



JQ eNews - 2024.11.21

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.ca**³ 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.

Pro-D - Friday, November 22

A friendly reminder that the school will have a Professional Development Day on Friday, November 22nd and that there will be no school for students.

³<mailto:jquattendance@vsb.bc.ca>

Art Cards by Kids Fundraiser - order deadline: Tuesday, November 26



A sample of your child's Art Card has been sent home. It has your child's name and age on the back as well as a unique RED code needed for ordering.

You can purchase your child's Art Cards as well as puzzles, plaques, notebooks, and Christmas ornaments as a fundraiser for the school.

The order deadline is: Tuesday, November 26.

Art Card prices range from \$1.70 to \$2.35 each, plaques \$28.00, puzzles \$18.00, notebooks \$24.00, Christmas ornaments \$19.00.

Follow the following 3 easy steps to order:

1. Go to **www.artcardsbykids.com** and click ORDER for families. Prices are indicated.
2. Enter the **RED** code on the back of this sample. This is your child's unique art code.
3. Enter and pay for your order online with credit card (Visa/Mastercard/VisaDebit/Discovery accepted).

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 should be available on Tuesday, November 26th. Please look for an email with pick up information.

Flexible/Soft Plastics Collection Program



Monsieur Sankey's Division 2 class has signed up to be JQ's Flexible/Soft Plastics Collection Program Champion.

A giant bin has been placed outside the staff room to collect flexible/soft plastics.

The program goals are:

- Increasing knowledge and understanding about the recycling of flexible plastics (aka soft plastic),
- Collecting flexible plastic at school, and
- Encouraging the ongoing collection and recycling of this material at home once the pilot program is complete.

Timing: The program will end during the week of December 9th.

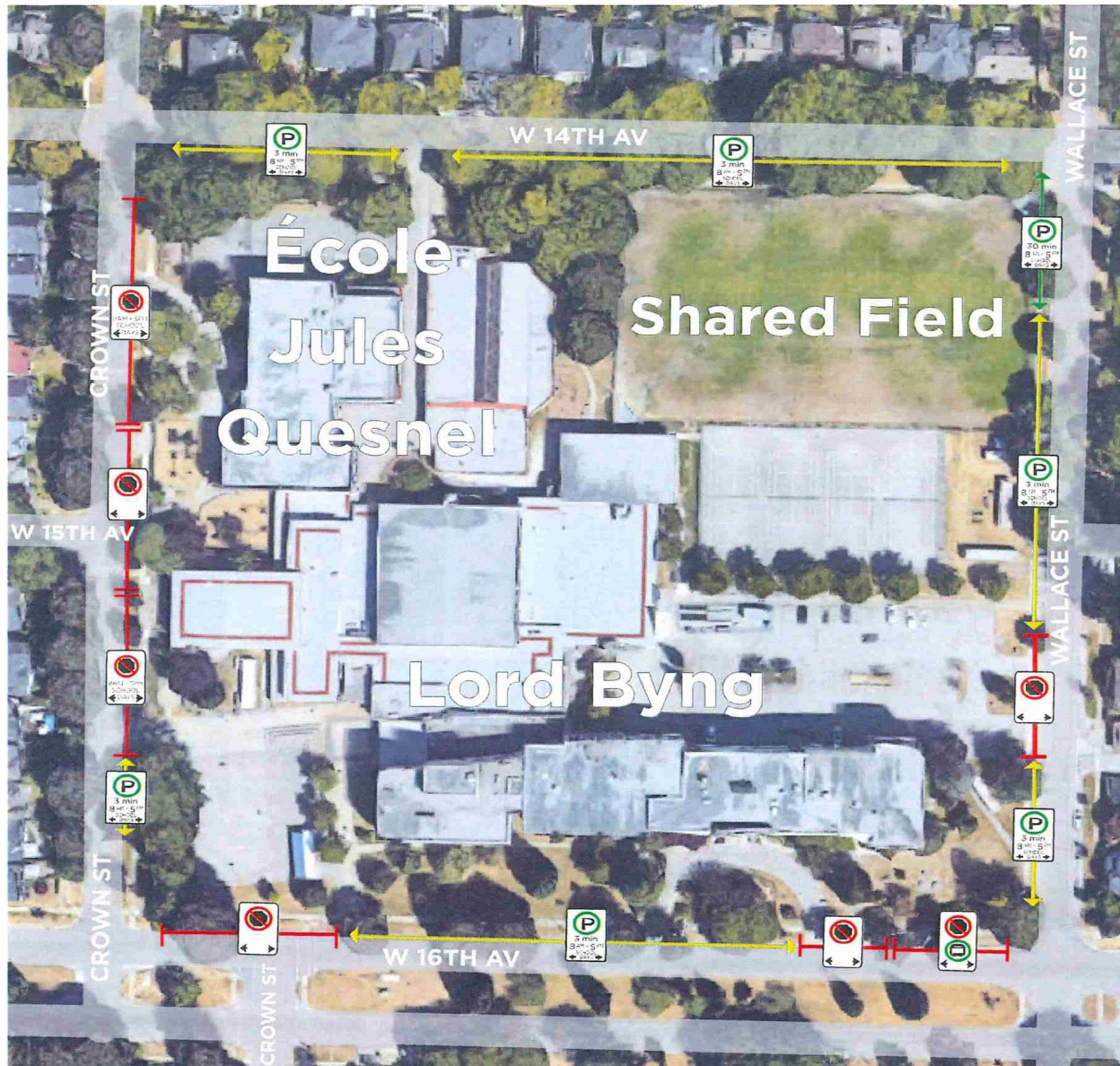
What kind of flexible plastic is eligible for collection? This program is collecting residential flexible plastic like the kind often found in student lunches. For example, zipper-lock bags and stand up pouches, crinkly granola bar wrappers and chip bags, and plastic grocery-type bags. This program will also accept flexible plastics collected from home – for example, bread bags, flexible packaging, outer bags and overwrap, and woven plastic bags.

