



## Trudeau News

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February/March, 2024

### Important Dates to Remember

Feb. 9: Lunar New Year performance by Divisions 10 & 11 @ 11:10am ALL WELCOME!

Feb. 14 & 15: Parent/Teacher Conferences 2:00pm Dismissal

Feb. 14 & 15: Scholastic Book Fair 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Feb. 16: Professional Development Day

No school for students

Feb. 19: Family Day - School is closed

Feb. 26: Books for Me

Feb. 28: Pink Shirt Day Assembly - ALL WELCOME!

March 6: Performance - Axis Theatre

March 7: Class Photo Day

March 12: Learning Updates go home

**March 15: Last Day of classes before Spring Break**

**April 2: First Day back from Spring Break.**



## Kindergarten

All in-catchment Kindergarten applications to our school received **after** January 31<sup>st</sup> will be registered at Trudeau and added to the bottom of our existing waitlist and registered at a location that has space to accommodate them.

Please Note: There is no priority given to registrants with siblings already attending Trudeau who are registered after January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

Cross Boundary Applications will be accepted online from February 1<sup>st</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>. Families of Cross Boundary Applications will be notified of their status by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**For more information on kindergarten registration visit:** <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/kindergarten>

## Parent / Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> & Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>  
Early Dismissal at 2:00 pm for all student

Students must be picked up at this time  
or be supervised by a parent or guardian if going to the Book Fair



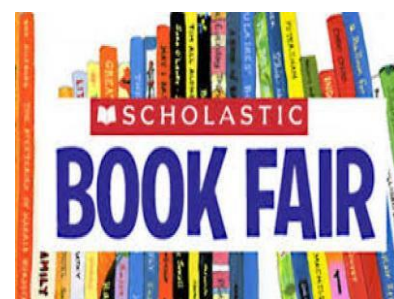
### Pink Shirt Day

Trudeau's 2024 Pink Shirt Design is here! Over 100 orders received. Congratulations to Charmaine from Division 2 for her amazing design. Pink Shirt Day is on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

Please join us at our assembly that morning in the gymnasium.

### Scholastic Book Fair

We are pleased to announce that the Scholastic Book Fair will be making its return to Trudeau Elementary this year. The dates of this year's fair will be February 14 & 15 during Parent/Teacher Conference days. It will be open from 2:00pm to 4:00pm each day. Get ready for the fair along with all the contests and promotions!



### Library News

Trudeau's library has an exciting update!

We are now open for **Before and After School Open Book Exchange**. The library welcomes Grade 4-7 students to stop by and exchange books before and after school, morning: 8:30-8:55 am, afternoon: 3:00-3:20pm. This is to supplement their regular exchange times in case they want to take out more books during the week.

Please reach out to librarians Erica McKeen (eemckeen@vsb.bc.ca) or Linda Yu (layu@vsb.bc.ca) if you have any questions.



### Next Professional Development Day

~ Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> ~

No school for students on this day. Staff will participate in workshops on literacy.

The school is also closed on **Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>** as it is Family Day.



### Gymnastics

Coming in April there will be school-wide gymnastics for two weeks. The program will occur during regularly scheduled physical education blocks and be led by an experienced gymnastics instructor from the Kitsilano Gymnastics Club. This opportunity would not be possible without the volunteering and fundraising efforts of parents through our PAC events and activities. Therefore, thank you on behalf of the students for your support!

### Basketball

Intramural Basketball has now started for Grade 5, 6 & 7 boys and girls. Thank you to Ms. Yu, Ms. Tong and Bal for supervising.



### PAC Update

**MunchaLunch is now open!**

You will see Minato Sushi is offering Chicken and Beef Rolls, Spring rolls and Gyoza options!

Ordering will close on Sunday 10:00am for the following week's order. No late orders are accepted. Please order via MunchaLunch: <https://munchalunch.com/login>

We are still looking for volunteers to help support Thursday Hot Lunch delivery. We would appreciate your help in taking some time from 11:40am-12:00pm to help pass out the lunches to the classrooms. To sign up, please click here: <https://volunteersignup.org/B7MF3>

The next PAC meeting will be on Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm via zoom. A link will be sent closer to the date.

**Cell Phone Update: The Provincial government has announced restrictions on cell phones in schools for September 2024.**

On Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup> the provincial government announced measures to improve student safety online. This included information about restricting cell phones in schools to be put in place by the fall.

