



## JQ eNews - 2024.12.19

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**, or email **[jquattendance@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:jquattendance@vsb.bc.ca)**<sup>3</sup> 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.

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<sup>3</sup><mailto:jquattendance@vsb.bc.ca>

Happy Holidays



On behalf of all JQ staff, we would like to extend our warmest wishes for the holidays. We hope your days are filled with warmth, peace, and joy. Thank you for all of your support during this first term.

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## Early French Immersion - District Choice Program Information Session

Please join us online on Tuesday January 14, 2025 from 6-7 PM for an information session to learn more about the Early French Immersion District Choice Program.

Information will be shared about the program and registration procedures and there will be an opportunity for questions.

General information as well as program registration information is posted to the VSB website.

Microsoft Teams Need help?

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<sup>4</sup><https://www.facebook.com/VancouverSchoolBoard/>

<sup>5</sup><https://www.instagram.com/vsb39/>

<sup>6</sup>[https://twitter.com/VSB39?ref\\_src=twsrc^google|twcamp^serp|twgr^author](https://twitter.com/VSB39?ref_src=twsrc^google|twcamp^serp|twgr^author)

<sup>7</sup><https://www.vsb.bc.ca/>

Join the meeting now

Meeting ID: 275 864 860 494

Passcode: PA9Gf2MP

### **Dial in by phone**

+1 604-713-5939,,716075159# Canada, Vancouver

Find a local number<sup>8</sup>

Phone conference ID: 716 075 159#

## **JQ Choir**

Choir practices will resume on **Wednesday, January 8th at 8:15 am.**

Students who have not joined the choir but would like to do so, may join for the next session in January. Application forms are available in the Office.

## **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 year<sup>9</sup> page on the VSB website.

## **Kindergarten registration and sibling priority**

As you may know Kindergarten 2025 registration started November 1. The online District Choice Program application process is open from January 7 to February 4 2025.

**If you currently have a child attending Ecole Jules Quesnel (K-6) and have a younger child you are intending to register in kindergarten for September 2025,** if you have not already done so, please send an email to Liz at: [etoone@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:etoone@vsb.bc.ca) with your children's names. Thank you to the 20 families who have already provided this information.

This question is being asked to gauge the number of siblings entering the District Choice Programs for Kindergarten in September 2025. To register your child, you **MUST**:

- register your child at their neighbourhood catchment school before January 31

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<sup>8</sup><https://dialin.teams.microsoft.com/c5f0ae26-2084-4d0f-953d-62d61e65a5a0?id=716075159>

<sup>9</sup><https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/77517/preparing-for-grade-8-what-to-know-during-the-grade-7-year>

AND

- apply online to the ApplyNow<sup>10</sup> Kindergarten District Choice Program between January 7 and February 4, 2025 indicating the child is the sibling of a current student in the District Choice Program.

The school will send a reminder to register for the Choice Program in January.

Please contact the school if you have any questions.

## Yoga Buggy Interest Form



### Yoga Buggy Interest Form

Building body positivity, confidence, strength, flexibility, balance, resilience, and social-emotional awareness through yoga

**Location:** Jules Quesnel Elementary School

**When:** Thursdays January 16 – March 13, 3:00PM- 4:30PM

Grades K-1

Cost: \$187 (9Classes)

Location: Room 206

Limited Spaces

**Please fill out the online form linked here: <https://forms.office.com/r/sfZpnGFxZi> before December 23rd, 2024. (Filling out forms does not guarantee a spot)**

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<sup>10</sup><https://vsbapplynow.vsb.bc.ca/>

Please reach out to the office or Travis 604 250 6039 for a hard copy form if needed.

Questions? Contact Community Schools Coordinator, Travis Klimko at: [tklimko@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:tklimko@vsb.bc.ca)<sup>11</sup>

The collection and retention of information requested on this form is authorized and governed by the British Columbia School Act and the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

## Lost and Found



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<sup>11</sup><mailto:tklimko@vsb.bc.ca>



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.

## School Calendar & Upcoming Dates



**The 2023-2024 School Calendar and other information is available on our school website<sup>12</sup>.**

Please visit the school website regularly for the most up to date information regarding JQ activities and events.

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<sup>12</sup><https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel>



Upcoming events are listed on the school website homepage and on the Calendar<sup>13</sup> page. Click the List View tab on the Calendar page for list of upcoming events.

