



JQ eNews - 2024.11.28

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.

³<mailto:jquattendance@vsb.bc.ca>

Winter Concert - save the date - Tuesday, December 17



JQ families, please save the date, **Tuesday December 17, 2024, from 6:00-7:30 PM**, for a winter concert. Please read on for details.

- The concert will take place in Byng's auditorium. Students will have the opportunity to see each other perform during a dress rehearsal during school hours the afternoon of December 17.
- School staff have kindly agreed to make themselves available from 5:30 PM until the end of the concert to supervise students. **Please let your child's teacher know by email if your child will NOT be participating in the concert.**
- Band students (Divisions 1, 2 and 3) must arrive at the JQ music room from 5:15 PM to no later than 5:30 PM to unpack instruments and go to Byng auditorium.
- All other students can arrive and go to their classrooms between 5:30 and 5:45 PM. Students will wait with school staff in their classrooms until it's their time to perform. After their performance, students will return to their classrooms to wait for the end of the concert.
- Byng auditorium will be open for seating from 5:30 PM so the concert can begin promptly at 6:00 PM. **Stay tuned for information regarding a Grade 7 Camp Fundraising Draw for preferred concert seating!**

Thank you to Mme Young for organizing!

Suitable footwear for students



It is recommended that students do not wear wheelie shoes (heelies) to school due to safety concerns and an increased potential for falls and injuries on the staircases and along the corridors. We would also recommend that Crocs not be worn to school during the winter months when outside areas tend to be more slippery. If your child likes to play soccer and tag games outside during recess times, it would be best for your child to wear athletic shoes.

Preparing for Grade 8

We are pleased to share the launch of the new Preparing for Grade 8/What to know during the Grade 7 year⁴ page on the VSB website.

⁴<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/77517/preparing-for-grade-8-what-to-know-during-the-grade-7-year>

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 page⁵

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.pdf⁶

Pick-up of Fresh to You Produce, Purdy's Chocolates and Art Cards

There are still a few Fresh to You Produce bags to pick up from the Office. Ideally, families will collect them before the weekend but if not, we can hold the bags until next week.

Please watch for an email mid-week regarding pick-up of Purdy's Chocolates and Art Card orders on **Friday, December 6th**.

⁵<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5292/mini-school-programs>

⁶<https://media.vsb.bc.ca/media/Default/medialib/vsb-mini-school-brochure-2023.b0616d60919.pdf>

Flexible/Soft Plastics Collection Program - last week



Families have one more week to drop off any flexible/soft plastics with Monsieur Sankey's Division 2 class and help them become Flexible/Soft Plastics Program Champions.

A giant bin has been placed in Monsieur Sankey's classroom (Rm 305) 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.

Indoor Air Quality and Ventilation in Schools

The Vancouver School Board (VSB) continues to rely on expert advice and guidance from Vancouver Coastal Health and the Ministry of Education and Child Care to ensure consistent and informed decision-making, prioritizing the safety of our students and employees.

In all cases the VSB:

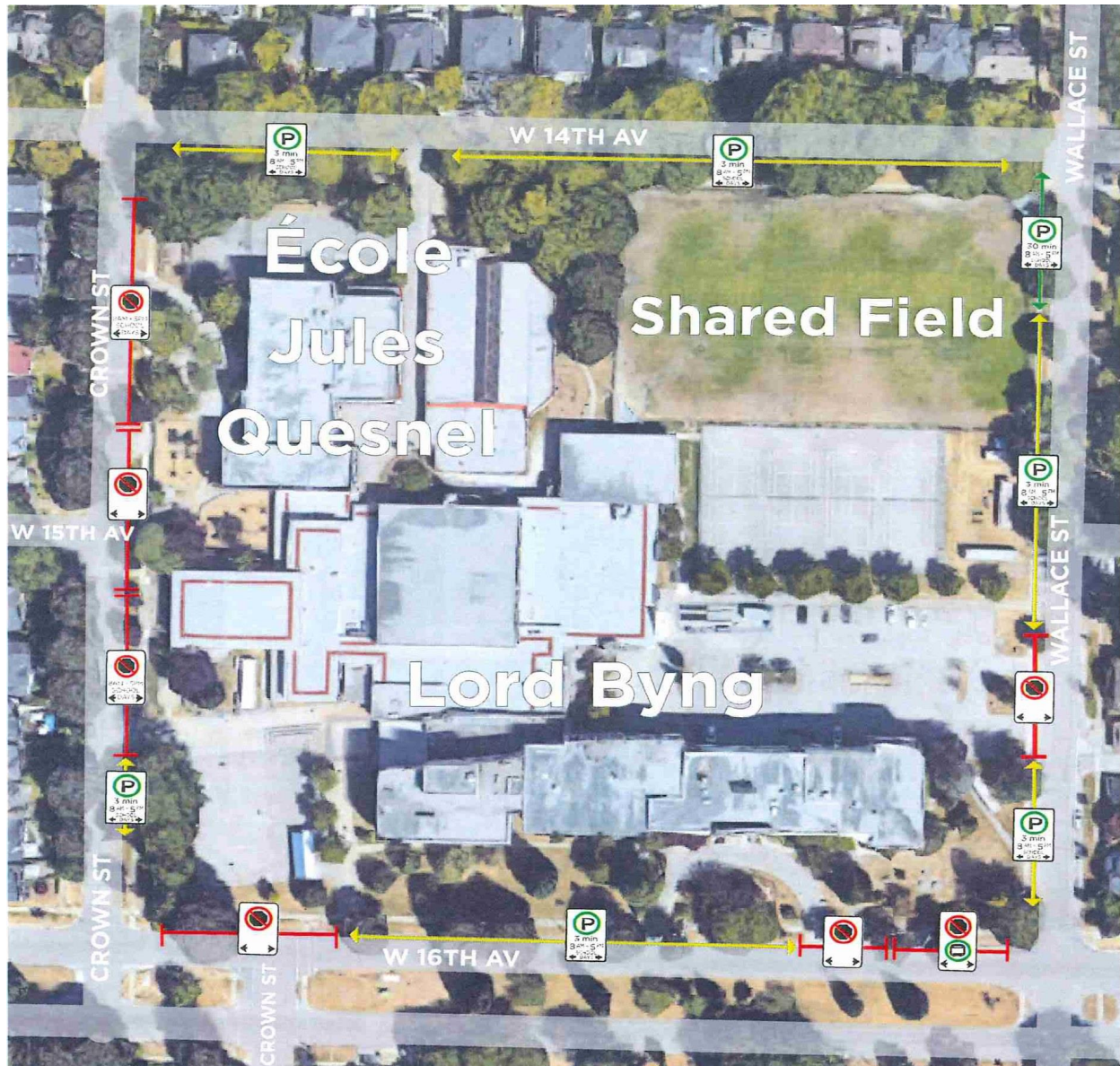
- operates systems in accordance with manufacturer recommendations to optimize and balance the comfort and safety of occupants,
- maintains its ventilation systems as part of a preventive maintenance system approach, and
- has a system in place for reporting and responding to issues related to facilities management including ventilation.

