



Trudeau News

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Important Dates to Remember

Nov. 4 Artist in Residence Program continues

Nov. 8: Remembrance Day Service 11:00am

Nov. 11: **No school** - Remembrance Day

Nov. 13: PAC Meeting via Zoom

Nov. 15: Ned Show 'Mindset Mission' 1:15pm

Nov. 21: Books for Me - Intermediates

Nov. 22: Professional Development Day

- Class not in session



Student Information and Consent Forms

Information and forms were sent home in September. Thank you to everyone who completed the request tasks as it helps the school's keep the information about your child current. If you have not completed the forms yet, please complete them as soon as possible. Current telephone numbers and emails are important in case we need to contact you or your designated emergency contact.



Remembrance Day Service

All parents and family members are invited to attend our annual Remembrance Day service to be held on **Friday, November 8th at 11:00am in the gymnasium**. Next week students will be collecting donations for the Vancouver Poppy Fund. All students will receive a poppy on the day of the service.



Kindergarten registration for children born in 2020 begins on November 1. 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)

If you want to apply for a Choice Program or cross-boundary, you must first apply to your English catchment elementary school. Choice Programs and Cross Boundary applications will begin to be accepted in early 2025.

In the event there are more in-catchment applicants than available space* at the school, the following process will be used to prioritize enrolment:

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>

* Available Space includes physical capacity, resources, staffing, or educational programs available or planned for a school as defined by the District (Administrative Procedure 300).



Dress for the Weather

Since the weather in Vancouver this time of year can be wet, cold, or unpredictable, please ensure that your child is dressed warmly. Having a rain jacket and waterproof footwear is a necessity. Keeping a toque, mittens, and an extra pair of socks in your child's backpack is a good idea as well. Outdoor time at recess and lunch is the norm. An inside day will only occur during an extreme downpour.

Severe Weather Procedures

All schools will remain **open** if at all possible during severe weather events. Any district-wide closure will be decided by 7:00 a.m. 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).



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.

Parents/guardians are responsible for their children's safe travel to and from school. If, for any reason, a parent/guardian feels that a child cannot travel safely to school, then they should make other arrangements.



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.

Cross-Country

Trudeau's Cross-Country season was a huge success. It was wonderful to have a huge level of participation. Over 45 students from grades 3 to 7 participated in the final season meet at Trout Lake and who had a lot of fun. A BIG thank you to everyone for their support: the parent drivers for





volunteering their time to ensure the students could attend the meet and the coaches Ms. Jeram, Ms. Marshall, Ms. Tong, Bal, and Mr. Swain for organizing and running the Cross-Country events. None of this would be possible without all of you!

PAC Update

We're excited to share that, thanks to your support, we've made significant progress in fulfilling this year's needs as discussed in PAC's October meeting. In addition to the 10 new iPads purchased in September, we're pleased to announce the upcoming purchase of 10 more iPads. This year, we're also allocating funds for classroom resources, field trips, and essential items such as Grade 7 graduation, sports day ribbons, a new canopy, PE equipment, and outdoor playground equipment. We look forward to continuing our support and providing even more for our students in the future! Thank you for being a vital part of our community!



 **Movie Night** is back!  Join us at the end of November 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! More details are coming soon!

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! A notice will be communicated by mid-November via email and a hard copy sent home to families who prefer to submit cash donations.

Apple Fundraising - We are happy to announce a very successful apple fundraiser this year! Most raised in 3 years. Thank you, Theresa Evans, for all the hard work!

Our next PAC Meeting is on Wednesday, November 13th at 5:00pm.
Below is the zoom link:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/88037713437?pwd=dJ16zjDwAbeDXgpEdvAQt2nWnIo02n.1>

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

Volleyball

The volleyball season is off and running. Practices for our school teams are on Monday and Friday mornings at 8:00 am. The after-school game schedules are as follows:

Wednesdays: Senior Boys @ Sexsmith Elementary

Thursdays: Senior Girls @ Sexsmith Elementary

Open Gym Volleyball happens at lunchtime Tuesdays for Grade 4 & 5 students and on Thursdays for Grade 6 & 7 students.



