



JQ eNews - 2024.10.24

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.

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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**, or email jquattendance@vsb.bc.ca³ 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.

Fresh to You Fundraiser - Thanks for ordering!

FRESH TO YOU FUNDRAISER

Thanks to everyone who ordered Fresh to You Fundraiser bundles. A total of 60 bundles were purchased. \$540 will help pay for this year's grade 7 camp.

Bundles will be available in November. Please look for an email with pick up information.

³<mailto:jquattendance@vsb.bc.ca>

Halloween



The autumn season is upon us, and next week it will be Halloween.

A few reminders for Halloween costumes at school:

- Masks will not be permitted in school to prevent vision from being obstructed and keep students safe.
- Students may not bring toy guns and any types of weapons as part of their costume.
- We prefer costumes, at school, that are creative and whimsical as opposed to scary and gory. Keep the blood, and scary items for Halloween night please.

How not to culturally appropriate Halloween:

While dressing up is meant to be fun and exciting, it also runs the risk of offending others with costumes that are offensive to other cultures.

Cultural Appropriation: To take parts (symbols, artifacts, dress, words, practices, etc.) from a culture that is not your own. This can happen in a variety of forms but often around Halloween it involves wearing 'costumes' that may have some significance to other cultures. Please bear this in mind when choosing your child's costume.

- **Click [HERE](#)⁴ to view VSB - Indigenous Education Safe and Caring Schools Culture is Not a Costume poster.**

Finally, as long as the weather permits, we will hold a Halloween parade on the field next Thursday morning after attendance has been taken, around 9:15 am. Parents are welcome to stay and watch.

⁴<https://media.vsb.bc.ca/media/Default/medialib/culture-is-not-a-costume-vsb.b3e7bc77017.pdf>

Art Cards by Kids

ATTENTION PARENTS!

ArtCards
by Kids



Our school is participating in the Art Cards by Kids fundraiser this fall!

Watch for a sample card with instructions on how to order your child's art made into beautiful keepsake art products in the coming weeks.

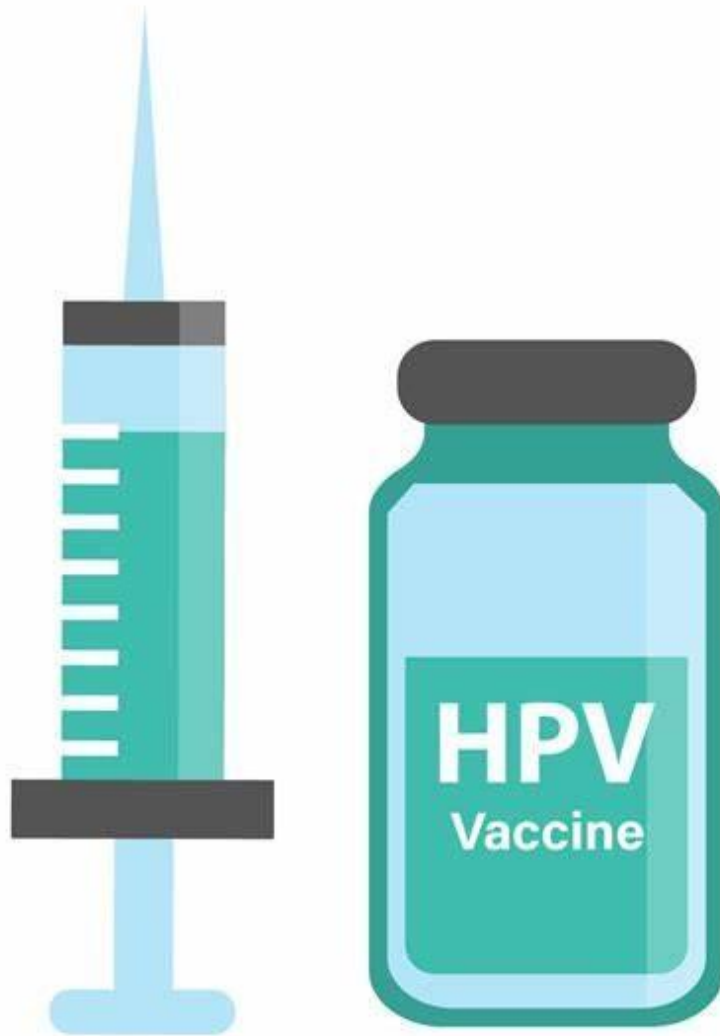
Get excited because your child is hard at work creating their masterpiece in the classroom!

www.artcardsbykids.com

Thanks to teaching staff, our School will be participating in this creative fundraising activity. Over the next couple of weeks, students will begin working on their cards, usually a winter theme, but the artwork can be on any theme of interest to your child.

