

## JQ eNews - 2025.09.04

JQ eNews, including information about school procedures, activities and events is emailed to families every week. Please also visit the VSB website<sup>1</sup> and the JQ school website<sup>2</sup> for information regarding district and school events.

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.vsb.bc.ca>

<sup>2</sup><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.

## The Importance of being on time



Punctuality is an essential part of setting students up for success. Being on time ensures that your child—and their classmates—can begin the day without unnecessary disruptions. Many learning activities begin promptly at **9:00 a.m.**, so arriving on time allows your child to fully participate right from the start.

A **welcome bell rings at 8:55 a.m.**, signaling students to line up and be greeted by their teacher. The **instructional day begins at 9:00 a.m.**, and we aim for all students to be present, settled, and ready to learn.

### **Dismissal Reminder**

Our school day ends at **2:58 p.m.** We kindly ask that all students are picked up on time. This is especially important for our younger students, who can become anxious or upset if a parent or caregiver is late.

Your efforts to support punctuality show respect for your child's learning, their teachers, and the school community.

**Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to a successful school year!**

## Appointment for students during the school day

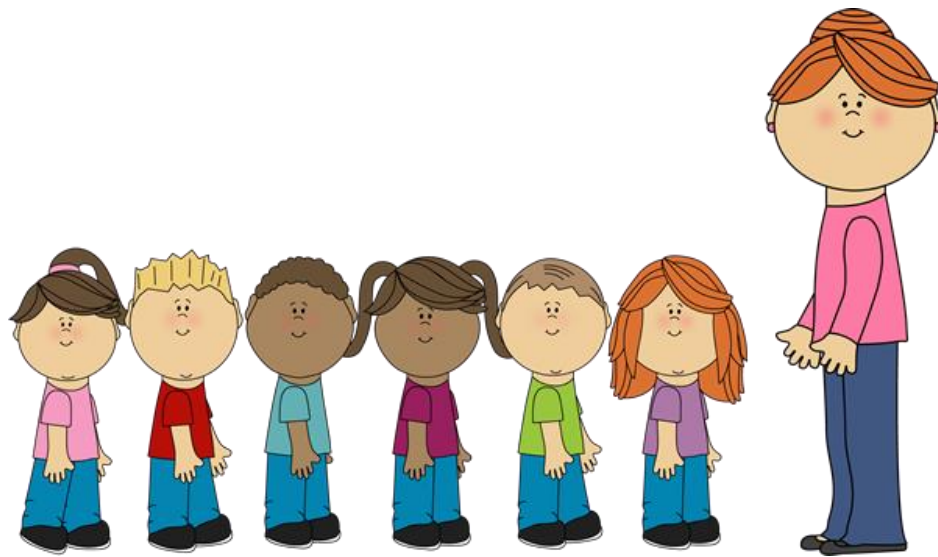
If your child has an appointment during school hours, please notify both the classroom teacher and the school office at least one day in advance, if possible. This helps us plan accordingly, especially if a neighbourhood walk or other off-site activity is scheduled.

When picking up your child, please come to the school office to sign them out.

## 2025-2026 School Organization

This week, school and District staff are working to confirm student numbers and staffing. All Vancouver students will move into their new divisions as soon as schools receive authorization from the District. Like all of you, students and families, teachers and school staff are ready to get going. Thank you for your ongoing patience and understanding.

## Before and After School Playground Supervision



Please note that the front playground is supervised from **8:40 to 8:55 a.m.** and again from **2:58 to 3:13 p.m.**

At the start of the school day (**9:00 a.m.**), classroom teachers will meet students at their designated meeting spots and escort them into the school. At dismissal (**2:58 p.m.**), students will return to the same locations for parent pick-up.

For safety reasons, students not picked up by 3:13 p.m. will be brought to the office, and a parent or guardian will be contacted.



Thank you for ensuring your child is picked up promptly at the end of the day.



## Hello from Mme Jackie - Counselling support at JQ

Dear Jules Quesnel Families,

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope your summer was restful and that your family is settling smoothly into the rhythm of September.

My name is Jackie Ellis, and I'm the Area Counsellor here at Jules Quesnel. I'll be in the building every Thursday and Friday, and alternating Wednesdays. I'm here to support your children in a variety of ways. My role includes:

As a VSB Area Counsellor, I also work collaboratively with students, staff, families, and community agencies to support students' educational, personal, and emotional development.