Currently, in the VSB, several measures are in place to guide appropriate use of cell phones and other devices. These including the [District Student Code of Conduct](#) and [Acceptable Use of Technology](#) administrative procedures. Staff will work with the Ministry of Education and Child Care to ensure that any necessary changes are implemented ahead of September, 2024. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

Learn more about the provincial government's [announcement](#).







### Trudeau Mandarin Bilingual Program (Grade 4 - 7)

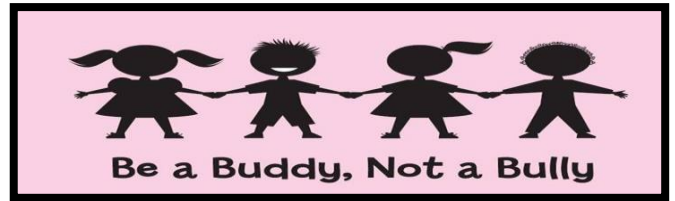
The Mandarin Bilingual Program at Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary is offered to students from Grade 4 to Grade 7 and is a full day, 9:00am to 3:00pm program. The core curriculum for this program is taught in English. Mandarin is taught through Mandarin Language Arts. The program will develop Mandarin 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 about the current [Mandarin Bilingual Program](#)

Click here for the application form: [District Choice Application Form](#)

## WHY WEAR PINK?

On **February 28<sup>th</sup>** we are encouraging everyone to wear pink! Even though we show our kindness every day and, in many ways, we wear Pink to symbolize that we do not tolerate bullying. Did you know that Pink Shirt Day originated in Nova Scotia? The movement was started by two high school students. Here is a snippet from a Globe & Mail article:



*"David Shepherd, Travis Price and their teenage friends organized a high-school protest to wear pink in sympathy with a Grade 9 boy who was being bullied [for wearing a pink shirt]...[They] took a stand against bullying when they protested against the harassment of a new Grade 9 student by distributing pink T-shirts to all the boys in their school. 'I learned that two people can come up with an idea, run with it, and it can do wonders,' says Mr. Price, 17, who organized the pink protest. 'Finally, someone stood up for a weaker kid.' So Mr. Shepherd and some others headed off to a discount store and bought 50 pink tank tops. They sent out a message to schoolmates that night, and the next morning they hauled the shirts to school in a plastic bag. As they stood in the foyer handing out the shirts, the bullied boy walked in. His face spoke volumes. 'It looked like a huge weight was lifted off his shoulders,' Mr. Price recalled. The bullies were never heard from again."*

Will you join in by wearing pink on **February 28<sup>th</sup>**?  
Check out more information about Pink Day at [pinkshirtday.ca](http://pinkshirtday.ca)

## How can I prevent the spread of colds and the flu?

**Wash your hands:** Frequent hand washing can reduce the risk of all respiratory infections. Use soap and warm water for 20 seconds.

**Cover your cough:** You can also reduce the spread of germs by practicing safe coughing and sneezing techniques. By coughing and sneezing into the crook of the elbow or the sleeve, those with colds can minimize the spread of germs.

**Stay at home:** Anybody who thinks they have an influenza-like illness (i.e. fever and cough) should remain at home and limit exposure to others.



## Pierre Elliott Trudeau Code of Conduct Motto



Trust

Respect

Understanding

Empathy

Be true to yourself

Be true to others

Be true to the environment

A detailed copy of the Code of Conduct can be obtained from the School Office

### Trudeau Elementary School

#### WEBSITE

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/pierre-elliott-trudeau>

Visit the website for updates on school activities

#### Punjabi School Opportunity at Trudeau

More knowledge of languages is our asset nowadays. Punjabi class is available on Wednesday and Friday after school from 3:00pm to 4:30pm in Room 146 near the west entrance to the school. Please encourage your kids to learn their own language. Please come there after school to register your kid if you are interested.



Remember that daylight savings time begins on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00am. Our time moves forward one hour. Therefore, be sure to check your clocks, watches, etc. to be sure it is the correct time!



**VANCOUVER  
PUBLIC  
LIBRARY**

The Vancouver Public Library offers several programs for children throughout the year including a wide variety of [STEAM programs](#) and [Book Clubs for Kids](#).

To find out more go on [www.vpl.ca](http://www.vpl.ca), then under **Programs and Events** or  
**check out the information on the next pages:**

### **Studio Wednesdays**



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### **Pokemon Party**



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### **Paper Dream House**



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### **Lego Block Party**



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### **Kids Zone**



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