What's in it for our school? The school will receive a \$200 honorarium and Recycle BC will pay \$2.00 per kilogram of flexible plastic collected! This money could be used for classroom prizes, library resources on recycling and sustainability, other resources the school needs or donated to a charity chosen by the school.

How can you help? Families are invited to send in flexible/soft plastics from home during the duration of the project and bring them to their classroom.

Thank you for your support.

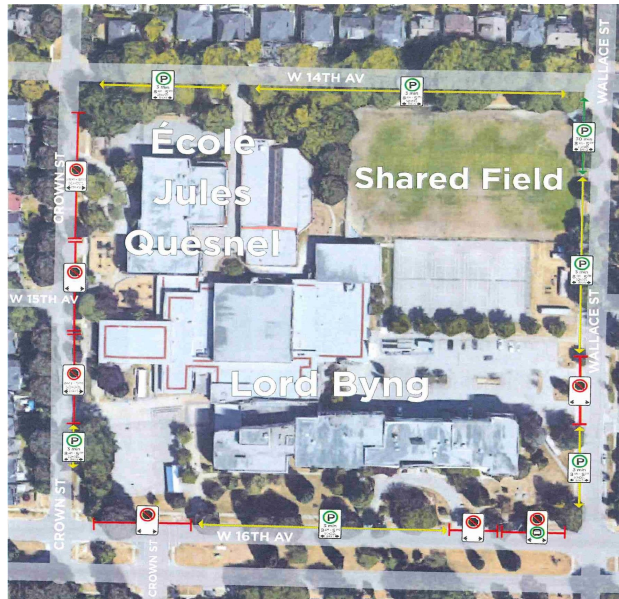
Traffic and Parking



The neighbourhood has requested that we remind parents of the parking zones around the school.

Please note that there is No Stopping on Crown Street on school days. Students can be picked up and dropped off along West 14th Avenue and vehicles can stop for 3 minutes parking.

Drop-off and pick-up traffic should flow clockwise around the school. Keep the area round the school a safe place to walk, bike and roll by following the posted signs. If you are driving, consider the "Drive to Five" initiative. Park five minutes away and walk to school.



1 - JQ Traffic flow

VSB Severe Weather Closures



VSB has procedures in place for when severe weather, like heavy snowfall or extremely high winds, may affect schools.

