Trudeau News

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November, 2026

Important Dates to Remember

November: Artist in Residence Program continues
This month: Division 1 & 2
Nov. 1: Kindergarten Registration opens for Sept 2027
Nov. 10: Remembrance Day Service 11:00am
Nov. 11: Remembrance Day: **No School**
Nov. 20: Professional Development Day
- Class not in session
Dec. 15: Learning Updates sent home electronically
Dec. 19 – Jan. 3: Winter Break – School Closed





Remembrance Day Service

All parents and family members are invited to attend our annual Remembrance Day service to be held on **Tuesday, 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.

SpacesEDU

Your child's teacher sent you an invitation to join SpacesEDU, the secure online program where you will be able to access your child's report card. Please be sure to accept the invitation if you have not done so already! If you have any trouble accessing the program, please let your teacher or the office know and we will help you set up.



Volleyball



The volleyball season is off and running. Practices for our school teams are on Tuesday and Friday mornings at 8:00 am. The after-school game schedules are for four weeks starting on November 4 for the boys and November 12 for the girls. Locations to be determined.

Open Gym Volleyball happens at lunchtime. Tuesdays for Gr 4 & 5 students and on Thursdays and Fridays 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. We had a good turnout last meeting and want to continue the momentum. Our next in-person meeting will be announced soon. We hope everyone who ordered apples are enjoying their fresh, sweet and crisp nature's candy! Thanks to your support, our apple fundraiser raised over $1,000.

Darker Mornings, Shorter Days

As our mornings grow darker, we can all help students get to school safely. This year, we didn't turn clocks back on November 1, as B.C. moves to year-round Pacific time.

A few simple steps can help keep everyone safe:

- Wear bright or reflective clothing
- Use lights when cycling
- Cross at marked crosswalks and follow traffic signals
- Stop, look and listen before crossing. Wait until vehicles have stopped before stepping onto the road
- Put phones and other distractions away during commutes
- Drivers should slow down, stay alert and take extra care around schools, crosswalks and drop-off areas

As the days grow shorter, please give yourself a little extra time and take extra care on your way to and from school.



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.

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

Student safety is the top priority of the VSB. 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

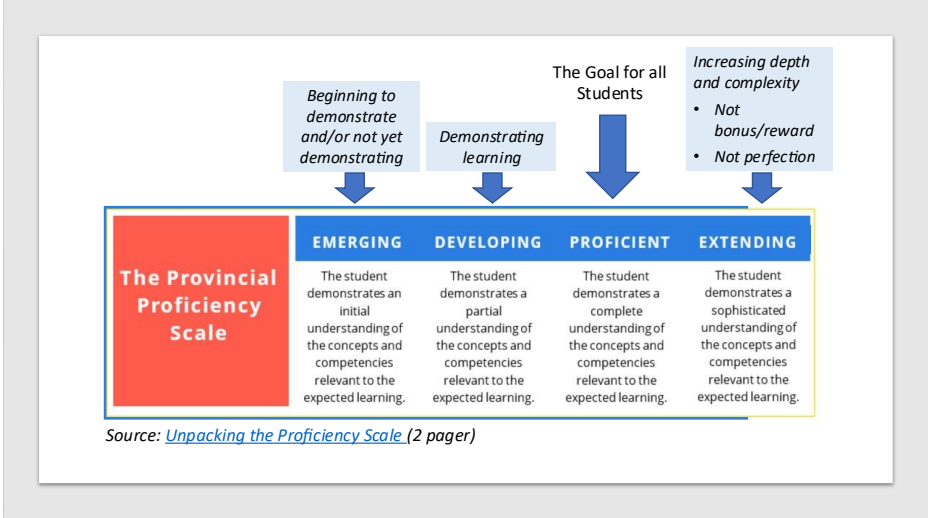
Communicating Student Learning

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

- **a written progress report on December 15th and March 9th**
- **a written summative report at the end of the year on June 24th**
- **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*

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.

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.



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

Family and Community Information

Kindergarten Registration for September 2027

Kindergarten registration for children born in 2022 begins on November 1st 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 31st and the second Friday in June students on the ordered waitlist will be accommodated as space becomes available.

Kindergarten Registrations Received AFTER January 31st

In-catchment Kindergarten students who apply **after** January 31st 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 31st.

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.



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.
- in one situation, we had a confused driver making a U-turn because he thought the street was 'One Way' because of some cars parked the wrong way. Therefore, please park on the correct side of the road.

November Tip of the Month from School Nurse Amanda



Nutrition/Healthy Eating:
Food is a wonderful way to bring us together, build community connections, learn about other cultures and explore new things. Often, the foods used in fundraisers and cultural celebrations tend to be high in sugar. We like it because it makes things taste sweet, but in large amounts it can increase the risk of health problems over time. Sugar doesn't have to be the only focus if we can emphasize offering children a variety of foods from Canada's food guide to provide them with the nutrients they need to grow, play, and learn. For more information on sugar, you can visit: https://www.vch.ca/en/media/13191

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Immunization information can be found at: HealthLinkBC.ca/immunizations

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Trudeau Spirit Wear Update – Orders are on their ways!



Ordered t-shirts and hoodies will be delivered to students when they arrive. We expect them within the next couple of weeks.

Trudeau Elementary School
WEBSITE
Where up-to-date information can be found!
https://www.vsb.bc.ca/pierre-elliott-trudeau

VANCOUVER PUBLIC LIBRARY

November - December Library Programs

Drop In

Chess

Wednesday, Dec 23 2:00 – 3:00 pm

LEGO Block Party

Wednesday, Dec 30 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Repeating Programs:

LEGO Block Party
Last Saturday of the month
2:30 - 3:30 pm
Drop In

Reading Buddies
Wednesdays, Oct 28 - Dec 16
3:45- 5:00 pm
Grades 2 - 4.

Homework Hangouts is back this fall!

The SVNH is excited to offer a free homework club for students in Grades 4-7. Homework Hangouts provide a calm, supportive environment where students can receive one-to-one homework support from high school tutors.

SOUTH VANCOUVER NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

Students are welcome to bring homework or schoolwork to work on during the program. If they don't have any homework, we'll provide grade-appropriate literacy and numeracy activities. Each session will also include fun educational games and light snacks.

Program Details

Dates: Saturdays - November 7, 14, 21, 28 & December 5, 12, 19, 2026
Time: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Location: South Vancouver Neighbourhood House (6470 Victoria Drive), Room 101

Registration is available by scanning the QR code on the attached poster or by using the registration link below: *https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/UUHwVYKEij*

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kathy at **kathy.do@southvan.org**

CoastalHealth

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





Let's Talk About: Anxiety

Anxiety is our body's natural alarm system that tells us to be careful. When the alarm goes off too strongly or often in children, it can look like head/stomach aches, trouble sleeping, avoiding certain people or tasks, wanting to be reassured, or doing things perfectly. *Pay attention to behaviour that is different from regular behaviour.*

Experiencing anxiety is a normal part of life, and often it can be helpful. If the anxiety gets too big or comes back often, it may be helpful to talk with a mental health professional.

If your child feels scared or worried, try:

- Talking to them about their feelings; listen without judgement first, then problem-solve together with them
- Model being calm. Being calm helps your child be calm.
- Calm the body. Go for a walk or run, play a sport, squeeze a ball, use a fidget tool, or take deep breaths
- Praise their effort to take brave small steps to work on what is scary to them as well as the results

Please contact Ms. Tang at itang@vsb.bc.ca if you'd like more information.

