



Trudeau News

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November, 2025

Important Dates to Remember

Nov. 1: Kindergarten Registration opens for Sept 2026

Nov. 3: Artist in Residence Program continues

Nov. 5: Saleema Noon Body Science Parent Presentation
(Zoom link below)

Nov. 6/7: Saleema Noon Body Science Student Workshops

Nov. 10: Remembrance Day Service 11:00am

Nov. 11: Remembrance Day: No School

Nov. 12: PAC Meeting 3:15pm in the school library

Nov. 20: Books for Me - Intermediates

Nov. 21: Professional Development Day
- Class not in session

Dec. 18: Winter Concert 1:30pm & 6:00pm

Dec. 20 - Jan. 4: Winter Break - School Closed



Remembrance Day
Let's We Forget

Remembrance Day Service

All parents and family members are invited to attend our annual Remembrance Day service to be held on **Friday, November 10th at 11:00am in the gymnasium**. Next week, students will be collecting donations for the Vancouver Poppy Fund. All students will receive a poppy on the day of the service.

Cross-Country

Trudeau's Cross-Country season was a huge success. It was wonderful to have a huge level of participation. Over 30 students from grades 3 to 7 participated in the final season meet at Trout Lake and who had a lot of fun. A BIG thank you to everyone for their support: the parent drivers for volunteering their time to ensure the students could attend the main meet and the coaches Mr. Swain, Ms. McKend, Ms. Sanan, Ms. Xi and Ms. Jeram for helping supervise and encourage the runners. Particular thanks go to Ms. Do and Ms. Tong for organizing events, practices, and rides to Trout Lake.



Volleyball

The volleyball season is off and running. Practices for our school teams are on Monday and Friday mornings at 8:00 am. The after-school game schedules are as follows:

Wednesdays: Senior Boys @ Henderson Elementary

Thursdays: Senior Girls @ Henderson Elementary

Open Gym Volleyball happens at lunchtime Tuesdays for Grade 4 & 5 students and on Thursdays for Grade 6 & 7 students.



PAC Update

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend PAC meetings to support school programs, special events and build community. Our next in-person meeting is **Wednesday, November 12th at 3:15pm.**

We hope everyone who ordered apples are enjoying their fresh, sweet and crisp nature's candy! Thanks to your support, our apple fundraiser raised \$1,064 - amazing work, Trudeau community! If you'd like to keep enjoying these sweet Okanagan apples, or missed out the first time, here's your last chance to order:

Order here: https://fundraising.sunokafruit.com/seller_1/082094253/org-campaign/pierre-trudeau-elementary--november-2025

Honeycrisp (10 lbs): \$29.50

 **Order deadline: Sunday, November 9**

Ambrosia (10 lbs): \$23.95

 **Delivery:** Around October 17 (exact date TBD)

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

Thank you again for your continued support - every order helps our school community thrive.

Severe Weather Procedures

All schools will remain **open** if at all possible during severe weather events. Any district-wide closure will be decided by 7:00 a.m. at the latest.

Information about any district-wide closures will be sent to Metro Vancouver radio, television stations and be on the district website (www.vsb.bc.ca).



Student safety is the top priority of the Vancouver School Board. Schools will be kept open except under extreme circumstances to provide the option of attendance for all, but the decision to attend is the responsibility of each family.

Parents/guardians are responsible for their children's safe travel to and from school. If, for any reason, a parent/guardian feels that a child cannot travel safely to school, then they should make other arrangements.

Saleema Noon Body Science

Each year, students in all elementary grades throughout BC receive instruction in sexual health education. This information is included in the Physical and Health Education program mandated for all BC students by the Ministry of Education. From time to time, schools bring in experts in the field to address this topic with the school community. We are excited to inform you that this year Saleema Noon Sexual Health Educators will be visiting our school to work with parents and students in all our classes.

In their Body Science presentations, Saleema Noon and her team of experienced educators work with children of all ages, teaching them about healthy bodies and healthy sexuality in ways they find non-threatening and entertaining. In their own language, children learn about how their bodies change, and what those changes mean.

