



## JQ eNews - 2024.09.27

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.

## September 30 - National Day of Truth & Reconciliation

The school will be closed on Monday, September 30th for the National Day of Truth & Reconciliation.

## VSB Student Threat-Risk Assessment Protocol - Fair Notice



Please see linked information [HERE](#)<sup>3</sup>.

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<sup>3</sup><https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5072/student-threat-risk-assessment-vtra>

## Lost and Found



The JQ lost and found is already filling up. Please come and claim lost items.

Please label children's clothes so they can more easily be returned to their owners.



## JQ Cross Country Mini-Meets



A reminder that there will be two Cross Country **Mini meets** with neighbouring schools next week at Camosun Park after school. The mini meet schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday October 1, 3:15-4:45 PM, **Grades K-3 only**
- Thursday October 3, 3:15-4:45 PM, **Grade 4-7 only**
- Wednesday October 9, 3:15-4:45 PM, All grades

The **district finals** will take place at Trout Lake on October 22nd.

*This year, there will be a new format for students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 in the cross country meets. All K-3 students will now run with their peers in the same grade, without differentiating their gender. They will be racing based on their grade and heat number according to school name\*. This change supports our Education Plan and our commitment to fostering an inclusive environment for all students. Additionally, every student participating in these races will receive a participation ribbon to celebrate their effort and enthusiasm.*

*Heat A: Bayview to Maquinna*

*Heat B: McBride to xpey*

**In addition, ALL volunteers must read and sign the Volunteer Conduct Agreement.<sup>4</sup>**

Thank you,

M Sankey and JQXC

## Rainy weather



All students play outside during mid morning and lunch recesses. Please make sure that appropriate outside clothing is worn to school for cold and wet weather conditions. We suggest rain boots, a water

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<sup>4</sup>[https://media.vsb.bc.ca/media/Default/medialib/ap\\_490\\_zappendixa\\_volunteer-guidelines.19e3f620696.pdf](https://media.vsb.bc.ca/media/Default/medialib/ap_490_zappendixa_volunteer-guidelines.19e3f620696.pdf)

resistant jacket and mittens and hats when the weather becomes colder. Umbrellas are ok too; please remind your child about appropriate umbrella use.

It is also advisable to have a spare set of clothing in the classroom which includes a pair of socks, especially important for younger students. Slips and falls happen quite frequently in wet conditions and students often need additional clothing.

Thank you for supporting your child to have a successful day at school, whatever the weather.

## News from JQ Biblio Commons



A sunny, warm welcome back to students and families! I look forward to seeing your enthusiastic readers!

For primary students, your child borrowed one (or more) books from the school library this week! Please make sure that all items are kept in the red library bag. Your child needs to return their library book(s) weekly on the day assigned to their class (teacher will let you know!), so they can borrow another one. If your child has overdue books, they will not be able to sign out more books!

