



Trudeau News
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Important Dates to Remember

- December 3: Arist in Residence Divisions 1 & 11
Trustee visit to see student work
- December 4: Family Movie Night 4:30pm-6:50pm
- December 16: Learning Updates go home
- December 19: Books for Me (Primary)
- December 20: Last Day of School before Winter Break
- January 6: **First Day** of School after Winter Break



Remembrance Day



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Lest We Forget

On November 8th, we had a wonderful Remembrance Day Ceremony with students taking the lead in presenting the meaning of the day and in ways in which students can be peacemakers. Several classes participated in singing thoughtful songs on the theme of peace and in presenting poetry. It was nice to see several family members with us during the ceremony.

We collected \$232.00 in donations for the Vancouver Poppy Fund. This money will help ex-service men and women and their families by providing assistance for food, clothing, homes, furniture, transportation expenses.



Kindergarten registration for children born in 2020 began on November 1st. All kindergarten applicants are required to submit an application to their English catchment elementary school. This includes families who wish to apply for 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 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 **2025-2026**.
Click on the 2025-2026 button!



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)

Kindergarten Applications Received Between November 1 and January 31

1. **In-catchment** kindergarten applicants with siblings in attendance at the school (and who will be attending next year) will be placed first.
2. The names of all other in-catchment registrants will be entered into a **random draw** for the remaining kindergarten spaces.
3. Students who cannot be accommodated will be placed on a waitlist in the order in which their name was drawn.
4. Between January 31 and the second Friday in June students on the ordered waitlist will be accommodated as space becomes available.

Kindergarten Registrations Received AFTER January 31st

In-catchment kindergarten students who apply **after** January 31 will be accommodated if there is space. If there is no space, their names will be added to the bottom of the existing waitlist. **Note:** There will be **no priority** given to registrants with siblings if they register after January 31.

For more information on kindergarten registration visit:

<http://www.vsb.bc.ca/kindergarten>

VSB link for families with students about to enter Grade 8

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

Being prepared and having the right information can help alleviate stress during this transition period from Grade 7 to Grade 8. Here are some resources to help:



- [Government of B.C. - Back to school tips](#)
- [HealthLink BC - Tips for parents of teens](#)
- [VSB After the Bell podcast](#)
- [Equity and Anti-Oppression \(EAO\)](#)
- [How to Solve a Concern at School](#)
- [Resources for Newcomers](#)
- [MyEd BC Student Family Portal](#)
- [More Parent and Student Resources](#)

New Playground

The VSB is currently in the process of tendering the contract for the new intermediate playground to be built. In the new year, the Trudeau community will have the opportunity to help make the final decision.

Current steps in place:

- 1) "Request for Proposals" (RFP) procurement process has begun
- 2) The designs will be evaluated by District staff to ensure they meet requirements/specifications
- 3) Two designs will be brought back to the school community through PAC for discussion/selection
- 4) Designs will focus on equipment and identified areas of surfacing required for accessibility
- 5) A timeline for completion will be set and communicated to the community



Severe Weather Procedures

Be in the know, winter is coming! Follow VSB on social media to stay updated about school closures due to severe weather.

All schools will remain **open** if at all possible, during extreme weather events. Any district-wide closure will be decided by 6:30am at the latest.



Information about any district-wide closures will be sent to Metro Vancouver radio, television stations and be on the district website (www.vsb.bc.ca) or at

Facebook: [Vancouver School Board](https://www.facebook.com/VancouverSchoolBoard)

Instagram: [@vsb39](https://www.instagram.com/vsb39) or X: [@VSB39](https://twitter.com/VSB39)

Student safety is the top priority of the Vancouver School Board. Schools will be kept open except under extreme circumstances to provide the option of attendance for all, but the decision to attend is the responsibility of each family.



Safe Arrival

To Report Your Child's Absence:

Please call **604-713-5159 ext. 87** to report your child's absence or late arrival or

email truattendance@vsb.bc.ca Remember to leave your child's name, division, teacher's name and reason for absence or late.

Grade 7 Information for Grade 8 Mini-Schools



VSB's Mini-School programs provide enrichment opportunities for highly motivated students who are Vancouver residents that have excellent work habits. Students must apply to each program separately through the Mini-School program websites.

District Mini-School Registry is open until December 19th.

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



PAC Update

Thanks to the parents who attended November's PAC meeting. Upcoming PAC Meeting: **Wednesday, January 15th in person.**

📺 Movie Night is back! 🎉 Join us on December 4th for an exciting evening filled with family fun. We invite all of Trudeau's families to come together for a heartwarming movie, delicious snacks, and a chance to bond as a community. Let's celebrate together and create lasting memories!

