



Trudeau News

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June, 2026

Important Date to Remember

June 12: School-wide PLAY DAY
June 17: Young Entrepreneur Sales Day
June 18: Books for Me (Primary)
June 19: Volunteer Breakfast
& Tea 8:45am
June 23: Summaries of Learning go home
June 24: Grade 7 Celebration
June 25: Year End Assembly & Slide Show
(all welcome!)
June 25: Last day of school for students
June 26: Staff Administrative Day
July 3: Office closed for the summer



Tuesday, September 8th
First Day of School
9:00am - 10:00am

Returning Students

If a student currently enrolled in a Vancouver School expects to return to their neighbourhood school later than Tuesday, September 8th, 2026, the parent or legal guardian must notify the school by filling out the **Notice of Late Return Form** or present a note in writing by Thursday, June 25th so that the student will remain enrolled in the school. Space will not be held beyond September 29th. The Late Return Form was emailed home but can be picked up in the office.

Good-Byes and Best Wishes:

As our school year draws to an end, we need to say thank you and farewell to a few staff members who will be moving on to other opportunities and experiences:

Retirement

Ms. McKend - Congratulations and best wishes! All the best to you and your new journeys ahead! We appreciate your dedication to Trudeau Elementary and in helping our students become better readers.

It was only for a short time!

We would also like to extend our gratitude to our Librarian, **Ms. Hall and Ms. Lall** who will be moving on to other schools next year. We will miss their contributions this year in making Trudeau a great place to learn. All the best!



Trudeau CORE Program is closing

With great sadness to our community, the school board has announced that the CORE program at Trudeau will be closing. We will miss the students and the staff. All the students will move back to their catchment schools, and the staff will move on to other positions at Vancouver schools in the fall. We wish the best to the following staff: **Ms. Ihekwoaba, Ms. Tabuchi, Ms. Machado, Ms. Kochar, Ms. Dhak, Ms. Mangat and Ms. Lee**. We wish them all the best with their future assignments. Who knows? Maybe some of them will return to Trudeau in the future. We look forward to this possibility!



School Calendar 2026 - 2027

The 2026 - 2027 school calendar was emailed home and attached here again for you. It can be found on our school website as well. It includes important reminders of our Professional Development Days, Conferences, Holidays and District Closures.

Coming to Kindergarten

We had an excellent turnout for our Coming to Kindergarten event on May 15th when families brought their newly registered Kindergarten children to visit our school.

At the end of the event, all children received a bag filled with materials that their parents will use over the summer to develop school readiness skills and to ensure a positive and successful start to kindergarten.

Thank you to Mr. Swain, Mr. Johnston, Ms. McKend, Ms. Nancy, Ms. Arneson, Ms. Hall and Ms. Sandhu for organizing, running, and supporting the event along with our helpful Grade 7 students.





Sports Day

On Friday, May 22nd all the students participated in our annual Sports Day. The weather was wonderful, and the **Grade 7 students were exceptional** in their leadership in running the various stations and in setting up and cleaning up at the end of the day. Students went home with ribbons for enthusiasm, teamwork, sportsmanship and best dressed. A fun day held by all. Thank you to PAC for providing the recess time popsicles.

Trudeau Athletics

Open Gym times will continue during June. Drop-in games for all Intermediate students will continue Thursday mornings at 8:15am. Check the bulletin board outside the gymnasium for details.

We will have some World Cup soccer games on the big screen during lunch some days!



Big One at Two

The whole school participated in the VSB yearly earthquake drill on Thursday May 8th. During the drill, students practiced "drop and cover" in the classroom before leaving the building and gathering on the grass soccer field. A big thank you to parents/guardians of Kindergarten and Grade 1 students who came early to pick up their children from the check-in desk so we could practice our release procedures.



Calling ALL Library Books

The end of the year is fast approaching! The library will be preparing for its summer hibernation, which includes returning all books so we can complete inventory. Here is an important date and reminders to help support the process:

All STUDENT BOOKS ARE DUE Friday, June 12th

- Students will receive notices listing books under their account that need to be returned. We really appreciate your efforts in returning all books!
- IF a student believes that they have returned their books, yet receive a notice, they can come to the library to help look for the books on the shelf.

Trudeau PLAY DAY

“Children who can entertain themselves, or play with one another, are unconsciously learning how to adapt themselves to challenges they’ll face further down the road.” (O’Connor 2017 TIME MAGAZINE)

Get Ready- a brand new and exciting day is coming to Trudeau!!!
On June 12th there will be no assignments, worksheets or tests.

We are joining the international movement to celebrate unstructured play and the far reaching benefits to all children (big and small). Unstructured play is critical for healthy development, it deepens creativity, broadens communication skills, strengthens problem solving and cultivates independence.

Children, particularly in North America, are losing opportunities for self-guided, technology free play and it is having long term negative consequences.

Play Day on June 12th will be screen free and loaded with indoor and outdoor opportunities to get messy, active and experimental. Please watch the TEDx talk *The Decline of Play* by Dr. Peter Gray, stream the free documentary called *The Power of Play* on CBC's the Nature of Things, or simply google unstructured play to learn more.

More details about 'Play Day' will unfold as we get closer to June 12th.