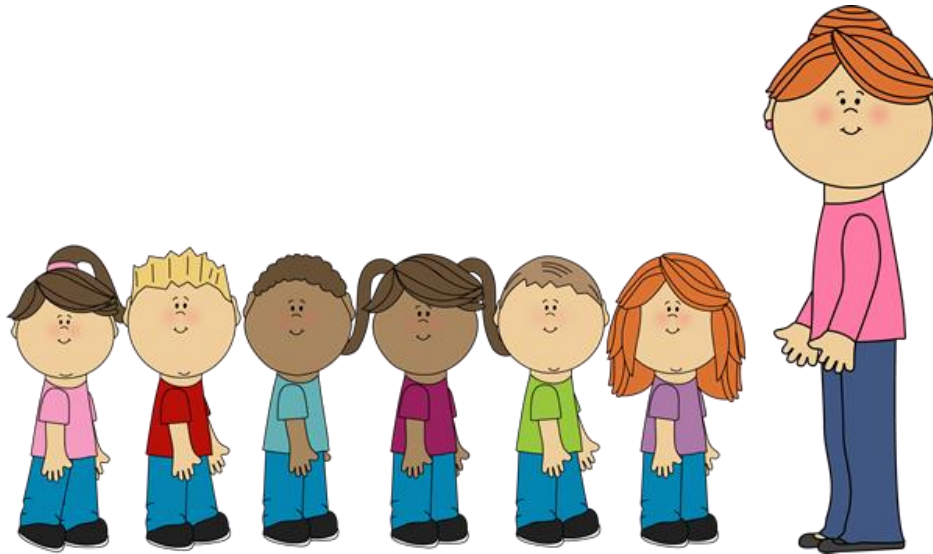


Finally, in case a book is missing, lost or damaged, please let me know, I sometimes can help find it... If not found after a couple of weeks, we ask that the family pays for the cost (or part) of the missing book. Thank for your understanding.

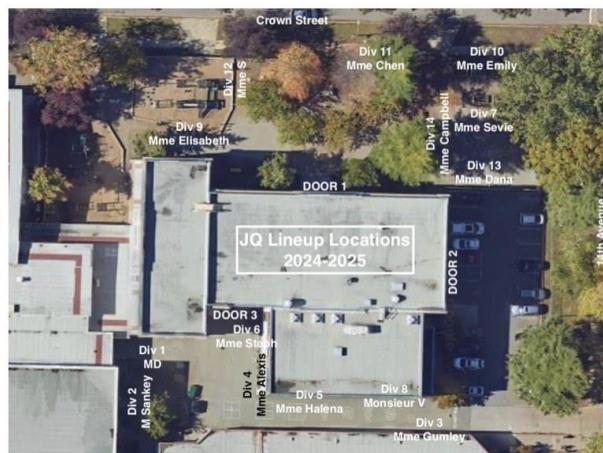
Students and families can search for books, check their borrowing record, and search digital resources at <https://library.vsb.bc.ca/>

**Brigitte Attali-Netherton, Teacher-librarian at Jules Quesnel**

## School Grounds and Student Pick up/Drop off



Please note that the front playground will be supervised from 8:40 to 8:55 am and from 2:58 to 3:13 pm. At the beginning of each day (9:00 am), classroom teachers will meet students at a designated spot and escort them into the school. At the end of the day (2:58 pm), students will return to the same spot for pick-up by parents. Students not picked up by 3:13 pm will be taken to the office and a parent contacted. Thank you for picking up your child promptly at dismissal.



## School Fees 2024-2025



School fees for all students have now been posted on School Cash Online

(<https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/>). The school also accepts cheques and/or cash but would prefer online payment.

Any families experiencing financial hardship may ask that these fees be waived by contacting the school Principal, Vital Peeters, (vpeeters@vsb.bc.ca). All requests will be treated confidentially.

The following fees are posted:

**Annual basic school supplies: \$35.00**

**Performance/Activity Fee: \$10.00**

**Student Agendas (Divisions 2, 3,4, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 11): \$6.00**

**Visual Journal \$10.65 (Div F13K)**

**Library Book Bag (new Kindergarten students): \$10.00**

## School Forms



**A reminder to fill out the forms below. We particularly need the Canada Anti-Spam Legislation Consent (CASL) in order to keep you on the mailing list for eNews. Teachers would also appreciate your consent to the Neighbourhood Class Walk. Thank you.**

**Paper copies can be requested from Mme Toone, if preferred.**

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>5</sup> (<https://myforms.vsb.bc.ca/>)

- 1. Adobe CC Acknowledgement of Use (for students)**

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<sup>5</sup><https://myforms.vsb.bc.ca/>

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. **VSBC Media Consent**
8. **Yearbook 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>

**If possible, with the exception of new Kindergarten students, we would ask that parents sign the Neighbourhood Class Walk Consent (no. 6 on the list) as soon as possible. Next week, teachers may wish to take their students offsite for a walk in the neighbourhood or to Pacific Spirit Park. Your consent would allow for this type of outing. Thank you.**

**For more information and/or help with MyForms, please click [HERE](#)<sup>6</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.*

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<sup>6</sup><https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel/page/67413/myforms>

## Student Verification Form and Emergency Reunification Form



Please return these forms at your earliest convenience.