Making Arrangements for Picking Up Your Child

Supervision at the school ends at 3:20pm. Especially as it gets darker in the afternoon, parents are asked to be on time and ensure that their children understand the family's pick-up arrangements. Please do not be late picking up your child as staff have other responsibilities after school and therefore supervision past 3:20pm is not viable. If some unforeseen event happens and you will be late, please contact the school office at 604-713-4865.



Lost and Found There are currently many items to be picked up. The Lost and Found is near the picnic tables near the office. You never know what you may find!



Grade 7 Information for Grade 8 Mini-Schools

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



District Mini-School Registry will open on November 12th - December 19th.

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

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.

Hey KIDS and families! NED's Mindset Mission Assembly is visiting our school! NED and our students take a journey to find their positive mindset. The show is filled with storytelling, humor, illusions and amazing yo-top tricks where our kids learn the hidden message in NED's name:



Never give up — understand The Power of YET
Encourage others — spark courage in other people
Do your best® — always be learning and growing

Do you want to learn to yo? A yo-yo is both a mindset tool and a tangible reminder of NED's message. While learning to yo, children will make mistakes, try again and improve. Yo-yos will be available to purchase next week.



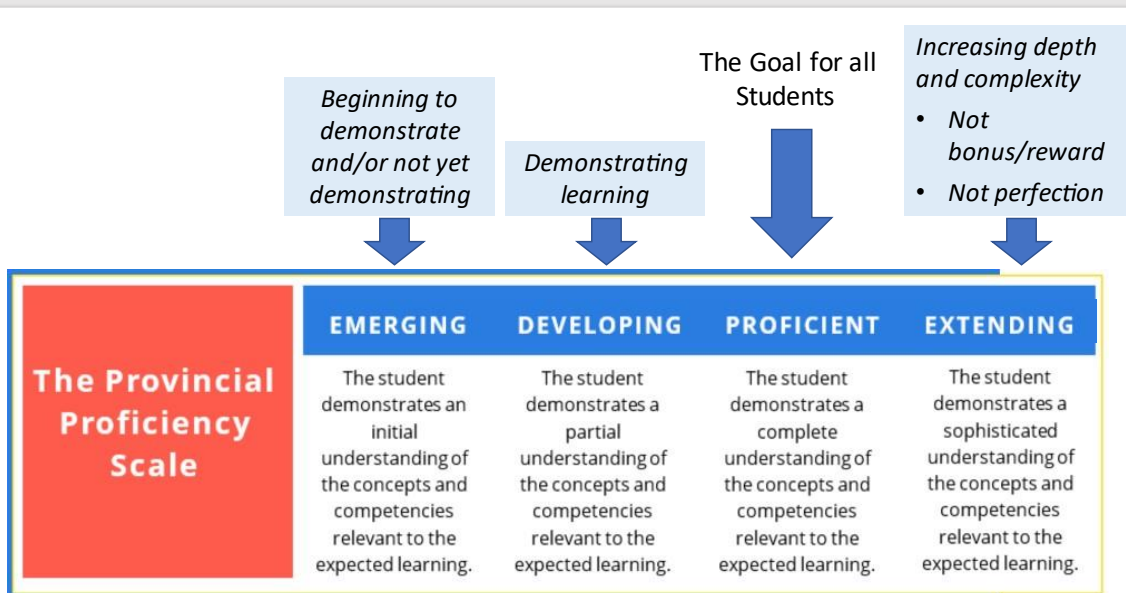
Communicating Student Learning

Throughout the year, parents will receive various communications from teachers.

- a written progress report on December 16th and March 10th
- a written summative report at the end of the year on June 25th
- at least two informal learning updates of student learning through conferences and others forms of communication.

In relation to the learning standards from the BC Curriculum, the written reports will include:

- A Provincial Proficiency Scale for all areas of learning currently being studied.
- descriptive feedback describing student strengths, areas for growth and opportunities for further development.
- information about student attendance.
- student self-reflection of the Core Competencies and student goal setting.



Source: [Unpacking the Proficiency Scale](#) (2 pager)

Click here to get more details: [Unpacking the Proficiency Scale](#)