## Dates to Note



**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.

**Wednesday, January 15:** Professional Development Day

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<sup>13</sup><https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel/page/2257/calendar?tab=monthview>

Art in the Hallways









## JQ PAC Updates



### Winter 2025 Extracurricular - REGISTRATION is still open!

Yoga Buggy<sup>14</sup> - Thursdays - Gr. K and 1 only - Jan 16 to Mar 13 - 3 to 4:30pm - \$187

Please fill out the online form linked here: <https://forms.office.com/r/sfZpnGFxZi> before December 23rd, 2024. (Filling out forms does not guarantee a spot)

Lights Up Musical Theatre<sup>15</sup> - Mondays - Gr. K to 7 - Jan 6 to Mar 10 - 3 to 5:15pm - \$365

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<sup>14</sup><https://www.yogabuggy.com/>

<sup>15</sup><https://lightsuptheatre.ca/afterschool/jq/>

Petit Architect<sup>16</sup> - Tuesdays - Waitlist Only!

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

Professor Puffin Challenge Club <sup>17</sup>-- Thursdays - Gr. 1 to 4 - Jan 23 to Mar 13 - 3 to 4:10pm - \$184

SmashVolley<sup>18</sup> - Fridays - Gr. 4 to 7 - Jan 10 to Mar 14 - 3 to 4:30pm - \$295

Please contact Talia Lemay (parent), Extracurricular Coordinator at [jqextracurricular@gmail.com](mailto:jqextracurricular@gmail.com)<sup>19</sup> for any questions.

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<sup>16</sup><https://campscui.active.com/orgs/PetitArchitectDesignforKids#/selectSessions/3550631/filter/session=64447637>

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

<sup>18</sup><https://www.smashvball.com/after-school-programs/>

<sup>19</sup><mailto:jqextracurricular@gmail.com>

## Basketball



Are you passionate about basketball and eager to support our school community? We are looking for volunteer coaches to help lead our Grade 7 boys and girls basketball teams beginning in the new year.

### Team Details:

- **Boys Team:** Games are on Wednesdays after school, starting January 22. Practices are tentatively scheduled for Tuesday mornings in the gym, but this could change based on coach and player availability.

- **Girls Team:** Games are on Thursdays after school, starting January 23. Practices could take place on Wednesday mornings, with flexibility based on availability.

At the moment, there does not appear to be enough girls to form a full team, but the school hopes to finalize participation soon.

What does being a coach involve?

- Running practices for the team.
- Refereeing games and managing the team during matches.

To make this basketball season a success, we are in need of volunteers. Your time and support will make a big difference for our students. If you are available to coach or want more information, please contact M. Ben Sankey at [bsankey@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:bsankey@vsb.bc.ca)<sup>20</sup>

## DPAC News

We have several DPAC related updates below.

### Looking to Fill Positions

#### FESL Advisory Committee – 3 volunteer opportunities to fill

The VSB needs 3 parents to serve as district representatives on the FESL advisory committee. Here's the details, as provided by the VSB:

Dates: TBD

DPAC Representative: 3 spots available vacant.

The 2025 FESL Working Group is a stakeholder, rights holder and staff working group that gathers together to explore matters relating to the implementation/reporting of the FESL Report<sup>21</sup> for the VSB.

#### VSB Committee Volunteer Position – Information Communication Technology Advisory:

We are looking for a parent who is passionate about school technology to represent the District on the ICT Committee. This is your chance to gain valuable leadership skills and represent

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<sup>20</sup><mailto:bsankey@vsb.bc.ca>

<sup>21</sup><https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=09627a55db&e=afa53965a6>



school communities in relation to the need for new technology to be equitably distributed across the district.

Here are the meeting details:

Dates: January 29, 2025; April 23, 2025; June 11, 2025

If you are interested in these positions, please fill out the contact form on our website to let the DPAC Executives know as soon as possible.

### **Executive Member Changes:**

1. Two new DPAC executives were voted in. Michael Menashy from L'École Bilingue and Suresh Yenuga from Collingwood Annex
1. Karen and Jaclyn resigned from their duties as DPAC executives.

### **Current Discussions:**

Advocating for the VSB to be more transparent with decisions in regards to items such as school closures or selling/leasing VSB land. We had a speaker from QEA Parents Society to talk about their experience with the QEA closure.

## **JQ Salmon Stream - walking school bus**

We are excited to announce the launch of our Walking School Bus (WSB) initiative, also known as the JQ Salmon Stream! (Thank you to Barend for coming up with this great name at our PAC meeting!) This program aims to encourage active and safe transportation to school while fostering a sense of community and fun among our students and families.

The idea for the Walking School Bus was discussed during a PAC meeting last year, with representatives from the Society for Children and Youth of BC present to address questions and concerns. For more details, you can review the meeting minutes here<sup>22</sup> and the accompanying presentation here<sup>23</sup>.