On the Verification Form, please check that your contact/address information is current, sign on the back and return to school at your earliest convenience. We no longer list sibling information.

On the yellow Emergency Reunification form, please add any contacts that would be able to pick-up your child/ren at school in the case of an evacuation due to earthquake or other natural disaster.

Thank you.

## 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>7</sup>

There are a few Mini-School Information evenings coming up at west-side schools in late October:

Byng Arts: October 29th

Point Grey Mini: October 30th

Prince of Wales Mini: November 5th

Information Nights for Kitsilano and Churchill will take place in January after the winter break.

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<sup>7</sup><https://media.vsb.bc.ca/media/Default/medialib/vsb-mini-school-brochure-2023.b0616d60919.pdf>

## School Calendar & Upcoming Dates



The **2023-2024 School Calendar** and other information is available on our school website<sup>8</sup>.

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>9</sup> page. Click the List View tab on the Calendar page for list of upcoming events.

## Dates to Note in October



Monday, September 30th: National Day of Truth and Reconciliation - school closed

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

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

Friday, October 11: Terry Fox Run at 2 pm

Monday, October 14: Thanksgiving - school closed

Wednesday, October 23: Photo Retake Day

Wednesday, October 23: Kindergarten Hearing Screening

Friday, October 25: Professional Development Day

Tuesday, October 29: Early Dismissal at 2 pm for conferences

Wednesday, October 30: Early Dismissal at 2 pm for conferences

## Foundation Skills Assessment for students in grades 4 & 7

Students in grades 4 and 7 will be participating in The Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) during the month of October. This is an annual province-wide assessment of British Columbia students' academic skills, and provides a snapshot of how BC students are progressing in the foundational skills of reading, writing and numeracy (mathematics).

Further information can be obtained by visiting the Ministry's FSA website<sup>10</sup> and reading the FSA parent/caregiver brochure<sup>11</sup>.

## Delivery of messages to students

While we do our best to pass on messages to students, please be aware that this is not always possible. Students can be in a number of inside locations as well as outside. JQ classrooms do not have phones with the exception of Kindergarten. Thank you for your understanding.

## JQ PAC Updates



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<sup>10</sup><https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/program-management/assessment/foundation-skills-assessment#important-resources>

<sup>11</sup><https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/sites/curriculum.gov.bc.ca/files/pdf/assessment/fsa/en-foundation-skills-assessment-for-parents-and-caregivers.pdf>



## PAC Meeting Minutes

Thank you to everyone who attended the PAC Meeting this week. Here is the link to the Minutes:

2024-09-26 PAC Meeting Minutes (002).docx<sup>12</sup>

Our next PAC Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 23rd.

## PAC Executive 2024-2025

- DPAC Representative: Paul Zaremba
- Secretary: Shannon Beebe
- Funding Policy Coordinators: Sylvia LeRoy and Irena Bandu
- Treasurer: Tiffany Hamilton
- Chair: Rajesh Vijayaraghavan

## PAC Extra-Curricular Program - Mini-Makers to start Tuesday, October 1



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<sup>12</sup>[https://vsbworld-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/r/personal/etoone\\_vsb\\_bc\\_ca/Documents/PAC/2024-09-26 PAC Meeting Minutes \(002\).docx?d=w5b8a8fa59aa243ee9724e63ddf0ac32&csf=1&web=1&e=7lv190](https://vsbworld-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/r/personal/etoone_vsb_bc_ca/Documents/PAC/2024-09-26%20PAC%20Meeting%20Minutes%20(002).docx?d=w5b8a8fa59aa243ee9724e63ddf0ac32&csf=1&web=1&e=7lv190)

The first Mini-Makers after school class will go ahead on Tuesday, October 1st. Please check that this is the date you signed your child up for, and also for an email from the Program. Thank you.