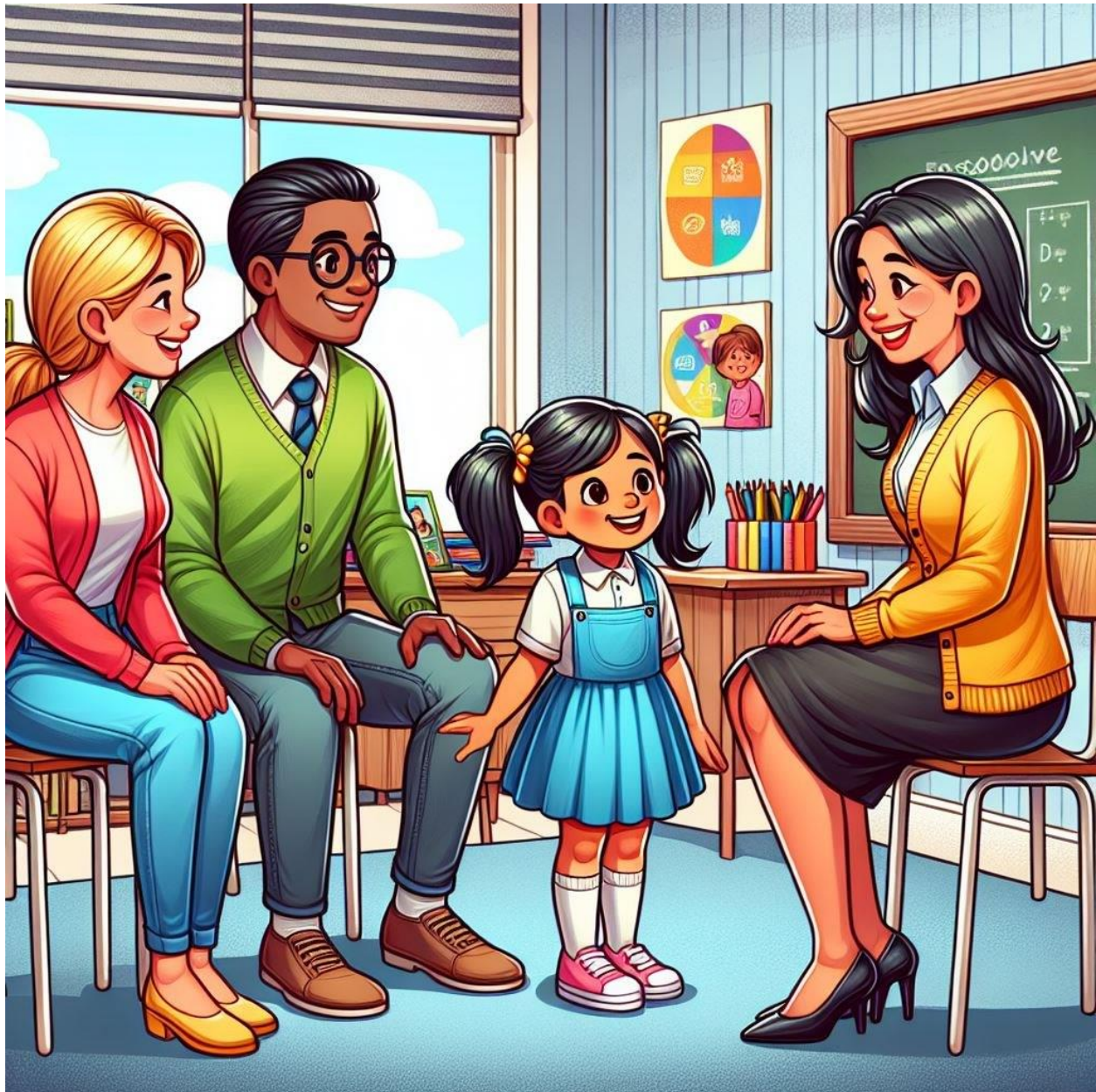
We would like to return the completed Art Cards by November 8th to ensure any orders placed are received at the beginning of December in time for the festive season postal dates.

