



JQ eNews - 2025.02.13

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.

Please ask your child to check in with the Office if arriving late, this way we know your child is on site. Thank you.

Professional Development Day, Friday, Feb. 14 and Family Day, Monday, Feb. 17

A reminder that **Friday, February 14** is a district-wide Professional Development Day and that there will be no school for students.


Monday, February 17th is Family Day in BC and the school will be closed for the Statutory Holiday.

³<mailto:jquattendance@vsb.bc.ca>

Come to school with what is needed for the day

To minimize interruptions during class time, parents can help by sending their child to school with what is needed for the day. Please check your child's agenda so that they bring all the necessary supplies and materials for classes that day, i.e., musical instruments, library book bags, swimsuits and towels if applicable, snacks (for recess and after school classes if participating), lunch, water bottle, appropriate clothing for the weather and any assignments or materials specifically requested by teachers. Thank you.

Notice of Construction Extension



February 2025 BCH REFERENCE NO: 453-U07-01170
FTC PROJECT NO: 3864

NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION
Extension: Feb 15 to March 1

Dear Neighbour,

We will be working in your area on behalf of BC Hydro and would like to inform you of the upcoming work.

Our work involves installing underground civil infrastructure on public property impacting both sides of Crown St (2900 Block) between West 13th Avenue and West 14th Avenue.

Note: there will also be construction work on February 15th, 22nd and March 1st (Saturdays) between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

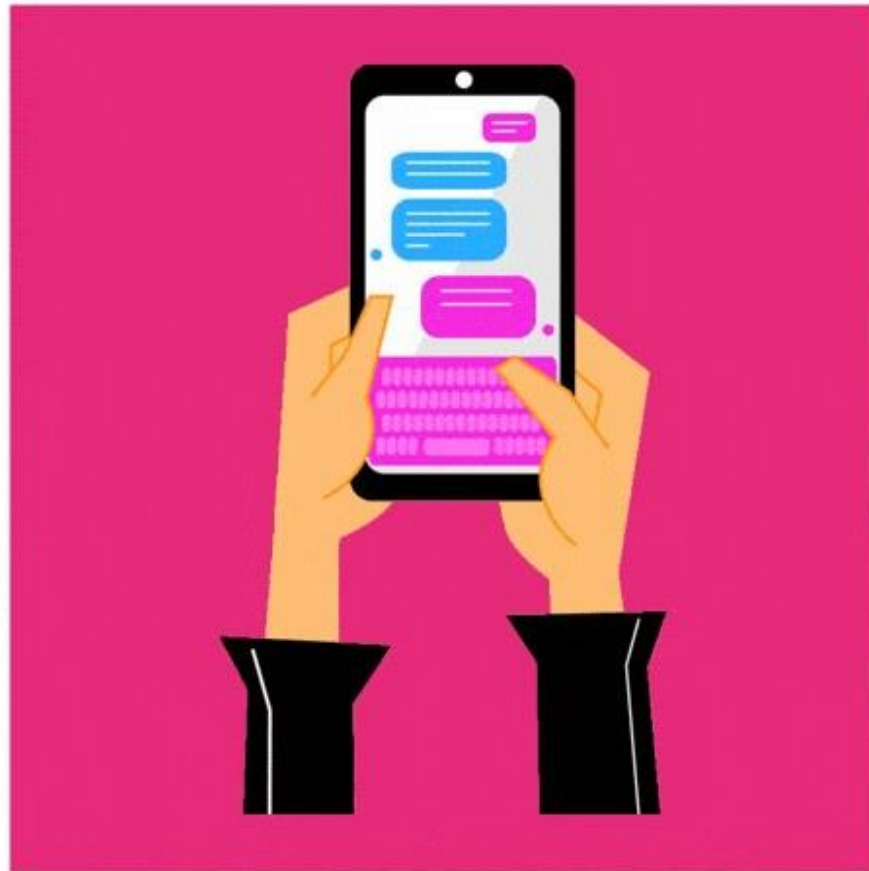
Generally, we will work weekdays between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

To ensure the safety of the public and our employees, temporary disruptions to vehicle and pedestrian traffic may be necessary. Lane and road access will be maintained and directed by traffic control personnel.

Should you have any questions about this project, please contact us at: projects@bchydro.com or 604-623-4472.

Thank you for your patience and understanding while we complete this project in an efficient and safe manner.

Personal Digital Device Survey



In July of 2024, as required by the BC Ministry of Education and Child Care, and in order to foster a safe and focused learning environment, the VSB Student Code of Conduct was revised to restrict students' use of personal digital devices (cell phones, tablets, electronic devices).

