



Trudeau News

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January 2026

Important Dates to Remember

Jan. 5: **First Day Back** from Winter Break
Jan. 12: Professional Development Day
- class not in session for students
Jan. 13: Artist in Residence Program - Div 1 & 11
Jan 15: Books for Me (Intermediate)
Jan 21: PAC Meeting - in-person @ 3:30pm - babysitting available
Jan 27: John Oliver visit for Grade 7s
Jan 29: Performance - The Blues Rock Band 11:00am
Jan 31: **Priority registration** for September 2026 Kindergarten ends
Feb. 3-5: Arts Umbrella School-wide Program



Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a wonderful break with family and friends. A new year always brings change and 2026 is no different. We welcome back Ms. Henderson to her Division 3 Grade 4/5 class again. We wish Ms. Sanan the best in her new endeavours at another school. We trust that the students had a well-deserved rest from the daily routines of school, but we look forward to several wonderful events and activities during the rest of the school year. Stay tuned for details!

Jim Munk
Principal



Winter Concert

Thank you to everyone who attended the Winter Concert. The students were very excited to perform for the community. Thanks to the staff for the hard work put into preparing the students for the event. It was a fun day for all. **We also raised \$605.00 that night for the South**

Vancouver Neighbourhood House's Food Drive. Thank you for your generosity! Our next major performance will be on Pink Shirt Day on February 25th. Mark your calendar now!



Basketball

Staff in early January will determine student interest in playing basketball this winter on a school team or through intramurals. Permission forms outlining the details of the activity will be handed out to students shortly. If your Grade 6 or 7 son or daughter is interested in playing, forms can be obtained from Mr. Do or Ms. Tong.

Next Professional Development Day

~ Monday, January 12th ~

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



ARTS UMBRELLA

Arts Umbrella is an arts education non-profit where young artists ages 2-22 cultivate their creativity in Art, Design, Dance, Theatre, Music & Film

Through Stagecoach theatre workshops, Trudeau students will be introduced to performing, theatre games and arts. Artist-Instructors will work with Grade 2 - 7 classes over three days in early February. Each class will have an opportunity to take a field trip to Granville Island in May for follow-up arts workshops.



Be in the know, winter is coming!

Follow VSB on social media to stay updated about school closures due to severe weather.

During extreme weather conditions (heavy snowfall, extreme cold, freezing rain, extreme heat, etc.) VSB schools will remain open if possible.

If a District-wide closure is necessary, it will be announced by 6:30 a.m.

Stay updated:

Facebook: Vancouver School Board

Instagram: @vsb39

X: @vsb39

VSB website: vsb.bc.ca



Pink Shirt Day Contest!

This year, Grade 4 - 7 students had the opportunity to design a unique Pierre Elliott Trudeau School Pink Shirt design/logo. This year's Trudeau's 2026 Pink Shirt Design has been picked!

Congratulations to Jade (Div. 3), Leah - (Div. 11), Nimrat, Raiza, & Yolanda - (Div. 2) for their amazing design. Pink Shirt Day is on February 25th. T-Shirts will be on sale starting later this week. There is a short window to purchase a shirt, so order it ASAP! An order form with a picture of the design will be sent home shortly.



PAC Update

Thanks to the parents who attended the last PAC meeting. We are pleased to share the latest updates from the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) following our November meeting:

1. Classroom Technology: Additional iPads Approved

The PAC has approved funding for an additional set of iPads to support digital learning. This investment will enhance access to technology across classrooms and assist teachers in delivering enriched instructional activities.

2. Teacher Wish List Review

Teachers submitted their annual Needs and Wants Wish List for the school year. Classroom funds have been approved. Other requested items will be reconsidered as the PAC reviews its budget throughout the year. We appreciate the thoughtful efforts of our teaching staff in identifying resources that directly benefit students.

3. Progress continues toward launching a Hot Lunch program:

Fresh Slice Pizza has been selected as the vendor. Planning for licensing, scheduling, and operational requirements is underway. Further information regarding the program's start date will be shared with families soon.

4. Treasurer Transition

A transition of responsibilities from the previous Treasurer is currently in progress. This ensures a smooth handover of financial duties and continued transparency in PAC financial management.

We thank all families, staff, and volunteers for their ongoing support and engagement in strengthening our school community.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend PAC meetings to support school programs, special events and build community. **Our next meeting will be on January 21st at 3:30pm in the library. Babysitting will be available.**

If you are interested in joining our team, please reach out through pierretrudeaupac@gmail.com. Every bit helps!