During severe weather events, all schools in the Vancouver School District will remain open, if possible. If a District-wide closure is necessary, that will be decided and publicized by 6:30 a.m.

District-wide school closures will be announced through the media, the District website⁴, school websites and the our social media channels.

Follow our socials for updates:

Facebook: Vancouver School Board⁵

Instagram: @vsb39⁶

X: @vsb39⁷

VSB website: vsb.bc.ca⁸

How are decisions made about school closures:

We monitor forecasts and conditions, and work with the City of Vancouver and other partners to assess safety when there may be:

- heavy snowfall
- extreme cold
- freezing rain
- extreme heat
- other hazardous weather/emergency conditions that pose risks to student and staff safety

We coordinate with neighbouring school districts to align our decisions where possible.

The decision to close schools is made in consideration of safety, equity and well-being.

We consider other impacts weather conditions may have, like transit delays, meal programs for students, other essential student supports and impacts to learning. If weather conditions begin or worsen during a school day, usually, schools will remain open until the end of the school day.

Except under extreme circumstances, all schools and offices will remain open, if possible.

Typically, no announcement will be made that schools are open. Only cancellations, closures or delayed school openings will be announced.

⁴<http://www.vsb.bc.ca/>

⁵<https://www.facebook.com/VancouverSchoolBoard/>

⁶<https://www.instagram.com/vsb39/>

⁷https://twitter.com/VSB39?ref_src=twsrc^google|twcamp^serp|twgr^author

⁸<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/>

Extra-curricular activities, school events and field trips may be cancelled because of weather – even when school remains open.

Remember to dress for the weather and take extra care when traveling between school and home. Drivers are reminded to slow down and remain alert in and around school zones.

What if I don't think it is safe for my child to go to school due to weather conditions?

Student safety is our top priority. If for any reason a parent/guardian feels that a child cannot travel safely to/from school, they can notify their child's schools about the expected absence. Students will not be penalized.

Pick-up for Appointments

A friendly reminder to notify your child's teacher in advance if you will be picking up your child to take to an appointment during the school day. Pick-up or drop-off at the beginning or end of recess or lunch breaks is preferred to minimize class disruption. Thank you for your consideration.

Winter Concert - save the date - Tuesday, December 17



JQ families, please save the date, **Tuesday December 17, 2024, from 6:00-8:00 PM**, for a winter concert. More information to come.

Thank you to Mme Young for organizing!

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**

The school website has a Digital Citizenship page if you need help with resetting a password or obtaining your child's Personal Education Number (PEN) to set-up a password. The website can be found under Families, Guidance and Support and the link is below:

To reset student password and obtain PEN⁹

⁹<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel/page/2250/digital-citizenship>

Kindergarten registration for children born in 2020 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 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/kchoice¹⁰ and govsb.ca/crossboundary¹¹

Between January 7, 2025 and February 4, 2025 you can apply for up to three choice programs through our online application process¹². To apply you must have completed your child's Registration at their English Catchment School by the end of January. The application period for Kindergarten Choice Programs closes on February 4, 2025 at 4pm.

Siblings entering Kindergarten in September

Before mid-January, please notify Liz in the office if you have a younger child who will be joining the school next September.

¹⁰<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5196/kindergarten-choice-programs>

¹¹<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5198/cross-boundary-application>

¹²<http://kchoice.vsb.bc.ca/>

Lost and Found



Please visit the Lost & Found by the north entrance to the gym on the main floor of the school.

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

Please take a look this week as all unclaimed items will be donated over the next couple of weeks.

Thank you.

VSB Mini-school registration.



Registration for mini-school opens on **Tuesday, November 12th.**

Registry closes: **December 19, 2024**

School Applications due: **December 19, 2024.**

The registration link will appear on the VSB website next week. VSB Mini-schools information page¹³

There is no District-wide Assessment/Test for Grade 7 students as part of the Mini School Programs application process.

There are 2 steps:

1. Complete the District Registry process.
2. Apply to each Mini School program individually through the program websites.