Please join us for an informative **Parents Workshop** via Zoom on Wednesday, November 5th from 6:30pm - 8:00pm. In this session, a member of Saleema's team will give an overview of student presentations and, using humor and straight talk in an open, interactive environment, will show parents how easy it is to convey healthy, meaningful messages about sex and growing up to young children. Student sessions will take place in person during the school day on November 6 and 7.

Topic: Trudeau Parents Workshop

Time: November 5, 2025 06:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82863375676?pwd=xyodrIdGm8YpkucJC2ICrzSH13lr0x.1>

Meeting ID: 828 6337 5676

Passcode: 825959

Kindergarten registration for children born in 2021 begins on November 1

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 the school year **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

* Available Space includes physical capacity, resources, staffing, or educational programs available or planned for a school as defined by the District (Administrative Procedure 300).

Safe Arrival

To Report Your Child's Absence:

Please call **604-713-5159 ext. 87** to report your child's absence or late arrival or email truattendance@vsb.bc.ca Remember to leave your child's name, division, teacher's name and reason for absence or late.



Afterschool Punjabi Classes Have Started!

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

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

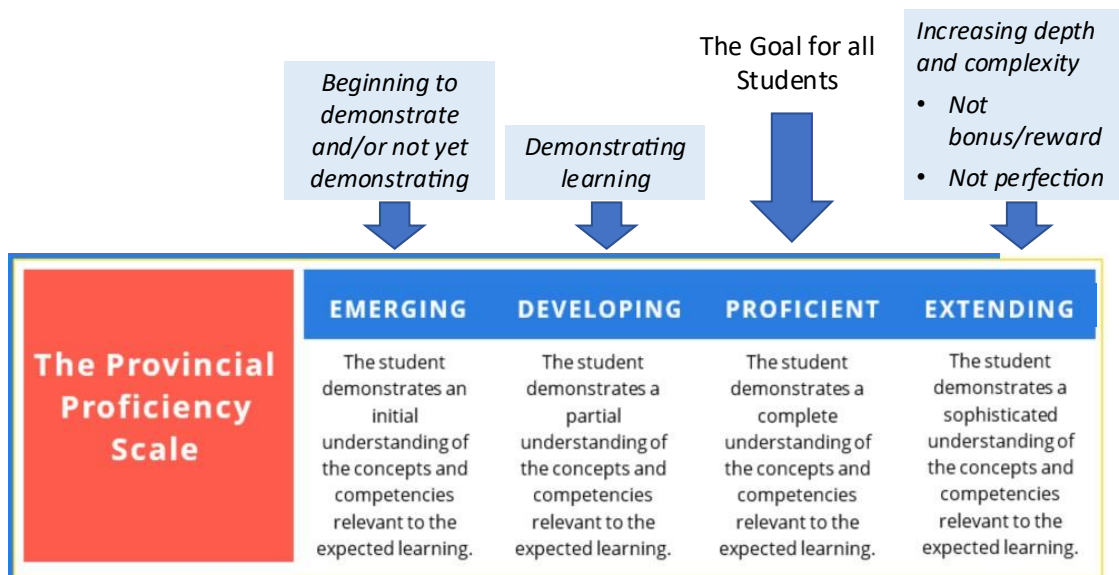
Communicating Student Learning

Throughout the year, parents will receive various communications from teachers.

- a written progress report on December 16th and March 10th
- a written summative report at the end of the year on June 25th
- at least two informal learning updates of student learning through conferences and others forms of communication.

In relation to the learning standards from the BC Curriculum, the written reports will include:

- A Provincial Proficiency Scale for all areas of learning currently being studied.
- descriptive feedback describing student strengths, areas for growth and opportunities for further development.
- information about student attendance.
- student self-reflection of the Core Competencies and student goal setting.



Source: [Unpacking the Proficiency Scale](#) (2 pager)

Click here to get more details: [Unpacking the Proficiency Scale](#)



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Raising Digitally Responsible Youth Guide

<https://saferschoolstogether.com/resources/parent-caregiver-resources/>



**VANCOUVER
PUBLIC
LIBRARY**

KidsZone

Wednesdays, Nov. 5, Dec.17

3:30 - 4:30 pm

Meet other kids and share books, crafts, and fun activities at the library.

