



## Trudeau News

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October, 2025

### Important Dates to Remember

October: Artist in Residence Program begins

This term: Division 5, 6 & 7

**Oct. 8: PAC Meeting @ 5:00pm via Zoom**

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

Oct. 13: School closed for Thanksgiving

Oct. 14 Immunization for Grade 6

Oct. 16: The BC Great Shake Out Drill 10:15am

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

Oct. 21: Cross Country Final Meet at Trout Lake 1:00pm

Oct. 22: Photo Re-Take Day

Oct. 22 & 23: Parent-Teacher Conferences

**2:00 pm Dismissal both days**

Oct. 24: Pro-D Day - school not in session

Nov. 3: Kindergarten Registration opens for September 2026



### Daily Schedule

|          |                         |
|----------|-------------------------|
| 8:40 am  | Supervision begins      |
| 9:00 am  | Instruction begins      |
| 10:30 am | Recess                  |
| 10:50 am | Instruction resumes     |
| 12:10 pm | Lunch                   |
| 12:55 pm | Instruction resumes     |
| 2:58 pm  | Dismissal               |
| 3:20 pm  | <b>Supervision ends</b> |

### Dropping Off – Picking Up Your Child



School 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.

If some unforeseen event happens and you will be late, please contact the school office at 604-713-4865.

### 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. If you have any questions, please call the office for help. Thank you to everyone who has completed all the forms.



### Terry 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 \$450.00.

Thank you to everyone who contributed.

### Cross-Country

Cross-Country continues this month with two more mini-meets at Moberly on Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> and again at Moberly on Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. Morning practices are on Tuesdays at 8:00am.

The District Cross-Country meet is on the afternoon of Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> 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, Ms. Xi, Mr. Swain, Ms. McKend, and Ms. Sanan for leading the team this year.



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

### Parent / Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> & Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Early Dismissal at 2:00 pm for all students**

## PAC Update

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend PAC meetings to support school programs, special events and build community. Our next virtual meeting is **Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm**. A link will be sent closer to the date.

Crispy, sweet, and fresh from the Okanagan - our popular Honeycrisp and Ambrosia apples fundraiser is back! 🍏🍏. Last year we raised almost **\$1,000** for our school, and this year we're aiming for **\$1,500**. Very possible! Every box of apples helps our school grow, just like our kids - so please share the link with family and friends!

Order here: [Apple Fundraiser Link](#)

Honeycrisp (10 lbs): \$29.50

🕒 **Order deadline: Monday, October 6**

Ambrosia (10 lbs): \$23.95

🚚 **Delivery:** Around October 15 (exact date TBD)

🏠 **Pick up:** Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary, 449 E. 62nd Ave.



### Dress 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.

### Grade 7 Information for Grade 8 Mini-Schools Programs

Grade 7 parents are invited to visit the following website to review the various secondary mini school options for September 2026:

<https://media.vsb.bc.ca/media/Default/frf/72/Secondary-Choice%20Program%20Brochure%202026-2027.pdf>

Parents and students are invited to attend the information nights listed on the VSB website and in the "Options" brochure recently sent home and attached here. The last day for mini-school registration is December 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. Information meetings begin later this month.



### **Spring Forward or Fall Back?**

**FALL BACK**

**Before you go to bed on the night of Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> turn back your clocks one hour.**

## 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 \(English\) \(PDF\)](#)
- [Chinese \(Simplified Chinese - 简体中文\) \(PDF\)](#)
- [Chinese \(Traditional Chinese - 繁體中文\) \(PDF\)](#)
- [Punjabi \(ਪੰਜਾਬੀ\) \(PDF\)](#)
- [Tagalog \(PDF\)](#)

## Kindergarten Registration for September 2026

**Kindergarten registration for children born in 2021 begins on November 1<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> and the second Friday in June students on the ordered waitlist will be accommodated as space becomes available.

### Kindergarten Registrations Received AFTER January 31<sup>st</sup>

In-catchment Kindergarten students who apply **after** January 31<sup>st</sup> 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<sup>st</sup>.