VSB Mini School Brochure.pdf¹⁴

¹³<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5292/mini-school-programs>

¹⁴<https://media.vsb.bc.ca/media/Default/medialib/vsb-mini-school-brochure-2023.b0616d60919.pdf>

Volleyball for Sr. Girls and Sr. Boys (grades 6 & 7)



Practices for both teams, Sr. Girls and Sr. Boys are held on **Tuesday mornings at 7:55 am.**

The next **Senior Girls** game will take place at Gordon Elementary (2268 Bayswater St) on Thursday, November 28th and will begin at 3:30 pm.

The next **Senior Boys** game will take place at Queen Mary (2000 Trimble St) on Wednesday, November 27th and will begin at 3:30 pm.

City championships will be held on Thursday, December 5th and if teams advance to the next round of City Finals, these will be held on Thursday, December 12th.

Photo Retakes

For anyone who would like a photo retake or missed both the original and retake days at school, Edge Imaging is offering an in-studio retake day on Saturday, November 23rd at 15 Victoria Drive, Vancouver.

Here is an appointment link: Edge Imaging | Booking Your Appointment¹⁵

School Calendar & Upcoming Dates



The 2023-2024 School Calendar and other information is available on our school website¹⁶.

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 Calendar¹⁷ page. Click the List View tab on the Calendar page for list of upcoming events.

¹⁵<https://booking.edgeimaging.ca/portal/book/YBE>

¹⁶<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel>

¹⁷<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel/page/2257/calendar?tab=monthview>

Dates to Note



Friday, November 22: Professional Development Day

Tuesday, November 26: Fresh to You Produce pick-up

Tuesday, November 26: Art Card Order Deadline and Purdy's Chocolates Order Deadline

Wednesday, November 27: PAC Meeting at 6:30 pm - in person (Rm 206) and online

Friday, December 6: Purdy's chocolate pick-up and Art Cards pick-up - more information to be provided closer to the time.

Monday, December 16: Communication of Student Learning Written Reports go home

Tuesday, December 17: Winter Concert

Friday, December 20: Last Day of School before the Winter Break (regular school day hours 9:00 am to 3:00 pm)

Art in the Hallways







JQ PAC Updates



PAC Meeting - Wednesday, November 27

Thank you to all those who attended the October PAC meeting. The Minutes from the last PAC Meeting can be found at the following link: <http://jqpac.com/wp-content/uploads/2024-10-23-PAC-Meeting-Minutes.docx>¹⁸

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 27th**, please save the date. We will be bringing an important budget/fundraising update. Watch this space for more details.

Purdys Fundraising



We are past HALFWAY into our Fundraiser! Thank you so much for helping out and spreading the word. If you haven't already, click the link below and you can order all the extra-special treats you want and help us raise money to support 2024/2025 JQ Grade 7 students! The deadline is **November 26th**. If you have already ordered, you can share our link and let others know!

1. Our campaign number: 78953

¹⁸<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=7a58f89f90&e=afa53965a6>

2. Go to our fundraising website: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/2018840-123329>
3. Click "Join Campaign"
4. Click on the tab SHOP ONLINE, make your selections and submit your order

Order deadline: November 26th

Order pick up: December 6th at school, details to follow

If you have questions about orders please contact Daniela Lobo (danielalobo@hotmail.com¹⁹)

Thank you!

Winter 2025 Extracurricular - REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Sign up today for these available after-school programs.

Lights Up Musical Theatre²⁰ - Mondays - Gr. K to 7 - Jan 6 to Mar 10 - 3 to 5:15pm - \$365

Students will practice singing, dancing and acting in this season's performance of **Inside Out!** Parents are invited to the final performance, so don't miss out.

Petit Architect²¹ - Tuesdays - Gr. 1 to 5 - Jan 21 to Mar 11 - 3 to 4:35pm - \$256

Students work together, applying a series of skills to design and build unique architectural projects. Check out Petit Architect and sign up to put those creative minds to work.

Code Ninjas²² - Wednesdays - Gr. 3 to 7 - Jan 22 to Mar 12 - 3 to 5pm - \$319

Students learn to code while building their own video game! They'll create sprites and tile maps, practice sequencing code and modifying variables, learn about Boolean logic, operators and more.