Kindergarten registration for children born in 2021

All kindergarten applicants are required to complete an online application for their English catchment elementary school. This includes families who wish to apply for District 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 online 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 2026-27

Step 2: Verification of documentation

- After applying, you will receive instructions on how to schedule your in-person appointment.
- Bring supporting documentation during your scheduled appointment for verification.

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 District Choice Program or cross boundary, you must **first apply to your English catchment elementary school**. District Choice Programs and cross boundary applications will be accepted in early 2026. For more information, go to: govsb.ca/kchoice and govsb.ca/crossboundary

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. In the event there are more in-catchment registrants than can be accommodated at their catchment school, students will be placed at another school as close to the catchment as possible until 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: Sibling priority **does not** apply for registrations received after January 31.

In the event there are more in-catchment registrants than can be accommodated at their catchment school, students will be placed at another school as close to the catchment as possible until space becomes available.

For more information on kindergarten registration visit: govsb.ca/kindergarten

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.



Click here for more information about the current [Mandarin Bilingual Program](#)

Click here for the online application form: <https://elemchoice.vsb.bc.ca/>

E-Scooters

For the safety of all students and family members on site, e-scooters, like bicycles, need to be walked when on the school site. Provincial rules state that you must be 16 years old, or older to ride an electric kick scooter in British Columbia. Parents and guardians must not allow children under the age of 16 to ride an electric scooter.



<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/driving-and-cycling/cycling/electric-kick-scooter-rules>

Lunch Drop Off



We would like to remind families of our procedures regarding lunches delivered through food delivery services (such as DoorDash, Uber Eats, Skip the Dishes, etc.).

If you choose to send lunch for your child using a delivery app, **please ensure that the order clearly includes your child's full name.**

Please let the driver know that delivered lunches must be placed on the **designated lunch delivery table located in front of the office**. Whenever possible, let the child know what is being ordered so that they can verify they are picking up the correct lunch. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep the process organized and ensuring that all students receive their lunches promptly.

The District Calendar Advisory Committee has proposed school calendars for the next three years (2026-2027, 2027-2028 and 2028-2029) which have been posted on the [district website](#).

The District is holding an open comment period from now to January 16, 2026. Families are asked to share their comments about the proposed calendars to engage@vsb.bc.ca.



On Our Way to Kindergarten

DROP-IN PROGRAM

Caregiver Must Attend



FREE

Join Us

Who: Pre-school age children

When: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Every Tuesday and Wednesday
from January 7 to March 3, 2026

Where: Wolfe Elementary

Room 211

Explore

- Play-based classroom
- Social interactions
- Open-ended art
- Basic routines
- Circle time

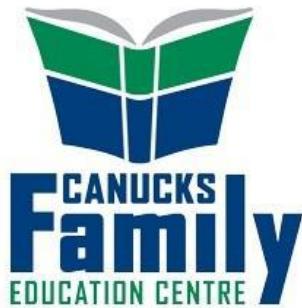
Registration Not Required



earlylearning@vsb.bc.ca



604-713-4445



Free English Classes in Vancouver

Canucks Family Education Centre (CFEC), in partnership with South Hill Education Centre (VSB), is offering **free English Foundations classes for adults** (refugee claimants, convention refugees, permanent residents and Canadian citizens).

Location: Britannia Secondary School, 1001 Cotton Drive, Room 109A, Vancouver

Schedule: February 3 - June 17, 2026
English Foundations 2-4

Tuesday & Wednesday 9:30 - 11:45 a.m.
English Foundations 5-7

Tuesday & Wednesday 12:15 - 2:30 p.m.

Pre-registration: <https://forms.gle/jfLDUJKuHgKHNPsn9>

For more information, contact Lina Arias at lina.cfec@gmail.com

Free and Low Cost Food Programs

https://maps.vancouver.ca/foodmap/?utm_source=ACCS+-+Food+Policy&utm_campaign=Food+Policy+Listserv&utm_medium=email



<https://vsbworld.sharepoint.com/sites/CommunityConnections/Lists/External%20Community%20Resources/Attachments/6/emergency-meal-program-map.pdf>

Student Learning Survey - Parent Version

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm. Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link by selecting the school district and school name where your child attends school. The e-survey site will be open until May 1st.



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 kids.

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

Click below for a variety of VSB resources for students, their families and community members:

[Family and Community Information](#)



Trudeau Elementary School **WEBSITE**

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

Visit the website for updates on school activities