Grade 6 Immunization Clinic - Monday, November 4



Please return any Consent forms by Monday, October 28th for collection by VCH Public Health Nurse.
Thank you.

October CSL Conferences - Early Dismissal on both Tuesday/Wednesday at 2 pm next week



All JQ students will be **dismissed early at 2pm Tuesday, October 29 and Wednesday, October 30** to give more time for October Communicating Student Learning (CSL) conferences.

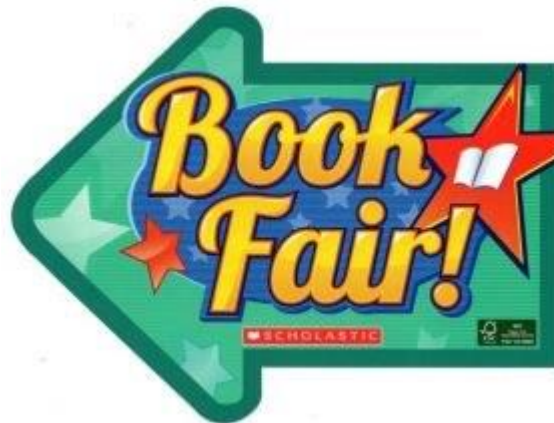
Look for a message from your child's teacher regarding conference booking. Some teachers may choose to spread their conferences out over more than the two early dismissal days.

October conferences are an informal learning update prior to Learning Update #1 which will be available to families December 16. Conferences are an opportunity for students, families and teachers to consider 3 questions about students' learning:

1. Where am I now?
2. Where am I going?
3. How do I get there?

Resource teachers may join conferences for students they support. Prep teachers will also be available to meet with students and families.

Scholastic book Fair is coming soon to JQ on Oct 29 & 30!



During parent-teacher conferences at Jules Quesnel (Oct 29 & 30), I will be hosting our annual Scholastic Book Fair, selling both English and French books.

Hours open to families:

Tuesday, October 29: 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm (after school)

Wednesday, October 30: 2:00 pm to 5:00pm (after school)

The Book Fair will also be open to students in **grades 2 and up** on Tuesday only, during school hours.

Proceeds from the Book Fair will go towards new books and display.

If anyone would like to volunteer to help out at the Book Fair, please contact Mme Brigitte (battalinetherton@vsb.bc.ca⁵).

⁵<mailto:battalinetherton@vsb.bc.ca>

Kindergarten registration for children born in 2020 begins on November 1

Kindergarten registration



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 form (<https://applynow.vsb.bc.ca/>) for the school year **2025-26**

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 District Choice Program or cross boundary, you must **first apply to your English catchment elementary school**. District Choice Programs and cross boundary applications will be accepted in early 2025. For more information, go to: govsb.ca/kchoice⁶ and govsb.ca/crossboundary⁷

VSB School Fees

Over 40 families have yet to pay various school fees, and these are now due to the Vancouver School Board. If you have not yet had the opportunity to pay these fees, could you please do so at your earliest convenience. The fees are: \$35 Annual School Fee and \$10 Extra Activity/Performance Fee.

All fees can be paid on School Cash online: <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com>⁸ or by cash/cheque payable to Ecole Jules Quesnel.

Please note: In accordance with Board policy, no student shall be denied an opportunity to participate in an activity because of an inability to pay fees. **Any family in need of having any fees waived should not hesitate to contact Vital Peeters (vpeeters@vsb.bc.ca) in confidence.**

Thank you.