## Hot Lunch Program

Hot lunch is offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays and pizza lunch on Fridays. Ordering is now open at [munchalunch.com](http://munchalunch.com)<sup>13</sup>. 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 9am for the following day's hot lunch meal.**

If you have any questions, please direct them to the hot lunch & pizza lunch coordinators (Helene, Kate & Sristy) at [jqhotlunchpizza@gmail.com](mailto:jqhotlunchpizza@gmail.com)<sup>14</sup>

## Fall GoByBike Weeks - September 23 to October 6



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<sup>13</sup><https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=4cf65b4a26&e=afa53965a6>

<sup>14</sup><mailto:jqhotlunchpizza@gmail.com>

JQ is participating in GoByBike Week, which runs from **September 23rd to October 6th**. JQ families are encouraged to bike or roll to school - scooters and skateboards count too! Active transportation helps students and families arrive energized and ready to start the day, while also showing how their actions can positively impact climate change. Plus, it reduces traffic around the school, making the environment safer for everyone. The Fall GoByBike Week also aims to show that cycling can be safe, comfortable, and fun year-round. Participation is free, fun, and great for everyone.

**Join Team JQ Riders** and log your rides! To enter, register an account at GoByBike<sup>15</sup> and then join our JQ team using this link: Team JQ log rides<sup>16</sup>. Once you have registered and joined our team, remember to log your daily rides to track your kilometers. All cycling trips count, whether you are biking to school, work, or for fun! 🍌 Let us make this a success and look forward to having you on our team.

Throughout the two weeks, HUB Cycling's **Celebration Stations** across Metro Vancouver will offer free basic bike maintenance, snacks, cycling information, and prize draws. Additionally, HUB Cycling will provide tips on cycling safely in rainy weather, proper light usage in the dark, and more. More info here<sup>17</sup>.

## PAC Newsletter

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

Add us to your address book<sup>18</sup>

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can update your preferences<sup>19</sup> or unsubscribe<sup>20</sup>

JQ Parent Advisory Council

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Vancouver, BC V6R4K9

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<sup>15</sup><https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=15ad4e8be3&e=afa53965a6>

<sup>16</sup><https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=fd74d9b9be&e=afa53965a6>

<sup>17</sup><https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=a61d63d600&e=afa53965a6>

<sup>18</sup><https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/vcard?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=cf68741d5b>

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

<sup>20</sup><https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/unsubscribe?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=cf68741d5b&t=b&e=afa53965a6&c=a3093351af>

## Community Links

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

Information for kindergarten families from Canadian Parents for French

CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH - VANCOUVER CHAPTER

# WELCOME TO MATERNELLE



### Your French Immersion adventure begins.

Bonjour les parents and welcome to the start of something very special for your child. Having enrolled in French Immersion, you have just made one of the most important decisions regarding your child's education. There are so many benefits to being bilingual. As exciting as these early days may be, you likely have many questions. Don't worry, you're not alone.

We would like to introduce ourselves. We are the Vancouver Chapter of the Canadian Parents for French (CPF), a national network of volunteers which values French as an integral part of Canada and which is dedicated to the promotion and creation of French-second-language learning opportunities for young Canadians.

CPF works with parents to fund and organize a range of events, from French summer camps to public-speaking competitions with thousands of dollars in prizes, film festivals, concerts and parent workshops. We also offer bursaries to students interested in teaching French in BC or Yukon. We monitor how federal and provincial educational dollars are invested in French programs in your community. We help raise awareness about the benefits of second-language learning for all children.



### Now you can Join CPF for Free!

CPF Canada is currently waiving the membership fee. Join today and gain access to a network of parents just like you. By joining you would also be supporting us and our initiatives as our provincial funding is conditional to the number of members we have.

To Join visit: <https://cpf.ca/en/join-cpf/>

If you would like to learn more about our organization and ways to support your child in their FI education please visit any of the following links:

**CPF VANCOUVER FACEBOOK:**  
[www.facebook.com/CPFVancouver](http://www.facebook.com/CPFVancouver)

**CPF VANCOUVER CHAPTER EMAIL:**  
[cpfvancoeur@gmail.com](mailto:cpfvancoeur@gmail.com)

**CPF BC/YUKON:** [www.bc-yk.cpf.ca](http://www.bc-yk.cpf.ca)

**CPF CANADA:** [www.cpf.ca](http://www.cpf.ca)

 Canadian Parents for French furthers bilingualism by promoting and creating opportunities for youth to learn and use French.