### **How It Works**

We aim to kickstart the JQ Salmon Stream with all participants walking together, which helps to build community spirit while promoting active and safe transportation to school. Currently, two parents **Valerie Balaski and Nafisa Fera**, both parents of Grade 4 and Grade 2 students have

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<sup>23</sup><https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=e847c0982f&e=afa53965a6>

volunteered to lead the initial routes. Each leader will walk one morning a week starting at a designated meeting point. **Over time, we hope more parents will volunteer to expand the number of walking routes and days.**

### **Current Routes**

1. **Nafisa's Route:** Meeting at the bus stop at 10th and Trimble (Shell station) at 8:30 am every Thursday. This route will proceed along 11th to 15th Avenue, with opportunities to meet families along the way.
2. **Valerie's Route:** Meeting at 10th and Blenheim St. at 8:25 am every Friday. This route will proceed along 10th Ave., Alma St, 12th Ave., Wallace St. JQ along 14th Ave.

### **Joining and Communication**

Families interested in joining the JQ Salmon Stream can connect via this dedicated WhatsApp community:

WhatsApp community<sup>24</sup>

The group features subgroups for each route, allowing for streamlined communication and updates on meeting times and routes.

### **Liability and Safety**

The program follows best practices outlined in active school travel initiatives. Volunteers accompanying children are not assuming additional liability, provided they act responsibly. For more details, we encourage you to review this document, which addresses common concerns:

Ontario Active School Travel Liability Guidelines<sup>25</sup>.

Key excerpt:

"By volunteering to accompany children on their walk to and from school, parents are not assuming responsibility for anything that may happen during the trip. Parents are expected to act responsibly... Unless they have acted in a negligent manner and that negligence caused the injury, they have nothing to fear."

### **Get Involved!**

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<sup>24</sup><https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=b18e0e4e23&e=afa53965a6>

<sup>25</sup><https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=cb892685ea&e=afa53965a6>

We look forward to seeing our community come together to support the JQ Salmon Stream! If you are interested in joining or volunteering, please let us know. Together, we can make this a successful and enjoyable initiative for our students

## Class Parent/Guardian

The PAC would like to remind parents and guardians about the opportunity to volunteer as a class parent/guardian. Few divisions currently do not have a class parent listed, and we kindly invite parents or guardians to consider volunteering for this role to help support their classroom community. This role typically involves the following tasks:

1. Collects funds, organizes, and presents thank-you gifts for the teacher at winter break and the end of the school year.
2. Acts as a liaison between the class teacher and parents/guardians.
3. Serves as a connection between the PAC and the class community.

The class parent/guardian plays a crucial role in the classroom in building a strong community, and does not require a big time commitment.

If this role is of interest to you, please fill this form<sup>26</sup> to volunteer; and mention of your interest to your child's teacher.

## PAC Meeting Notes

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

Highlights:

- 1) Revised Budget Proposal (2024-25) was passed: Refer to the PDF<sup>27</sup> for budget details.
- 2) Discussed launching of new Initiative on active transportation – "Walking School Bus".
- 3) Active First Friday at JQ.

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<sup>27</sup><https://drive.google.com/file/d/15knN7kLKLswsh5fx9yELIOTINy9u6DVY/view>

🍌 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! 📰 ✨

## 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>28</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 & Annie) at [jqhotlunchpizza@gmail.com](mailto:jqhotlunchpizza@gmail.com)<sup>29</sup>

## PAC Newsletter

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

Add us to your address book<sup>30</sup>

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can update your preferences<sup>31</sup> or unsubscribe<sup>32</sup>

JQ Parent Advisory Council

3050 Crown Street, Vancouver, BC, Canada

Vancouver, BC V6R4K9

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<sup>29</sup><mailto:jqhotlunchpizza@gmail.com>

<sup>30</sup><https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/vcard?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=cf68741d5b>

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

<sup>32</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.

RBL 2025 Winter Basketball Programs

<https://rblbasketball.com/>

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 FL 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 VANCOUVER CHAPTER**

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: [cpfvancover@gmail.com](mailto:cpfvancover@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!

## Dunbar Little League

Dunbar Little League has been the focal point of the Dunbar community by providing baseball for girls and boys ages 4-12. The season runs from April to June and all games are played at Memorial Park West and Balaclava Park.

Registration is NOW OPEN!

<https://dunbarbaseball.ca/registration/>

## Youth Basketball Camp

Soar Youth Sports New Year Youth Basketball Camp on January 2nd and 3rd from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Ages 9-13.

Cost: \$84.00 - funding assistance available.

Location: Grandview Elementary, 2055 Woodland Dr., Vancouver

www.soaryouthsports.com<sup>33</sup>

Tel: 778-229-5551

**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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