



Trudeau News

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September, 2025



Welcome back to another school year at Trudeau Elementary. We are excited that our new playground is almost completed. Everyone will be able to play on it soon. Students have now been placed in their new classes and the staff are preparing for the school year ahead with engaging activities and opportunities. Our school goal this year will focus on social emotional learning and Indigenous understanding. Our previous efforts in improving literacy in the school will continue as a new Ministry initiative on literacy will take shape.

September is a time for re-establishing routines and settling into daily patterns. Things to be mindful of as we enter a new school year: Students who receive proper sleep are better prepared to have a successful and fruitful time at school the next day. Setting up a consistent bedtime for your children ensures they have the opportunity for a positive experience at school. Also, arriving at school on time prepares students to readily engage in the activities of the day and keeps class disruptions to a minimum. The staff are looking forward to working with you towards a positive experience at Trudeau.

We hope to see you at our Meet the Teacher Night on September 18th.

Jim Munk
Principal

Important Dates to Remember

Sept. 18: Beginning of the Year Assembly 9:15am
Sept. 18: Meet the Teacher 5:00pm
Sept. 19: Pro-D Day School not in session for students
Sept. 26: Terry Fox Run 1:15pm
Sept. 29: **Orange Shirt Day**
Sept. 30: National Day for Truth & Reconciliation - school closed
Oct. 1: Photo Day
Oct. 13: Thanksgiving - school closed for the holiday
Oct. 14: Grade 6 Immunizations



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	Supervision ends

A Warm Welcome to Our New Staff

Mr. C. Johnston - Kindergarten
Ms. A. Onrubia - Grade 1
Ms. Y. Nishioko - CORE SSA

Ms. M. Hall - Library/Resource
Ms. N. Sanan - Grade 4/5

Student Information and Consent Forms

Several forms will be sent home this week. Please take the time to look over each one and return them to the school, especially the **Student Verification Form by September 18th**.

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.



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.

Our **Terry Fox School Run** is on Friday, September 26. This year, we invite our school community to join the run, show our school spirit, and help raise funds for cancer research. We'll be **collecting "Toonies for Terry"** to support the Terry Fox Foundation.



As Terry said, *"Even if I don't finish, we need others to continue."* Let's be those "others" who carry on his dream. Thank you for your support in keeping Terry's vision alive.

School Website & Emails

As we move forward, we want to reduce the amount of paper we use at the school. Therefore, we will be using the school's website and emails home as our primary way to communicate with parents. However, those families who still want a paper copy of newsletters and communication will be accommodated.

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

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

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



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.

If the school staff do not locate the child, and are unable to reach a parent promptly, the school may call the Vancouver Police Department. Therefore, clear communication is essential for ensuring the safety of your child and to prevent unnecessary searches. As well if you are arriving after 9:00 a.m. please 'Sign-In Late' with the office. Thank you for helping us keep your children safe!

Trudeau Elementary Traffic Guidelines



- Traffic is encouraged to drive west-bound on East 62nd 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 as young children cannot be seen when a car is pulling out of a parking spot.**

We appreciate the efforts of drivers who follow these instructions and therefore working with the school to ensure a safe arrival and departure every day for each student. Thank you!

Cellphones and Electronic Devices

Electronic devices are a big part of our lives. They are very expensive and can be lost or stolen easily. At Trudeau Elementary, we encourage students to keep expensive belongings safe at home. For emergencies, students can use our office phone to call home.



Cell phones and electronic devices can be used by students for learning with teacher permission and supervision. Recess and lunch breaks are for socializing, face to face communication and physical activity. We ask that parents refrain from communicating (e.g. calling and texting) students during instructional hours. Thank you for your support



Lunchtime at Trudeau

Lunch will be eaten in classrooms this year under staff supervision. Please remember to send a water bottle to school as well so your child can fill it up at our fill station and please place the necessary utensils in their lunch bags. If a student forgets their lunch and you need to drop it off, please bring it to the office, labelled with their name and put it on the table designated for lunches.

Meet the Teacher

Mark the date! Come and meet the staff at Trudeau Elementary on Thursday, September 18th. There will be a brief introduction of the staff in the gymnasium and then each teacher will give two 15-minute sessions about their program. This is a chance to see your child's classroom and learn about what they will be doing this year along with the expectations for their grade level.



Message from Ms. Irene Tang (MACP, RCC) our School Counsellor:

Dear Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary Families and Community,

During this time of transitioning back into the fall routine, I hope you are excited to be at school and to tackle the new school year. I am generally at Trudeau on Tuesday afternoons and Fridays.

The role of VSB Area Counsellors is to work with students in the areas of personal and emotional development. Counsellors often talk about concerns related to friendships, problem-solving, or understanding and managing emotions. Talking with a counsellor does not mean there is something wrong with your child. We are another supportive adult at school who helps children face challenges and grow more capable and resilient. We may refer to community services if deemed helpful, but we discuss that with parents first.