⁶<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5196/kindergarten-choice-programs>

⁷<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5198/cross-boundary-application>

⁸<https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/>

A friendly reminder to keep toys at home



You're My
Muffin

We would like to request that children do not bring toys, games or cards to school. We have noticed a number of children bringing toys into school and this is leading to some upset when they are not shared, become misplaced or swapped with another child. Thank you for your cooperation.

VSB Student Threat-Risk Assessment Protocol - Fair Notice



Please see linked information [HERE](#)⁹.

⁹<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5072/student-threat-risk-assessment-vtra>

Lost and Found



If you will be at school next week for Conferences and your child is missing clothing items, please visit the Lost & Found by the north entrance to the gym on the main floor of the school.

There are also a few jewelry items, small toys and keys in the display cabinet next to the office. Please let the Office know if any belong to your child and they will be returned.

Once families have had the opportunity to look next week, unclaimed items will be donated in early November.

Thank you.

Jules Quesnel Library Resources Online



Below are the steps to login to the **JQ library** and access student resources online:

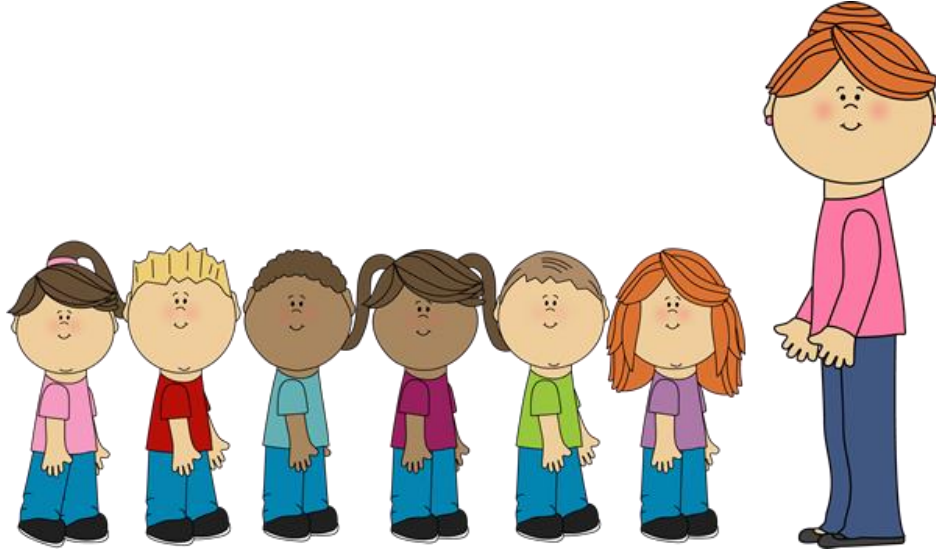
- Go to: <https://library.vsb.bc.ca/>
- Find **Ecole Jules Quesnel**
- Click on **Ecole Jules Quesnel**
- **Log In** (top right corner) by entering:

Username : student number

Password : set up by family or student

- The database Jules Quesnel Home Page will appear
- In Home page, you will find all sorts of links to **different educational websites, online audio books and e-books that you can borrow**

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.



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.pdf¹⁰](#)

Please note that there are a few information evenings coming up next week and online registration for mini-school applications open on Tuesday, November 12th.

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.

¹⁰<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 website¹¹.

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 Calendar¹² page. Click the List View tab on the Calendar page for list of upcoming events.

Dates to Note in October



Friday, October 25: Professional Development Day

¹¹<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel>

¹²<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel/page/2257/calendar?tab=monthview>

Tuesday, October 29: Early Dismissal at 2 pm for conferences/Scholastic Book Fair

Wednesday, October 30: Early Dismissal at 2 pm for conferences/Scholastic Book Fair