¹⁹<mailto:danielalobo@hotmail.com>

²⁰<https://lightsuptheatre.ca/afterschool/jg/>

²¹<https://campscui.active.com/orgs/PetitArchitectDesignforKids#/selectSessions/3550631/filter/session=64447637>

²²<https://cn.mystudio.io/m/?=Vancouverwest/489/4170//1731633659>

Professor Puffin Challenge Club^{23 24}- Thursdays - Gr. 1 to 4 - Jan 23 to Mar 13 - 3 to 4:10pm - \$184

Enrol your student in this enrichment program to review subjects like STEM, art, nature, through fun games and play-based teamwork.

SmashVolley²⁵ - Fridays - Gr. 4 to 7 - Jan 10 to Mar 14 - 3 to 4:30pm - \$295

End the school week with sets, bumps, serves, and smashes in this new-to-JQ volleyball program. Beginners, intermediates, and advanced players welcomed!

Please contact JQ's principal, Vital Peeters, if you have financial barriers that prevent you from enrolling your student in an activity.

Please contact Talia Lemay (parent), Extracurricular Coordinator at jqextracurricular@gmail.com²⁶ for any questions.

Hot Lunch Program

Hot lunch is offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays and pizza lunch on Fridays. Ordering is now 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 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 & Annie) at jqhotlunchpizza@gmail.com²⁸

PAC Newsletter

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

Add us to your address book²⁹

²³<https://campscui.active.com/orgs/ProfessorPuffinsChallengeClub?orglink=camps-registration#/selectSessions/3568742>

²⁴<https://campscui.active.com/orgs/ProfessorPuffinsChallengeClub?orglink=camps-registration#/selectSessions/3568742>

²⁵<https://www.smashvball.com/after-school-programs/>

²⁶<mailto:jqextracurricular@gmail.com>

²⁷<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=4cf65b4a26&e=afa53965a6>

²⁸<mailto:jqhotlunchpizza@gmail.com>

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can update your preferences³⁰ or unsubscribe³¹

JQ Parent Advisory Council

3050 Crown Street, Vancouver, BC, Canada

Vancouver, BC V6R4K9

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Community Links

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

RBL 2025 Winter Basketball Programs

<https://rblbasketball.com/>

Free French Concert for Kids and Families

WHEN: December 14, 2pm to 3pm

WHERE: The Ukrainian Cultural Center, 805 East Pender Street

The Vancouver Chapter of the Canadian Parents for French is excited to invite kids (and parents) learning French to a fun-filled event. Bilingual Children's Entertainer, Mike Bryden will delight the whole family with his live drawings, silly props and his catchy story-based songs.

The concert is FREE, however a small donation to our chapter can help us bring more events like this to our French Immersion community.

LINK TO RESERVE YOUR TICKETS:

<https://CPF-FrenchConcert.eventbrite.ca>³²

²⁹<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/vcard?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=cf68741d5b>

³⁰<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/profile?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=cf68741d5b&e=afa53965a6&c=a3093351af>

³¹<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/unsubscribe?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=cf68741d5b&t=b&e=afa53965a6&c=a3093351af>

³²<https://cpf-frenchconcert.eventbrite.ca/>

Capacity is limited to reserve your tickets today!

CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH PRESENTS



**FREE FRENCH CONCERT
FOR KIDS**

AVEC
**MIKE
BRYDEN**

SATURDAY DEC 14, 2PM
UKRANIAN HALL
805 EAST PENDER ST



Join us for an afternoon of songs and stories.
Children of all ages are welcome.

Visit: CPF-FrenchConcert.eventbrite.ca for your FREE TICKETS!
Tickets limited, reserve today. For more info email: cpfvancover@gmail.com



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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/9Y9j0Nt0rGHUPTYS6>

OR email us for more info: cpfvancoeur@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!

FREE KICK TIMBITS FALL SOCCER

REGISTER HERE³³

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

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.com³⁴

Thank you for reading!

Contact Us



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³³<https://secure.esportsdesk.com/login.cfm?clientid=6949>

³⁴<http://www.freekickfc.com/>

³⁵<mailto:studentrecordsquesnel@vsb.bc.ca>