

She'll also be sharing a brand-new resource tackling newer and urgent challenges preteens face today like sextortion, deepfakes, consent, and harmful messaging in 'the manosphere'.

Save your spot here:

https://learn.saleemanoon.com/gugp-webinar-registration-november-2025

Trafalgar Out of School Care - Winter Camp

Winter Camp Program Details:

- Dates: December 22, 23, 24 (Week 1) and December 29, 30 and 31 (Week 2) Closure Dates: December 25, 26, January 1 and 2
- Time: 7:30 am to 6:00 pm Arrival time can be between 7:30 am to 09:00 am and pick-up between 4:00 to 6:00 pm
- Activities: Our Winter Camp Program offers a range of enriching and entertaining activities, including field trips, holiday festivities, crafts, and supervised indoor and outdoor playtime.
- Age Groups: The program is tailored for children aged 5 to 12 years old (K-7).
- Location: Trafalgar Out of School Care 4020 Trafalgar Street
- Registration Details: Please fill out this form³⁷, and TOOSCS will contact you to confirm your child's spot.
- Cancellation: You can cancel until November 17th, 2025.

³⁷https://forms.gle/9GgDSHV8Jtfd5BcU7

• **Contact Information:** For any questions or additional information, please feel free to contact our team:

Clara – Centre Director: director@tooscs.org³⁸

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 page³⁹.

Thank you for reading!

Contact Us



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

³⁸mailto:director@tooscs.org

³⁹https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/81591/family-and-community-information

⁴⁰mailto:studentrecordsquesnel@vsb.bc.ca