Peter Gray- The Decline of Play

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bg-GEzM7iTk>

CBC- Power of Play

<https://www.cbc.ca/natureofthings/episodes/the-power-of-play>

Time Magazine- Secret Power of Play

<http://time.com/4928925/secret-power-play/>

Global School Play Day Website

<https://www.globalschoolplayday.com/>

2026 - 2027 General School Fees & School Calendar

The Vancouver School Board will continue its service of purchasing basic school supplies in bulk at wholesale prices and passing the cost savings on to families. The School Supply Fee for 2026- 2027 will remain at \$35.00 per student. This fee covers basic, consumable school supplies used for students' personal use such as paper, writing tools, glue sticks, erasers, exercise books and art supplies. Supplies are provided for the full year. The 2026 - 2027 school calendar can be found on the school website.

The Board of Education is committed to ensuring that no school-age student will be denied an opportunity to participate in a course, class, or program because of an inability to pay fees. Parents and guardians unable to pay some or all school fees are invited to speak to their child's teacher, school counsellor, and/or the school Principal.

VSB After the Bell LIVE Presents: Building Better Tech Habits with MediaSmarts

Healthy habits with technology are important to maintain over the summer months. As the school year comes to an end, you are invited to attend a live virtual learning session. After the Bell LIVE Presents: **Building Better Tech Habits with MediaSmarts**. You'll hear from experts in the field who will discuss practical strategies to help families support balanced, healthy and mindful technology use.

Topic: Building Better Tech Habits with MediaSmarts

Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Who: Matthew Johnson, Education Director at MediaSmarts
Christina Walker, Digital Literacy Mentor Teacher at VSB



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What: - Consider how digital technologies shape daily routines and well being.

- Learn evidence-based approaches to building positive tech habits.
- Explore ways to support children and teens in developing critical digital skills.
- Share strategies to foster open, supportive conversations about technology use
- Have questions? Ask during the session's designated Q&A period.

Register [HERE](#) by 5 pm, Monday June 8th.

Lost & Found

Please look at our lost and found area near the office before the end of the school year. With the nice, warmer weather, we have a number of jackets and water bottles. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of the year.



Last Day of School

Just a reminder that the last day of school for students is Thursday, June 25th. Dismissal time is 2:58pm.

School Office Summer Closure

Please call the office at 604-713-4865 whenever you require assistance as we receive visitors by appointment only when school is not in session.

The office is closed for the summer from Thursday, July 3rd to Friday, August 28th.





**VANCOUVER
PUBLIC
LIBRARY**

[Summer Reading Club Virtual Launch with Faith Erin Hicks](#)

Monday, June 15, 2026

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Faith Erin Hicks started out making comics "for fun" as a teenager and now has over fifteen graphic novels published. Join her as she talks about the process of creating a graphic novel from the first spark of an idea to writing a script and then drawing a 200+ page comic for publication, and celebrate the launch of the 2026 Summer Reading Club!

For Neurodivergent Kids:

[Sensory Summer Reading Club](#)

Tuesdays, July 28 - August 25, 2026

10:30 am - 11:30 am

Firehall Branch

Registration 604.331.3657 or email childrensprogramsvpl.ca

For children who love picture books and stories, creativity and discovery! This small-group program is designed for children with diverse needs, including all those who need additional support to thrive in library programs, and their families or caregivers. Enjoy connecting with other kids and their families for Summer Reading Club in this sensory-friendly, distraction-reduced program. For children in Grades K - 7 who have an interest in picture books. Space is limited. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Siblings welcome. Call 604.331.3657 or email childrensprogramsvpl.ca for details.

South Hill Summer Programs

Amazing Mazes

Weds, July 8th

2:00 - 3:00 pm. Drop-in.

Fan Party: K-Pop

Weds, July 15th

2:00 - 3:00 pm

Whether you're already a super-fan or curious about the hype, meet up with other kids for a special event celebrating all things K-Pop! Drop-in.

Spheros Tiny Pride

Weds, July 22nd

2:00 - 3:00 pm

Build a tiny float for a robot Sphero and then use an iPad to navigate the parade route through the library. Families and children of all ages and abilities all are welcome to cheer on the parade and decorate a tiny pride flag to wave on the floats. For Grades 2 -7. [Registration required.](#)

Gross Oceans

Weds, July 29th

2:00 - 3:00 pm

Oceans are full of slimy, slippery and stinky creatures! Join other kids in making your own ocean slime and discovering some of the yuckiest and coolest creatures on the planet. Adults accompanying children under 9 must stay in the library for the duration of the program. Grades K-7. Drop-in.

Caring Bookmarks

Weds, August 5th

2:00 - 3:00 pm Drop-in.

SRC Celebration

Weds, August 12th

2:00 - 3:00 pm Drop-in.

LEGO Block Party

Last Saturday of the month

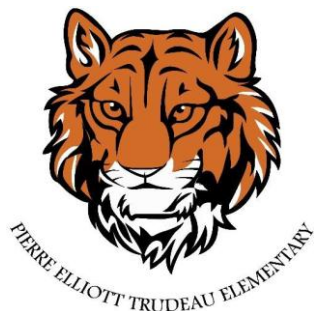
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WEBSITE

Where up-to-date information can be found!

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



*Have a safe and
relaxing summer vacation*