Direct Donation - Join us in supporting our students! Trudeau PAC is dedicated to ensuring that every student has the resources they need to thrive. We invite you to participate in a Direct Donation campaign, where your contributions will directly benefit our school community. Together, we can help fulfill essential needs and create a nurturing environment for all students. Every donation makes a difference; let's make our school the best it can be!

If you are interested in joining our team, please reach out through pierretrudeaupac@gmail.com. Every little bit helps!!

You can get information or follow PAC at our website:
<https://pierretrudeaupac.wixsite.com/trudeaupac>

Or on the school website at: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/pierre-elliott-trudeau/page/3350/parent-advisory-council>

Punjabi After-School Program

More knowledge of languages is an asset nowadays. Punjabi classes are already on Wednesdays and Fridays from 3:00pm to 4:30pm in Room 146. Please encourage your kids to attend. You can enroll your kids in Punjabi class at 778-987-6090 or show up next Wednesday in person. Fees are only \$10.00 a month.

Volleyball

Volleyball season is almost over. Students have been enjoying themselves as they develop stronger athletic skills and bond with their classmates. Most impressive was the positive attitude and sportsmanship. Thank you to Bal, Ms. Martin, Ms. Do, Ms. Jeram, Ms. McKend and Ms. Cooper, for supervising and coaching this year. Next up is basketball. Details to come early in January!



Trudeau Athletics

There is Open Gym at lunchtime on Tuesdays for Grade 4 & 5 students and on Thursdays for Grade 6 & 7 students. Intermediate Girls soccer is on Wednesdays in the gym.

There will be a basketball meeting for all Grade 6 & 7 students happening soon to see if there are enough players interested in playing in the district basketball league this year.



Details on practices and games will be forthcoming in early January.

Trudeau Mandarin Bilingual Program (Grade 4 - 7)

This program at Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary is offered to students from Grade 4 to Grade 7 and is a full day, 9:00am to 3:00pm program. The core curriculum for this program is taught in English. Mandarin is taught through Mandarin Language Arts. The program will develop Mandarin oral communication skills along with reading and writing skills using Chinese characters. Most students start in Grade 4. Students entering Grades 5 and 6 with some Chinese literacy skills will also be considered if space is available.

Click here for more information:

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/pierre-elliott-trudeau/page/3326/mandarin-bilingual>



Information Meeting for new registrants on January 7, 2025
- details and meeting link to come

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

COME JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF MOVIE, PIZZA AND FRIENDS!

Movie: Night at the Museum
Date: Wednesday, December 4th, 2024
Where: Trudeau Gymnasium
Time: 4:30 pm - Pizza Served
5:00 pm - Movie Starts
6:50 pm - Clean Up & Home Time



Orders can still be placed until Midnight Monday, December 4th at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdQOtnhPI_aucYI_UAOhRIIdNC4IFj0lDEIURQQy3cQpTAlFjg/viewform?usp=sharing



Lost and Found

There are currently many items to be picked up. The Lost and Found is near the picnic tables near the office. Every item not picked up by December 20th will be given to charity.

Trudeau Elementary Website

At Trudeau we try to reduce the amount of paper we use at school. Therefore, we will continue to use the school's website and emails home as our primary way to communicate with parents

Stay informed at:

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Notice from the City of Vancouver

Reaching out to inform you of some upcoming routine maintenance work conducted by Metro Vancouver. We are planning on conducting this work between December 10-13. We are scheduling the work to take place between 930am and 230pm to avoid conflict with school pick-up & drop-off traffic.



Please note we will only have one setup in place at a time!

Both setups will be short-term full closures:

- East 61st from St George's to 20m east
- Prince Edward from East 62nd to the school parking lot



Help us raise \$25,000 to keep AIRS program in schools.



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AIRS creates studio spaces in underserved Vancouver elementary schools and activates them with dynamic year-round, artist-led programming. Artists provide meaningful hands-on art making experiences in a variety of media, in culturally safe and inclusive environments.

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AIRS provides studio art programs in 18 schools, reaching 3,600 children who would otherwise not have access.

Donate today and bring the transformative power of art to children in your community.

Every contribution makes a difference. All donations above \$25 will receive a tax receipt.

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Wishing you and your family
a relaxing and wonderful winter break. Last day of
school before the break is December 20th.

See you on Monday, January 6th, 2025