## TIPS for supporting your child's French education.

Most French immersion parents have either a limited knowledge of French or cannot speak the language at all. If you don't speak French yourself, it is not suggested you read to your child in French now. However, any reading that you do in your first language is recommended and the reading skills that are learned, such as vocabulary development and reading from left to right, can be transferred to French.

Being able to read words and sound out letters are important aspects of learning to read but true reading involves reading for meaning and making connections with our own personal experiences. Children should be encouraged to clarify what they read through pictures, questions and discussion and retelling the story. This leads to greater understanding and comprehension.

Here are some simple suggestions for children in primary immersion:

- Be enthusiastic and positive.
- Read often to your child in English (or your first language).
- Provide French resources eg. French dictionaries, DVDs, CDs, books, comic books.
- Consider putting them into a French language summer day camp.
- Discover French internet web sites.
- Join the local chapter of your Canadian Parents for French to network with other immersion parents, access services and to keep informed about developments in French second language education.
- Sign up for an adult French course geared to French immersion parents.
- Listen to French radio and watch French shows or movies.
- Hire a tutor or babysitter who speaks French to play with your child.

Try to develop the best relationship possible between you and your child's teacher, making teamwork the main theme. Asking about your children's homework and praising them for its completion as well as allowing them to tell you about their day will help create a more positive environment about school in general.

### RAZ KIDS A-Z READING

RAZ KIDS is an online reading library offered to our members at a discounted price.

The \$15 annual subscription provides access to their entire French library of 2000+ digital levelled books, suitable for primary level learning (K to Grade 4). The app will even read to you and help with pronunciation.

Visit RAZ KIDS to learn more:

<https://www.raz-kids.com/>

SUBSCRIBE HERE:

<https://forms.gle/9Y9jdNTcGHUPTYS6>

OR email us for more info: [cpfvancouver@gmail.com](mailto:cpfvancouver@gmail.com)



### BILINGUAL CHILDREN'S CONCERT COMING THIS FALL

CPF Vancouver will be presenting an exciting event this fall that is perfect for families starting in French Immersion. Family Entertainer, Mike Bryden will take the stage for a fun-filled bilingual show, complete with live music, stories and live drawings. This is a members only event, so join today and come sing with us!

## YMCA Fall Generation Health Program

Generation Health is a **FREE 10-week healthy lifestyle program** for children and their families, delivered through YMCA BC and in partnership with the Childhood Healthy Living Foundation. Program participants will meet virtually or in person to learn about healthy eating, physical activity, goal setting, body image, self-esteem and more!

We have 4 program days to choose from: Starting in October Tuesdays in person at the Tong Louie YMCA from 6:30pm-8:30pm or Wednesdays, Thursdays, or Fridays Virtually from 6:30pm-8:30 pm. This program requires prior registration through these details: phone 1-888-650-3141 or send an e-mail to [generationhealth@bc.ymca.ca](mailto:generationhealth@bc.ymca.ca)<sup>21</sup>.

**Families who join this program receive a complimentary membership to the YMCA.**

RBL Basketball Fall 2023 and Winter 2024 Programs<sup>22</sup>

**FREE KICK TIMBITS FALL SOCCER**

**REGISTER HERE**<sup>23</sup>

*All players receive a Timbits Uniform, Soccer Ball, Socks & Medal!*

<sup>21</sup><mailto:generationhealth@gv.ymca.ca>

<sup>22</sup><https://rblbasketball.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/RBL-Fall-2023-Winter-2024.pdf>

<sup>23</sup><https://secure.esportsdesk.com/login.cfm?clientid=6949>

Play Fall Saturday & Sunday Mornings, After School Soccer & Free Kick Academy with a World Cup theme & Music. Players will be grouped by age and level to develop fun skills, and play Small-Sided games with Professional Coaches.

*See website for details!*

[www.FreeKickFC.com](http://www.FreeKickFC.com)<sup>24</sup>

**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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