The VSB Facilities Department maintains a public-facing web page at vsb.bc.ca that has basic information about the holistic management of ventilation systems in schools.

- Web link: Ventilation⁷

⁷<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5017/ventilation>

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

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.

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/kchoice⁸ and govsb.ca/crossboundary⁹

Between January 7, 2025 and February 4, 2025 you can apply for up to three choice programs through our online application process¹⁰. 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(ren) who will be joining the school next September.

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

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

¹⁰<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 at the end of this term.

Thank you.

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.**

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.

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



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

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

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

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)

Monday, December 23 to Friday, January 3 - Winter Holiday

Monday, January 6: School reopens after the winter break.

Art in the Hallways











JQ PAC Updates



PAC Meeting Notes

Thank you all for attending the PAC meeting yesterday. The minutes will be circulated in the coming weeks.

Highlights:

- 1) Revised Budget Proposal (2024-25) was passed: Refer to the PDF¹³ for budget details.
- 2) Discussed launching of new Initiative on active transportation – "Walking School Bus".
- 3) Dates to note in the coming week **Friday, December 6**: Active First Friday at JQ.

🎉 Special thanks to our incredible volunteers for your time, effort, and dedication. It makes a huge difference to our school community!

Stay tuned by reading our newsletter and school eNews for more updates! 📄 ✨

Winter 2025 Extracurricular - REGISTRATION NOW OPEN - Programs are filling up

Sign up before they sell-out!

Lights Up Musical Theatre¹⁴ - 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.

¹³<https://drive.google.com/file/d/15knN7kLKLswsh5fx9yELIOTINy9u6DVY/view>

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

Petit Architect¹⁵ - 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.

The waitlist has been cleared as more spots have opened! There's now one opening left. Go grab it!

Code Ninjas¹⁶ - 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.

Professor Puffin Challenge Club¹⁷ ¹⁸- 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.

SmashVolley¹⁹ - 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!

Our friends at **HappyFeet** would like you to know that they will be at Lord Byng on Saturdays. A variety of classes are available for kiddos aged 2 to 8 between 9.00 am -1.00 pm between January and March. Sign Up here²⁰

¹⁵<https://campscui.active.com/orgs/PetitArchitectDesignforKids#/selectSessions/3550631/filter/session=64447637>

¹⁶<https://cn.mystudio.io/m/?=Vancouverwest/489/4170//1731633659>

¹⁷<https://campscui.active.com/orgs/ProfessorPuffinsChallengeClub?orglink=camps-registration#/selectSessions/3568742>

¹⁸<https://campscui.active.com/orgs/ProfessorPuffinsChallengeClub?orglink=camps-registration#/selectSessions/3568742>

¹⁹<https://www.smashvball.com/after-school-programs/>

²⁰https://www.happyfeetvancouver.ca/lord-byng?utm_campaign=b6047199-09bd-461d-a141-d0225d8e2f7e&utm_source=so&utm_medium=mail&cid=415bb9bc-945c-4967-b42c-c3e62ce6a40b

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.com²¹ 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.com²². 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.com²³

PAC Newsletter

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

Add us to your address book²⁴

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can update your preferences²⁵ or unsubscribe²⁶

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²¹<mailto:jqextracurricular@gmail.com>

²²<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=4cf65b4a26&e=afa53965a6>

²³<mailto:jqhotlunchpizza@gmail.com>

²⁴<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/vcard?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=cf68741d5b>

²⁵<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/profile?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=cf68741d5b&e=afa53965a6&c=a3093351af>

²⁶<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.

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>²⁷

Capacity is limited to reserve your tickets today!

²⁷<https://cpf-frenchconcert.eventbrite.ca/>

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: cplfvancouver@gmail.com


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Information for kindergarten families from Canadian Parents for French

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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 FL 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/9Y9j0Nt0rGHU7Y96>

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 HERE²⁸

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.com²⁹

Thank you for reading!

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²⁸<https://secure.esportsdesk.com/login.cfm?clientid=6949>

²⁹<http://www.freekickfc.com/>

³⁰<mailto:studentrecordsquesnel@vsb.bc.ca>