In elementary schools, students' personal digital devices are to be turned off and out of sight from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. In secondary schools the same expectation holds during instructional time. The use of personal digital devices is permitted only for educational purposes, when directed by an educator or as outlined in a student's IEP.

This anonymous survey, open until February 28, 2025, aims to assess the impact of this change on students, classrooms, and learning within our school district.

Students and staff are being asked to complete the survey. To complete the survey with your child, scan the QR code below. You may be prompted to sign in using your child's VSB login credentials.



Basketball Schedule



Two more weeks of games left for Basketball.

- **BOYS TEAM: Games are on Wednesdays after school.** Practices are on Mondays after school (3:00 to 4:30 pm).

Game location: **Feb 19-Carnarvon.**

Senior Boys Basketball schedules are available on the Vancouver Elementary Physical Activity Association website, [HERE](#)⁴.

- **GIRLS TEAM: Games are on Thursdays after school.** Practices will be on Tuesday mornings before school (7:45 to 9:00 am).

Game Location: **Feb 20-Queen Mary.**

Senior Girls Basketball schedules are available on the Vancouver Elementary Physical Activity Association website, [HERE](#)⁵.

Class of 2025 Coffee Fundraiser - Order by Feb. 20th!

We are excited to announce our **Class of 2025 Coffee Fundraiser** to support the grade 7 camp! By purchasing fresh ground premium coffee beans, you're not only getting a delicious brew, but also helping our students achieve their dream of a memorable camp.

Here's how you can help:

1. Choose from a variety of freshly roasted coffee beans, grinds and hot chocolate (perfect for gifts or your morning pick-me-up). <https://globalcoffeefundraising.ca/julesquesnel/>
2. Place your order today—every bag sold brings us closer to our goal!
3. Enjoy your coffee knowing you've made a difference in our journey.

Let's make this camp unforgettable—one cup at a time!

Don't forget to share this link with your family and friends.

The fundraiser closes on **February 20th, 2025**. When you are ready to checkout, you can choose the shipping option "Ship with group order to JULES QUESNEL SCHOOL (FREE)" and we will GROUP ship your order to JQ. Be sure to name the Student you are supporting at Checkout. Or you can opt to pay shipping direct to your door. Coffee will be available for pick up at school on **February 28th, 2025**.

Thank you for your support!

⁴<https://www.vepaa.ca/leagues/schedules.cfm?leagueID=33703&clientID=6948>

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<div style="background-color: #0070c0; color: white; padding: 2px; font-weight: bold;">LIGHT ROAST</div>  <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">\$19 454g</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">Morning Bell</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">This lighter brew will give you a bold flavor that wakes you up, and a smooth flavor that will make you happy you didn't hit that snooze button.</p>	<div style="background-color: #0070c0; color: white; padding: 2px; font-weight: bold;">MEDIUM ROAST</div>  <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">\$19 454g</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">Jules Quesnel Brew</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">A carefully crafted blend of beans, specially roasted to create a rich, sweet coffee. A favorite all day coffee!</p>	<div style="background-color: #0070c0; color: white; padding: 2px; font-weight: bold;">DARK ROAST</div>  <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">\$19 454g</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">Black Velvet</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">This is not your average joe. This four bean blend is roasted to perfection and will have you chugging your mug and begging for more.</p>
<div style="background-color: #0070c0; color: white; padding: 2px; font-weight: bold;">ESPRESSO ROAST</div>  <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">\$19 454g</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">Kick Start Espresso</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">A unique espresso blend with a bold, intense flavor and sweet undertones. This blend makes a superb espresso. Excellent as a drip coffee too!</p>	<div style="background-color: #0070c0; color: white; padding: 2px; font-weight: bold;">DECAF</div>  <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">\$19 454g</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">Jitterless Java</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">All the flavor of real coffee without the Jitter! This decaf offers a traditional rich, bold cup of coffee.</p>	<div style="background-color: #0070c0; color: white; padding: 2px; font-weight: bold;">HOT COCOA</div>  <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">\$15 454g</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">Premium Hot Chocolate</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">The kids need something fun! Stock up with a 454 gram bag of specially gourmet hot chocolate.</p>

Help Support Us!

By purchasing any of the products above, you are helping us reach our goal!





JQ Class of 2025 Graduates

COFFEE FUNDRAISER

Global Coffee Fundraising | www.globalcoffeefundraising.ca | Phone: 604.618.6085

Dunbar Movie Theatre Fundraiser - Feb 14

Parents of grade 7 students will be hosting a Moana 2 movie fundraiser at Dunbar Theatre on Friday, February 14th from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm. All proceeds from the ticket sales will go towards the Grade 7 camp.

