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October, 2024

**Important Dates to Remember**

Oct. 1: Artist in Residence Program begins

Oct. 2: Individual Picture Day

Oct. 9: Cross-Country Mini-Meet @ Henderson

Oct. 14: School closed for Thanksgiving

Oct. 15 Immunization for Grade 6

Oct. 15: PAC Meeting @ 5:00pm in the Library

Oct. 16: Cross-Country Mini-Meet @ Moberly

Oct. 17: The BC Great Shake Out Drill 10:15am

Oct. 22: Cross Country Final Meet at Trout Lake

Oct. 23 & 24: Parent-Teacher Conferences

**2:00 pm Dismissal both days**

Oct. 25: Pro-D Day - school not in session

Oct. 28: Bollywood School Show 11:00am

Oct. 28: Photo Re-takes

**Student Information and Consent Forms**

Information and forms were sent home in September. Please take the time to look over each one and return them to the school as soon as possible, especially the **Student Verification Form**. Current telephone numbers and emails are important in case we need to contact you or your designated emergency contact during school hours. Some forms can now be completed online. An email was sent recently explaining the procedures. If you have any questions, please call the office for help. Thank you to everyone who has completed all the forms.

**A person with curly hair and red text

Description automatically generatedTerry Fox Run**

Thank you to everyone who contributed and participated in the Terry Fox Run last week. It was nice to see families come and cheer on the students during the run. We collected a grand total of over $300.00!

Thank you to everyone who contributed.

**A group of people running

Description automatically generatedCross-Country**

Cross-Country continues this month with two more mini-meets at Henderson on Wednesday, October 9th and at Moberly on Wednesday, October 16th. Morning practices are on Fridays at 8:15am.

The District Cross-Country meet is on the afternoon of Tuesday, October 22nd at Trout Lake from 1:00pm-3:30pm. Further details coming next week closer to the date. Thank you to Ms. Jeram, Ms. Do, Ms. Tong, Mr. Swain and Bal for leading the team this year.

**Requirement:** Students must attend at least one mini meet to qualify for the district meet.

A blue and white logo with a clock and a computer

Description automatically generated**Safe Arrival**

Student safety is of paramount importance to the Vancouver School District. Ensuring student safety is a shared responsibility. In order to assist the school, we ask parents to notify us of student absences. If your child will be absent from school, please report this absence as early as possible.

Please phone SAFE ARRIVAL at 604-713-5159 extension 87#

You can also contact the school through email at: [truattendance@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:truattendance@vsb.bc.ca)

Please give student’s full name, teacher name and the reason for the absence.

**Parent / Teacher Conferences**

Wednesday, October 23rd & Thursday, October 24th

Early Dismissal at 2:00 pm for all students

**Dropping Off – Picking Up Your Child**

A group of people running on gears

Description automatically generatedSchool staff provide supervision starting at 8:40am in the morning and after school only until 3:20pm. Parents are asked to be on time and ensure that their children understand the family’s drop-off and pick-up arrangements.

Please do not be late picking up your child. If some unforeseen event happens and you will be late, please contact the school office.

A group of kids with glasses

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**PAC Update**

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend PAC meetings to support school programs, special events and build community. Our next meeting is in-person in the school staff room on Tuesday, October 15th. The agenda for the meeting can be found on the school website at <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/pierre-elliott-trudeau>

Apple Box Sales:

Do you like delicious Okanagan apples?  Do you like saving money?  Do you want to raise money to help our school?  If so, please order at the link below.  Deadline is October 9th. Apples will be delivered to the school on October 18th.

10lb box:   Ambrosia - $23.95   Honeycrisp - $29.50

Share this link with family and friends to support our school: (<https://fundraising.sunokafruit.com/seller_1/090681757/org-campaign/pierre-trudeau-elementary--harvest-2024>

**A cartoon of a child in raincoat and rain gear

Description automatically generatedDress for the Weather**

As 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 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.

**Foundational Skills Assessment**

In the coming weeks, students in grades 4 and 7 will participate in the Foundational Skills Assessments (FSA). These assessments focus on students’ literacy and numeracy development.

As mentioned in a recent message from our superintendent to families of students in grades 4 and 7, the FSAs provide valuable information about how students in Vancouver schools are doing. Individual classroom teachers can use assessment results as one measure of how students in their classrooms are doing and where they need more support.

As a school district, FSA results are used to help make evidence-informed decisions about where we need to focus resources and supports to enhance student learning.

The Ministry of Education and Child Care has more information about FSAs – available in a variety of languages. Here are links to that information.

* [Foundation Skills Assessment for Parents and Caregivers (English) (PDF)](https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/sites/curriculum.gov.bc.ca/files/pdf/assessment/fsa/en-foundation-skills-assessment-for-parents-and-caregivers.pdf)
* [French (Français) (PDF)](https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/sites/curriculum.gov.bc.ca/files/pdf/assessment/fsa/fr-foundation-skills-assessment-for-parents-and-caregivers.pdf)
* [Chinese (Simplified Chinese – 简体中文) (PDF)](https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/sites/curriculum.gov.bc.ca/files/pdf/assessment/fsa/simplified-chinese-foundation-skills-assessment-for-parents-and-caregivers.pdf)
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* [Urdu (اردو) (PDF)](https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/sites/curriculum.gov.bc.ca/files/pdf/assessment/fsa/urdu-foundation-skills-assessment-for-parents-and-caregivers.pdf)

**Kindergarten Registration for September 2025**A blue background with white text and rainbow

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**Kindergarten registration for children born in 2020 begins on November 1st by completing a VSB online application form.**

All Kindergarten applicants are required to submit an application for their catchment elementary school. This includes families who wish to apply for choice programs (French Immersion, Montessori, etc.) or a cross-boundary placement.

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 if registration numbers deem it necessary.
3. Students who cannot be accommodated will be placed on a waitlist.
4. Between January 31st 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 31st 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 31st.

**A clock with a red arrow

Description automatically generated Spring Forward or Fall Back?**

**FALL BACK**

**Before you go to bed on the night of Saturday, November 2nd turn back your clocks one hour.**





A hand holding a pen and writing on a paper

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**Student Sign-Out and Late Sign-In Procedure**

When you pick up your child during the school day, please ensure that you tell the teacher ahead of time and sign them out at the school office.

As well if you are arriving after 9:00 am please ‘Sign-In Late’ with the office. Thank you for helping us keep your children safe!

**A group of kids in clothing walking in front of a full moon

Description automatically generatedHallowe’en**

With Halloween coming up soon, students will attend a Pedestrian Safety presentation with Constable Yamamoto later this month.

**A house with pumpkins and ghosts

Description automatically generatedBe Safe on Hallowe’en**

* Go trick or treating in groups and with an adult.
* DO NOT eat your treats until after your parents have checked them.
* Wear face paint instead of a mask. You’ll see better!
* Cross the streets safely. It’s hard for drivers to see little people in dark costumes. **Wear reflector tape. You’ll be easier to be seen in the dark.**

For students who choose to dress up for Halloween on October 31st, please be mindful that: **No plastic/fake weapons or sharp objects will be permitted**.