Area counsellors work together with students, staff, parents/caregivers, and community partners to support students.

So, I look forward to getting to know you and your family more this year. If you have any questions for me or would like to set up a time to meet, please feel free to email me at

itang@vsb.bc.ca

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.

PAC Update

What are the key purposes of a PAC?

- To advise the school staff on parents' views and provide feedback about school programs, policies and activities.
- To communicate with parents and encourage parent involvement in the school.
- To promote cooperation between the home and the school in providing support for the education of children.



Please consider helping out with PAC fundraising activities this year.

Every little bit helps! Please visit the Trudeau PAC website for information at

<https://pierretrudeaupac.wixsite.com/trudeaupac>

Voluntary Student Accident Insurance

Ahead of the upcoming school year, we would like to share that the VSB is once again offering parents the ability to purchase voluntary student accident insurance plans if they choose. These plans offer coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness. The two companies offering this coverage are Insuremykids and Industrial Alliance (The Family Accident Reimbursement Plan). These plans are ideal for supplementing costs not covered by provincial health insurance or existing employer extended health and dental plans.

Families can find more information and register online to purchase and participate in any of these insurance plans by using the URL provided here:

<https://insuremykids.com/schoolresources/>

<https://www.solutionsinsurance.com>

Kindergarten and 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>

VPL events can be found at vpl.ca



Digitally Responsible Youth – Parent Guide



The Digitally Responsible Youth Guide for Parents has been recently updated. This is a VERY valuable resource for parents and families as you continue to navigate the online world with your children. The link includes parenting tips as well as information about the latest social media apps and videogames that are popular amongst children. Please see the link:

[Safer Schools Together - Raising Digitally Responsible Youth Guide for Parents](#)

South Vancouver Neighbourhood House

SVNH would love to see your families and children visit! Their location is 6470 Victoria Drive. They offer a variety of programs and events for the community. SVNH is committed to ensuring that children have the best possible start in life. They offer play-based learning opportunities for children through family drop-ins, preschool, out-of-school care, and after-school programs. All their community events include children's activities for arts and crafts, games, and more! Programs are listed at

www.southvan.org



VEMS Extracurricular Band 2025 – 2026

at Trudeau Elementary

Beginner Band: Grades 4-7 *

58 rehearsals and two concerts (\$600)

Registration: <https://vems.ca/signup.html>

Benefits of Band Connection

🕒 Having fun with peers while taking on learning a new skill

Coordination

→ The challenge is real, and the progress is fast.

Cognition

🕒 Early music training dramatically enhances children's abstract reasoning skills.

Having Fun!

🕒 You don't think humans have been playing musical instruments for the last 35,000 years because they didn't like it, do you?

Band Schedule 2025-2026

Instrument Selection Starts September 9
* (Euphonium, saxophone and trombone are usually too large for Grade 4s.)

Fall Term: Sep 23 to Dec 4

Winter Term: Jan 13 to Mar 5

Spring Term: Apr 7 to Jun 9

Every Tues and Thurs after school to 4 PM.

vems.ca/VEMS_Band_Schedule_2025-2026.pdf

VEMS Choral Program Fall 2025
at Trudeau Elementary
Junior Choir: Grades 1 to 3
11 rehearsals and a concert (\$156)
Registration: <https://vems.ca/signup.html>

What Happens in Choir?

Students will learn healthy vocal production and musicianship while exploring diverse repertoire. See our post [How do you Choose Music?](#)

At every rehearsal there is a professional pianist to help with live music making. Regular attendance is important; new songs are regularly introduced.

Your Conductor

Miss Cat has been teaching children's choirs with VEMS since graduating from the UBC School of Music in April 2023. She has been singing in choirs since she was very young and has performed with many groups since.

Junior Choir Schedule

Room 101
Sept 24 – Dec 3, 2025

Presented by ...

The Vancouver Extracurricular Music Society

- VEMS is a BC nonprofit society dedicated to bringing more music to more children.
- * Financial assistance is available; please apply when registering
- VEMS is registered with the CRA and issues tax receipts. www.vems.ca/donate/
- 20 children need to be enrolled for the band to run.
- Questions? Email president@vems.ca

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WEBSITE

Where up-to-date information can be found!

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

Pui Ying Chinese School

培英中文學校

Mandarin (Simplified Characters) Level 3

Class time: **Wed 3:15pm to 4:45pm** (1.5 hours)

Oct. 8, 2025 to Jan. 28, 2026 (14 weeks)

Fee: \$330 (tax and books included)

Content

- Pinyin & Tone
- Grammar & Writing
- Reading & Recitation
- Dialogues & Vocabularies
- Radicals & Composition of Chinese Simplified Characters

Textbook
Zhongwen 3
Jinan University



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