A few resources that are offered are Family Smart and Kelty Mental Health Resource Centre. Below is a quick summary of their services being offered.

**FamilySmart** ([www.familysmart.ca](http://www.familysmart.ca)<sup>3</sup>) offers free support to parents and caregivers of children and youth (ages 0–24) who may be struggling with mental health or substance use. Highlights include:

- **Free September Events on Emotional Regulation**
- **One-on-One Support** via self-referral or professional referral
- **Workshops & Presentations** for school staff and parent groups

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<sup>3</sup><https://www.familysmart.ca/>

**Kelty Mental Health Resource Centre** ([keltycentre@cw.bc.ca](mailto:keltycentre@cw.bc.ca)<sup>4</sup>) **located at BC Children's Hospital.**  
**This** provincial resource centre supports families across BC with children and youth up to age 24.

Services include:

- **Peer Support** from trained family support workers
- **Help Navigating the Mental Health System**
- **Resources** on topics like anxiety, ADHD, eating disorders, and emotional regulation
- **Podcasts, Webinars, and Guides** for parents and caregivers
- **Support for School Communities** and professionals

If you have any questions or if you'd like to discuss how I can support your child this year please feel free to reach out to me at my email [jellis@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:jellis@vsb.bc.ca). I look forward to working together to make this a positive and successful school year for all our students.

Warm regards,

**Ms. Jackie Ellis** (MC, RCC-ACS, CAC)

Area Counsellor

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Ecole Jules Quesnel - Th, F, Alt W (Ph: 604-713-4577)

[jellis@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:jellis@vsb.bc.ca)<sup>5</sup>

*With deep gratitude and respect, I am honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).*

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<sup>4</sup><mailto:keltycentre@cw.bc.ca>

<sup>5</sup><mailto:jellis@vsb.bc.ca>

## Student Photo Day - Thursday, September 18

**YOUR PHOTO DAY IS APPROACHING!**

**Showcase Your Best Smile**

- Students will be photographed at school.
- On photo day, no order form or payment is due.
- Review your images and purchase online with ease!

**DON'T FORGET**  
School photos are a Canadian tradition to capture the school year and preserve your continued growth.

**GET REMINDERS**  
Sign up for notifications at [edgeimaging.ca/photoday](http://edgeimaging.ca/photoday) to get real-time updates about your photo day and stay in the know with Edge.

edge imaging 1 (866) 717-2343 [edgeimaging.ca](http://edgeimaging.ca) @edgeimaging

All students will have an individual photo taken on **Tuesday, September 18th** beginning with primary grades in the morning and intermediate grades, late morning to early afternoon. Edge Photography is our school photographer. Parents will be able to see and purchase their child's photo with Edge in due course.

Photo Retake Day is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 22**. Students who were absent on the original photo day (**September 18**) will have the opportunity to have their photo taken.

Parents who are not satisfied with their child's original photo may also request a retake on this date.

## School Forms



Parents/Guardians are required to complete the following forms during the first few weeks of the school year online at the following link: My Forms at VSB<sup>6</sup> (<https://myforms.vsb.bc.ca/>)

1. **Adobe CC Acknowledgement of Use (for students)**
2. **Adobe CC Consent Form (for parents/guardians)**
3. **Canada Anti-Spam Legislation Consent**
4. **External Media Consent Form**
5. **KF-12 Student AUP (Acceptable Use of Technology)**
6. **Neighbourhood Class Walk Consent**
7. **VSB Media Consent**

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>

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<sup>6</sup><https://myforms.vsb.bc.ca/>



If possible, we kindly ask parents to complete the **Neighbourhood Class Walk Consent Form** (Consent No. 6 on the list) **as soon as possible**, with the exception of new Kindergarten families.

This consent allows teachers to take students on local walks within the neighbourhood or to nearby areas such as **Pacific Spirit Park** as part of their learning activities. Thank you.

**For more information and/or help with MyForms, please click [HERE](#)<sup>7</sup>.**

In addition, once classes are established, a paper copy of the following forms will be sent home:

- 1. Personal Information Verification Form** (*Will be distributed to students - individualized*) – *Required*
- 2. Emergency Reunification Form** – *Required*
- 3. Medical Information Sheet** (*Copy will be sent to students with known medical conditions.*) *Please ask the office for the form if your child has a medical condition and the school has not yet been informed.*

## School Fees 2025-2026



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<sup>7</sup><https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel/page/67413/myforms>

Once classes are finalized next week, applicable **school fees** will be posted on **School Cash Online** for payment. We will notify families when the fees are available.