## Hallowe'en

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



## Be 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 31<sup>st</sup>, please be mindful that: **no plastic/fake weapons or sharp objects will be permitted.**

## Lost and Found

Please write your child's name on all clothing and lunch items. This is very helpful as we would prefer to return lost items directly to your child instead of placing them in the Lost and Found bin in the Breezway.



## School Calendar 2025 - 2026

The 2025 - 2026 school calendar was emailed home last spring. It can be found on our school website as well. It includes important reminders of our Professional Development Days, Conferences, Holidays and District Closures.

## 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. If you do not sign out your child, they will be unaccounted for, and the school will identify your child as a 'missing' student and will commence a search of school grounds.

## 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 schools 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.

## Online Safety for Your Child

The Government of Canada has a [Digital Citizenship Guide for Parents](#) with key tips for digital parenting. Check it out.



### 5 Tips about online privacy to share with your kids

1. Think before you click!
  - Really think about the photos, comments, messages and videos you want to post online, *before* you put them there.
2. Remember that things you post may not be private.
  - Everything is shareable. People can copy comments, messages, photos and videos that you post online and send them to other people.
3. Know who your friends are.
  - If you don't know someone in person, then you can't be sure who that person is online.
4. Protect your privacy with passwords.
  - It's important to password-protect your mobile device; use strong passwords on your accounts and don't share them with others.
5. Respect your friends' online footprints too.
  - Before you post a photo or video with someone else in it, ask them if it's okay; and think carefully about what you say about others online

**Digital Literacy: Parent Engagement Opportunity**     <https://www.thewhitehatter.ca/>

The VSB is proud to present: **Raising AI Ready Youth: Safety, Privacy, Ethics, & Success Plans**

**Date:** Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 6:00pm - 7:30pm

This is a FREE live virtual presentation. Parents will need to sign up with their email and the school their child attends. You will be sent a video conference link and pass code closer to the day.

On the day and time of the presentation, all a participant needs to do is click on this link, enter the password and they will be allowed access to the SLIDO platform for the.

Here is the registration link: <https://forms.office.com/r/MT6JHL2YCK>

The White Hatter delivers digital literacy and internet safety presentations, workshops, and HD live broadcasts to schools, families, and organizations.

**VPL events can be found at [vpl.ca](http://vpl.ca)**



### Trudeau Elementary Traffic Guidelines

- Traffic is encouraged to drive west-bound on East 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue
- No parking allowed in front of the school as city signs state.
- Quick drop off and pick-up ONLY.
- No U-turns are permitted as they present a danger for students crossing the street.
- Only staff are allowed to drive into and walk in the staff parking lot.
- **Please do not bring your children through the staff parking lot as this is unsafe. Young children cannot be seen when a car is pulling out of a parking spot.**



### School Cash Online

School Cash Online helps you make quick payments to the school for things like field trips and school fees. The system is now open for you to pay school fees which cover basic consumable school supplies used for students' personal use such as paper, writing tools, glue sticks, erasers, exercise books and art supplies.

### Grade 6 Immunizations

Our School Health Nurse will come by Trudeau Elementary on October 14 to conduct an immunization clinic for Grade 6 students. A clinic at Trudeau will occur in the Spring for Kindergarten students as well. If you take your child to another Health Care Provider to have their immunizations, please provide the office with a record of immunization. If you have a Kindergarten or Grade 6 child who still needs immunization, you can make an appointment at the South Community Health Centre at 604-321-6151.



Choose from a wide variety of sport, fitness, arts, education, and social activities for all ages and skill levels. You can join a class, register for a program, or just drop in to a facility near you. Swimming and ice skating are popular with the kids.

<https://vancouver.ca/parks-recreation-culture/recreational-activities.aspx>

### Afterschool Punjabi Classes Starting Soon!

We're excited to offer **Punjabi language classes** after school for students interested in learning and connecting with Punjabi culture and language.

- **Days:** Tuesdays & Thursdays
- **Time:** 3:00pm - 4:30pm
- **Location:** Room #145
- **Teacher:** Harmeet Kaur
- **Contact:** 705-975-7545
- **First Class:** Meet in the classroom after school on Tuesday, October 7.

**All skill levels are welcome. Come ready to learn and have fun!**