Friday, November 1: Kindergarten registration opens for September 2025

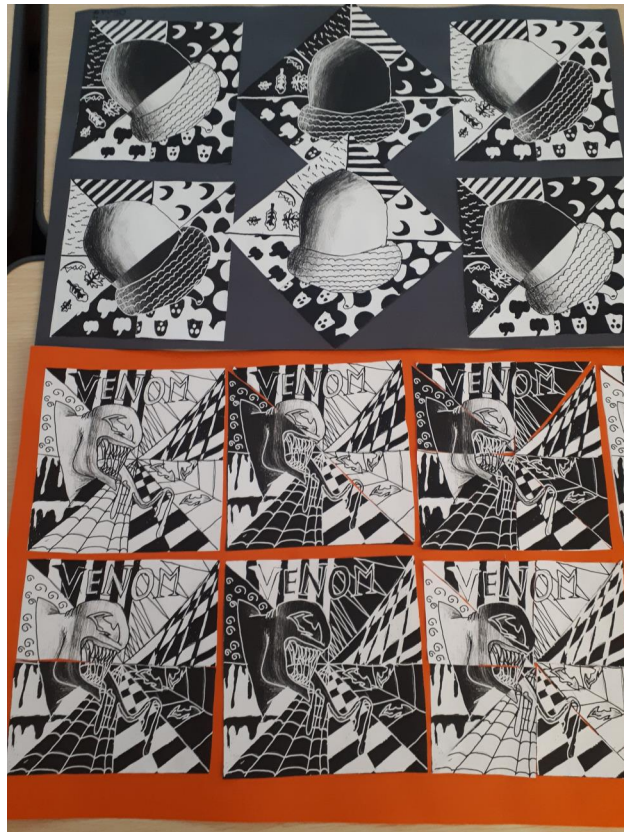
Monday, November 4: Grade 6 Immunization Clinic

Monday, November 11: School closed for Remembrance Day

Tuesday, November 12: Mini-Schools registration opens for grade 7 students

Art in the hallways

We would like to share some artwork in our hallways.









JQ PAC Updates



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 Meeting

Thank you to all those who attended the PAC Meeting on Wednesday evening.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 27th, please save the date.

Volleyball for grades 6 and 7



We are thrilled to announce that there will be two volleyball teams this season: a Grade 6/7 Boys team and a Grade 6/7 Girls team.

Boys games will be on Wednesdays: Nov 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th

Girls games will be on Thursdays: Nov 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th.

The schedule is being finalized and more information will come soon.

Practices will be one morning a week per team Monday - Thursday (day to be confirmed). Another option will be lunch hour. In the past we have held practices at 8am in the JQ gym the morning of game days,

If you have volleyball experience and are interested in coaching/ helping please email:

sarahheck@live.ca¹³ cc bsankey@vsb.bc.ca¹⁴ and eklich@vsb.bc.ca¹⁵. 📧 📧

We will not be able to run these programs without volunteer help and support.

¹³<mailto:sarahheck@live.ca>

¹⁴<mailto:bsankey@vsb.bc.ca>

¹⁵<mailto:eklich@vsb.bc.ca>

Other Sports News

Basketball for Grades 6 and 7 will begin after winter break, and **Ultimate Frisbee and Track & Field** will run from April through the end of June. To ensure the success of these programs, just like the others above, we need volunteers and would love to see some new faces helping out. Track & Field, in particular, requires extra support with field setup and crowd management.

We are finalizing another order of JQ Hoodies and anticipate they will arrive at the end of October. Stay tuned!

Hot Lunch Program

Hot lunch is offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays and pizza lunch on Fridays. Ordering is now open at munchalunch.com¹⁶. 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.com¹⁷

PAC Newsletter

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

Add us to your address book¹⁸

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can update your preferences¹⁹ or unsubscribe²⁰

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¹⁶<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=4cf65b4a26&e=afa53965a6>

¹⁷<mailto:jqhotlunchpizza@gmail.com>

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

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

²⁰<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

CPF VANCOUVER CHAPTER EMAIL:
cpfvancoeur@gmail.com

CPF BC/YUKON: www.bc-yk.cpf.ca

CPF CANADA: 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/9Y9jdNTcGHUP7YS6>

OR email us for more info: 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.ca²¹.

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

RBL Basketball Fall 2023 and Winter 2024 Programs²²

FREE KICK TIMBITS FALL SOCCER

REGISTER HERE²³

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

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

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

²³<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.com²⁴

Thank you for reading!

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

²⁴<http://www.freekickfc.com/>

²⁵<mailto:studentrecordsquesnel@vsb.bc.ca>