Fees may include the following:

- **Annual VSB School Supply Fee – \$35**
- **Communication Pouch Fee – \$7**
- **Agenda Fee – \$7**

Thank you for your attention to these upcoming payments.

## Personal Digital Devices during school hours



In accordance with the school and District Codes of Conduct, personal digital devices in elementary schools are restricted for the instructional day. This includes class time, recess and lunch during school hours of 9:00am to 3:00pm. Personal digital devices must be turned off or placed on silent mode and out of sight for the entire school day.

For more information, please visit the Digital Citizenship<sup>8</sup> page on the JQ website.

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<sup>8</sup><https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel/page/2250/digital-citizenship>

## Allergy Aware



The Vancouver School District and École Jules Quesnel are committed to providing as safe a learning and teaching environment as is practicable for anaphylactic students. In addition to the precautions taken by school staff and the families of allergic children, all JQ families are asked to be 'allergy-aware' and to consider the following strategies to minimize the risk of exposure for allergic children.

- Try to avoid sending your child to school with allergenic foods.
- Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly, especially before and after eating.
- Discourage sharing of food at school.

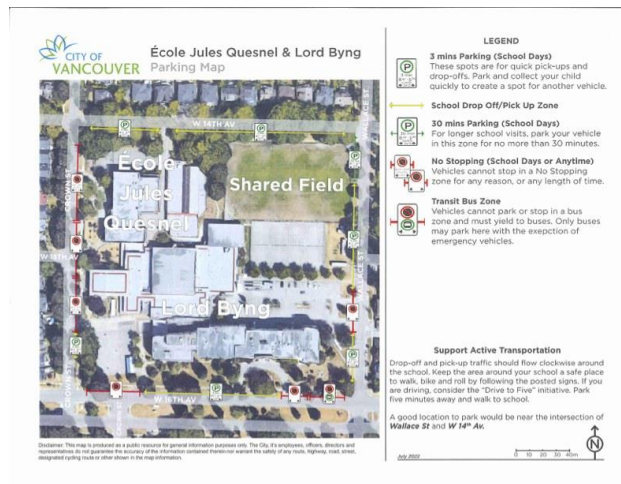
All VSB schools are also 'air aware', meaning students, staff and visitors are encouraged to use fragrance free and unscented shampoos, hairsprays, deodorants, lotions, and other products, and avoiding application of perfume and cologne. If your child has an appointment during the school day, please give both the teacher and school office sufficient notice of the pick-up time, at least a day, if possible, in case the teacher has a neighbourhood walk planned. Parents may come to the school office to collect and sign-out their child.

## Active travel to and from school



### Walk+Bike+Roll Getting Around the Vancouver Way

Students, families and staff are encouraged to consider active modes of transportation for getting to and from school. There is only limited parking around JQ. Please refer to the image below for information regarding parking and traffic flow around JQ.





## Orange Shirt Day



Staff and students will be invited to wear orange shirts to remember survivors of residential schools on **Monday, September 29th**.

## Voluntary Student Accident Insurance



The VSB is once again offering parents the ability to purchase voluntary student accident insurance plans if they choose. These plans offer coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness. The two companies offering this coverage are Insuremykids and Industrial Alliance (The Family Accident Reimbursement Plan). These plans are ideal for supplementing costs not covered by provincial health insurance or existing employer extended health and dental plans.

Families can find more information and register online to purchase and participate in any of these insurance plans by using the URL provided here:

<https://insuremykids.com/schoolresources/>

<https://www.solutionsinsurance.com>

If families have questions about either one of these programs, they can contact the company directly through the contact information on their website.



## District Programs (Mini Schools) Sept 2025



### District Programs Information for Grade 7 students

Grade 7 students and families,

For those beginning to wonder about options for their Grade 8 year, click on the link below for information regarding 2025 District Programs (Mini Schools).

VSB Mini School Brochure.pdf<sup>9</sup>

### School Calendar & Upcoming Dates



The 2023-2024 School Calendar and other information is available on our school website<sup>10</sup>.