Tickets will go on sale after school February 11-13th between 3-4 pm. \$10 per ticket. This event is open to everyone so please bring your family and friends.

Any questions, please feel free to email: doc168@hotmail.com⁶

This is a parent-sponsored event. It is not sponsored by Jules Quesnel Elementary School staff or the Vancouver School District.

⁶<mailto:doc168@hotmail.com>



Will you be returning to JQ in September 2025?

Dear JQ Families,

The District is currently working to confirm registration numbers for the 2025/2026 school year. To assist the District, we ask that you please inform us by **Friday, February 14, 2025** if you already know that you will be moving before September 2025 and are planning to attend another school in the fall. If you are unsure of your future plans or if your situation changes before the end of the school year, please contact the office directly via email to let us know of your updated plans. Thank you.

Choir Members - Save the Date!

The JQ choir will be participating in the Vancouver School District Elementary Choir Festival.

We will be performing with a number of district school choirs.

DATE: TUESDAY MARCH 4th

LOCATION: JOHN OLIVER SECONDARY SCHOOL AUDITORIUM (41st & Fraser)

EVENT SCHEDULE:

-ARRIVE at 6:15 pm and head to the Cafeteria

- 6:30 Mass Choir rehearsal (We will be singing two pieces as a mass choir)

-7:00pm Concert starts

-8:45 to 9:00pm Expected finish time (There are 6 schools performing + the two group pieces)

More information will come from Mme Young.

Lost and Found



The Lost and Found rack is filling up with hoodies and a few winter jackets. If your child is missing any clothing items, please check the rack located at the north entrance to the gym on the main floor of the school.

We are also looking for a few items that students are missing:

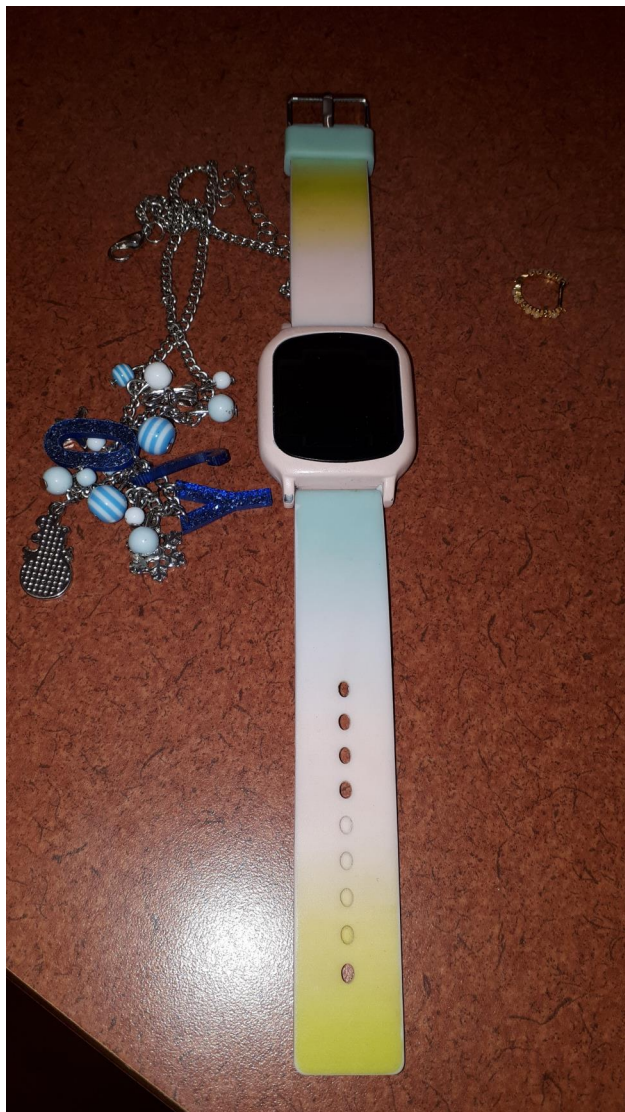
Apple AirTag - a student has lost an AirTag marked "R". Please return to the office if found.

Black Colombia jacket with silver lining and faux fur lining the hood.

Grey jacket with pink fleece lining with hoodie

Thank you.





School Calendar & Upcoming Dates



The **2023-2024 School Calendar and other information is available on our school website**⁷.

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 Calendar⁸ page. Click the List View tab on the Calendar page for list of upcoming events.