For Grades K-7 | Drop-in.

Super Sphero

Wednesday, Nov. 12

3:30 - 4:30 pm

Use your engineering skills and creativity to help a Sphero robot through a variety of challenges.

For Grades 2-7 | Registration required.

Mystery Box Challenge

Wednesday, Dec. 3

3:30 - 4:30 pm

Do you love a challenge? Put your out-of-the-box thinking skills to the test by opening one of our mystery boxes and inventing a solution to its funny challenge.

For Grades K-7 | Drop-in.

Makedo® Building Party

Wednesday, Dec. 10

3:30 - 4:30 pm

Free-style building fun featuring Makedo® cardboard construction. Let your imagination run wild as you build and create!

For Grades 4 - 7 | Registration Required.

LEGO® Block Party

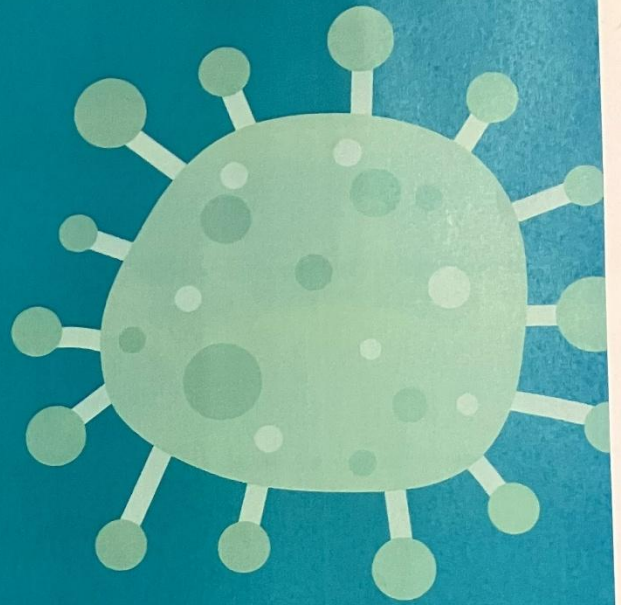
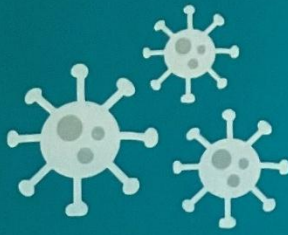
Last Saturday of the month

2:00 - 3:00 pm

Drop in for some LEGO® building fun at this block party! Connect with other kids and break out the bricks for a building bonanza at the library.

For Grades K-7 | Drop-in.

Stay Healthy This Fall Season!



Flu and COVID-19 vaccines are available.

**Appointment required. Register
using the QR code below and wait
for your invite from the provincial
Get Vaccinated system.**



no need to
re-register if you
have already

getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca



How can I prevent the spread of colds and the flu?



Wash your hands: Frequent hand washing can reduce the risk of all respiratory infections. Use soap and warm water for 20 seconds.

Cover your cough: You can also reduce the spread of germs by practicing safe coughing and sneezing techniques. By coughing and sneezing into the crook of the elbow or the sleeve, those with colds can minimize the spread of germs.

Stay at home: Anybody who thinks they have an influenza-like illness (i.e. fever and cough) should remain at home and limit exposure to other.

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

[Family and Community Information](#)



Grade 7 Information for Grade 8 Mini-Schools

VSB's Mini-School programs provide enrichment opportunities for highly motivated students who are Vancouver residents. **Students must apply to each program separately** through the Mini-School program websites. Parents and students are invited to attend the information nights listed on the VSB website and in the "Options" brochure previously sent home and attached here.

District Mini-School Registry will open on November 10th until December 18th.

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

S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Helpline Services offer confidential emotional support and information referral services, aimed at supporting individuals, especially non-English speakers, who are experiencing emotional distress or facing life challenges.

Attached you'll find more details about their services.

<https://successbc.ca/counselling-crisis-support/services/help-lines/>



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>