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<sup>9</sup><https://media.vsb.bc.ca/media/Default/medialib/vsb-mini-school-brochure-2023.b0616d60919.pdf>

<sup>10</sup><https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel>

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 Calendar<sup>11</sup> page. Click the List View tab on the Calendar page for list of upcoming events.

## Dates to Note in September



**Thursday, September 18th:** Individual Photo Day (there will be a retake on October 22nd for students absent on Sept. 18).

**Thursday, September 18th:** Meet the Teacher Night / PAC Welcome Back BBQ - details to be provided in due course.

**Friday, September 19th:** Professional Development Day - no school for students.

**Friday, September 26th:** Terry Fox Run - tentative (weather dependent).

**Tuesday, September 30th:** National Day of Truth and Reconciliation - school closed.

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



## Help to reduce waste and remember to pack cutlery



As part of our ongoing efforts to minimize waste and promote sustainability, we kindly remind families to send reusable cutlery with students' lunches. Your support helps us create a greener school environment. Thank you!

## JQ PAC Updates



## PAC Extra-Curricular Programs

### Community Links

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

JQ PAC has organized the following after-school, onsite activities. There's no need to pick up students until after the program ends, so you can extend your workday, do a workout, or grab that afternoon coffee!

## REGISTRATION OPENS AUGUST 29th

**Mondays - LightsUp Musical Theatre<sup>12</sup> - Grades K to 7 - Sep 22 to Nov 24 - 3 pm to 5:15 pm - \$365**

Students will sing, dance, and act in this fall's production of **Beauty and the Beast**. Register early<sup>13 14</sup> as this program fills up fast!

**Tuesdays - Petit Architect<sup>15</sup> - Grades 1 to 5 - Sep 23 to Dec 16 - 3 pm to 4:30 pm - \$385**

Every week, young architects will explore the incredible worlds of famous architects and design concepts, growing their creativity through the creation of 2D drawings and 3D models. Register here<sup>16</sup>

**Wednesdays - Young Rembrandts<sup>17 18</sup> - Grades 1 to 6 - Sep 24 to Dec 10 - 3 pm to 4:10 pm - \$282**

Students can decompress in these calm drawing lessons immediately after dismissal. Sharpen artistic skills with new projects weekly. Register here<sup>19</sup>.

**Thursdays - more information to come...**

**Fridays - Pedalheads Soccer<sup>20</sup> - Grades K to 7 - Sep 12 to Dec 12 - 3 to 4 pm - \$215**

Pedalheads Soccer is a foundational soccer skills program. Through energetic storytelling and interactive games, they teach essential skills while ensuring maximum ball time and fast, effective learning, in the shelter of the gym! Register here<sup>21</sup>

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<sup>12</sup><https://lightsuptheatre.ca/afterschool/jq/>

<sup>13</sup><https://lightsuptheatre.ca/afterschool/jq/>

<sup>14</sup><https://lightsuptheatre.ca/afterschool/jq/>

<sup>15</sup><https://petitarchitect.com/>

<sup>16</sup><https://campscui.active.com/orgs/PetitArchitectDesignforKids#/selectSessions/3673833>

<sup>17</sup><https://www.youngrembrandts.com/>

<sup>18</sup><https://www.youngrembrandts.com/>

<sup>19</sup><https://campscui.active.com/orgs/YoungRembrandtsMetroVancouver#/selectSessions/3687135/filter/session=68021940>

<sup>20</sup><https://pedalheads.com/en/soccer>

**Please send any questions to [jqextracurricular@gmail.com](mailto:jqextracurricular@gmail.com)<sup>22</sup> (Talía, parent coordinator) or the program company directly.**

Thanks,

Talía

JQ Extracurricular Activities Coordinator + parent

Please contact [jqextracurricular@gmail.com](mailto:jqextracurricular@gmail.com)<sup>23</sup> with any questions related to the above programs.

**Thank you for reading!**

## **Contact Us**



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

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<sup>21</sup>[https://pedalheads.com/en/camp?region=1&cities=3&locationName=\[{"name"%3A"Point+Grey+-+Jules+Quesnel+Elementary"%2C"locationIds"%3A\["1723"\]}\]}&programs=1012&ph\\_search=true#camp-list](https://pedalheads.com/en/camp?region=1&cities=3&locationName=[{)

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