Dates to Note



Friday, February 14: Professional Development Day - no school for students

Friday, February 14: Movie Fundraiser for grade 7 trip

Monday, February 17: Family Day Statutory Holiday

Wednesday, February 19: PAC Meeting from 7:00 to 8:00 pm

Friday, February 20: Last day to order coffee for the Grade 7 fundraiser

Wednesday, February 26: Pink Shirt Day

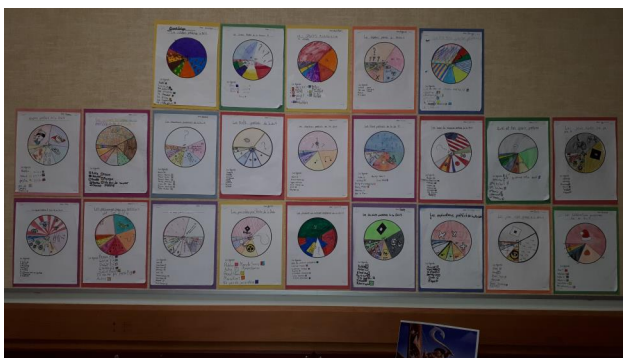
⁷<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel>

⁸<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/jules-quesnel/page/2257/calendar?tab=monthview>

Art in the Hallways









JQ PAC Updates



PAC Meeting - Wednesday, February 19

The fifth PAC meeting of the year is scheduled for February 19 2025.

When: Wednesday, Feb 19, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Where: In-person: room 206 on the main floor

Online: Google Meet Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/zvt-pzfy-awo>

Free childcare: Available for in-person attendees.

Agenda will be circulated closer to the meeting date.

Submitting questions for the PAC meeting: We welcome all PAC-related matters for discussion. To have your questions considered, please submit them by Tuesday, February 18 at 11:59pm using this form: [Click here⁹](#)

We hope to see many of you there.

Upcoming PAC Meeting Dates

The next PAC meetings are scheduled on the following dates:

Wednesday, February 19

Wednesday, April 23

Wednesday, May 21 (AGM)

⁹<https://forms.gle/BzxR2ueDLzmWgTDz5>

The meetings are scheduled to run between 7pm to 8pm. We will continue to have free child care for in person attendees.

Meeting will be in hybrid form and a link will be sent closer to the date and time. For those wishing to attend in person, the meetings will take place in Room 206.

Spring Extracurricular Activities - Coming Soon

Check out these upcoming programs. Don't miss next week's newsletter, visit PAC website or the peg board near the office for the registration links on Feb 20th !

Mondays - Lights Up - Apr 7 to Jun 23 - 3 to 5:15 pm - Gr K to 7 - \$365

This season's production will be "Magic School Bus".

Tuesdays - Petit Architect - Apr 8 to Jun 17 - 3 to 4:35 pm - Gr 1 to 5 - \$352

This very popular program returns for a second time. Don't miss sign up!

Wednesdays - STEAM4KIDS - Apr 9 to Jun 11 - 3 to 4:05 pm - Gr K to 7 - \$187.50

New to JQ! The DISCOVERY SCIENCE program offers exciting hands-on science based activities covering topics like water, cells, human body, movement, and more. Students will watch fascinating demonstrations, join in enquiry-based discussions, participate in individual & group experiments, and make amazing take-homes.

Thursdays - Yoga Buggy - Apr 10 - 3 to 4:30 pm - Gr K to 3 - Interest form to come via Community School Coordinator. Namaste!

Fridays - Pedal Head Soccer (formerly HappyFeet) - Apr 4 to Jun 20 - 3 to 4:05 pm - K to 7 - \$215

Did you miss coach Liam and team this winter? Coaches are back for non-competitive soccer in the gym.

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 here¹⁰ and the accompanying presentation here¹¹.

How It Works

¹⁰<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=e4a06cbc36&e=afa53965a6>

¹¹<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=e847c0982f&e=afa53965a6>

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 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 community¹²

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 Guidelines¹³.

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."

¹²<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=b18e0e4e23&e=afa53965a6>

¹³<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=cb892685ea&e=afa53965a6>

Get Involved!

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

Hot Lunch Program

Hot lunch is offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays and pizza lunch on Fridays. Ordering is now open at munchalunch.com¹⁴. 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.com¹⁵

PAC Newsletter

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

Add us to your address book¹⁶

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can update your preferences¹⁷ or unsubscribe¹⁸

JQ Parent Advisory Council

3050 Crown Street, Vancouver, BC, Canada

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¹⁴<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=4cf65b4a26&e=afa53965a6>

¹⁵<mailto:jqhotlunchpizza@gmail.com>

¹⁶<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/vcard?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=cf68741d5b>

¹⁷<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/profile?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=cf68741d5b&e=afa53965a6&c=a3093351af>

¹⁸<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.

UBC Virtual Family Math Fair

UBC Faculty of Education is hosting a virtual family math fair on Saturday February 22, 2025 10:00am - 11:30am. The event is free but registration is required.¹⁹



The flyer for the UBC Virtual Family Math Fair features the UBC logo and the text 'THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA Faculty of Education Department of Curriculum & Pedagogy'. It includes the tagline 'For Curious and Inquiring Minds' and two photographs of children and adults engaged in math activities. The event is scheduled for Saturday Feb 22, 2025, from 10:00am to 11:30am PT, and is held virtually through Zoom with UBC Faculty of Education Graduate Students and Teacher Candidates. A row of six small images shows various math activities like geometric patterns, counting, and hands-on models. The bottom section is a brown box containing the date and time, a QR code, the title 'Hands-on Minds-on Math Activities for all Ages!', and the registration information: 'All Welcome: Families, Teachers, Parents Event FREE! | Registration Required'. A URL for registration is provided: <https://tinyurl.com/UBCFamilyMathFair2025>.

Photo credits left and right: Paul Joseph/UBC Brand and Marketing

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Sat Feb 22, 2025
10:00am-11:30am PT

Hands-on Minds-on
Math Activities for all Ages!

All Welcome: Families, Teachers, Parents
Event FREE! | Registration Required

For more info and to register:
<https://tinyurl.com/UBCFamilyMathFair2025>

BC Family French Camp

Keep your kids speaking French during the summer - Come join us at one of the BC Family French Camps in Summerland, Gwillim Lake, or Nanaimo run with moniteurs (councillors) from Quebec. As a JQ family that has been attending BCFFC for the past 10 years, we can definitely attest to the fun and enjoyment at camp, for both kids and parents! And parents don't need to speak French. Please find more details in the attached flyer, or at <https://bcffc.com>. If you have

¹⁹<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScwhv9NDpyla3e0ZDpTnL3c9dTmDXGZodvvy2eaIDevnLiYg/viewform>

any questions about the camp, you can contact me, Anthony Lee (Milena's dad) at treasurer@bcffc.com²⁰




Summer Dates

BC Family French Camp is offered in three different locations across the province. Activities at each location are unique and tailored to the local geography.

Okanagan
(Summerland)
July 5 - 12, 2025

Gwiliim Lake
(between Chetwynd and Tumbler Ridge)
July 19-26, 2025

Vancouver Island
(Nanaimo)
Week 1: August 9-16, 2025
Week 2: August 16-23, 2025

Camp Registration

Returning campers: February 16, 2025
New campers: February 23, 2025

BCFFC.com

BC Family French Camp is proudly supported by:

CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH
BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON

All campers are required to be members of CPF in good standing. CPF memberships are now FREE! Sign up using your email address as proof of membership before registration opens: CPF.ca

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At BC Family French Camp, French Immersion and Francophone students bring their families along to camp!

Families camp in their own tents or trailers during the week. Together we form a tight community surrounded by the sounds of children playing and singing in French led by their energetic and engaging Francophone counsellors!

- * Parents don't need to be able to speak French!
- * Programs are available for children entering kindergarten all the way to teens completing high school
- * Dynamic and capable Francophone moniteurs (counsellors) keep children highly motivated all week
- * Parents enjoy a rewarding blend of leisure time and active participation in the camp
- * Evening activities are fun for the whole family!





BCFFC.com  [bcfamilyfrenchcamp/](https://www.instagram.com/bcfamilyfrenchcamp/)  [facebook.com/bcffc007/](https://www.facebook.com/bcffc007/)

²⁰<mailto:treasurer@bcffc.com>

Jericho Baseball





Jericho Little League Baseball

Registration is open for this spring's Little League Baseball season with Jericho Baseball. It's a fantastic opportunity for your child to learn teamwork, build confidence, and have a great time on the field.

Who: All kids ages 3-12.

Where: Practices and games at Trimble Park, Carnarvon Park and Locarno Park.

Cost: Varies by age level. See fees for more information²¹.

  **When:** April to June. Registration ends February 4th. Register here.²²

We want to ensure that everyone who wants to play, can play - regardless of their financial situation. Funding may be available through Kidsport. Please visit their site for more information.

²¹<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=0939d16e28&e=afa53965a6>

²²<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=68e6a98750&e=afa53965a6>

²³Jules Quesnel is in Jericho's boundaries making all students of JQ eligible to play Jericho **Baseball**. We hope to see you out on the field!

Thank you for reading!

Contact Us



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

²³<https://julesquesnelpac.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8e7c9494cc165c2c2cca7d75&id=da3002d85f&e=afa53965a6>

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