



## Trudeau News

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| Director of Instruction:  | Mr. Chris Wong             |
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October, 2026

### Important Dates to Remember

October: Artist in Residence Program begins

This term: Division 4, 5 & 6

Oct. 12: School closed for Thanksgiving

Oct. 14: Immunization for Grade 6

Oct. 16: The BC Great Shake Out Drill 10:15am

Oct. 22: Photo Re-Take Day

Oct. 21 & 22: Parent-Teacher Conferences

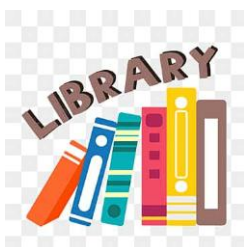
**2:00 pm Dismissal both days**

Oct. 23: Pro-D Day - school not in session

Nov. 2: Kindergarten Registration opens for September 2027



### THE LIBRARY NEEDS YOUR HELP!



Ms. Lam is looking for Parent Volunteers who are interested in helping the school library, either regularly or once in a while or just for this year's Book Sale. If you have some time available on Tuesdays to Thursdays and would like to help out, please contact me via email at [kklam@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:kklam@vsb.bc.ca). Thank you very much!

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 will be sent soon explaining the procedures. If you have any questions, please call the office for help.



### 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.



### Terry Fox Run

Thank you to everyone who contributed and participated in the Terry Fox Run last week. It was nice to see families come and cheer on the students during the run. We collected a grand total of over \$500.00.

Thank you to everyone who contributed.

### Parent / Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> & Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Early Dismissal at 2:00 pm for all students**

### PAC Update

#### **Support Our School Apple Fundraiser!**

Our annual Apple Fundraiser is here! Stock up on delicious **Honeycrisp (\$29.50/10 lb box)** and **Ambrosia (\$23.95/10 lb box)** while supporting our school.

Every purchase helps fund **extra activities, classroom supplies, PE equipment, and so much more** for our students.

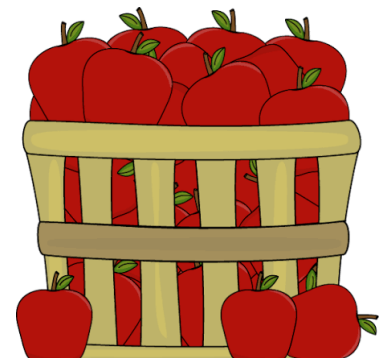
 **Order by:** Monday, October 5

 **Pick-up:** Thursday, October 15 after school

To Order click the link:

[https://fundraising.sunokafruit.com/seller\\_1/0902100214/org-campaign/pierre-elliott-trudeau-elementary-school-harvest-2026](https://fundraising.sunokafruit.com/seller_1/0902100214/org-campaign/pierre-elliott-trudeau-elementary-school-harvest-2026)

Or Scan the QR code posted around the school 



Thank you for supporting our school community! 



### **Dress for the Weather**

As the weather in Vancouver this time of year can be wet, cold, or unpredictable, please ensure that your child is dressed warmly. Having a rain jacket is a necessity. Keeping a toque, mittens, and an extra pair of socks in your child's backpack is a good idea as well. Outdoor time at recess and lunch is the norm. An inside day will only occur during an extreme downpour.

### **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.

### **Grade 7 Information for Grade 8 Mini-Schools Programs**

Grade 7 parents are invited to visit the following website to review the various secondary mini school options for September 2027:

<https://media.vsb.bc.ca/media/Default/frf/september-2027-grade-8-choice-programs.b60ffd90172.pdf>

The last day for mini-school registration is December 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. Information meetings begin later this month.

### **Foundational Skills Assessment**

In the coming days, students in grades 4 and 7 will participate in the Foundational Skills Assessments (FSA). These assessments focus on students' literacy and numeracy development.

As mentioned in a recent message from our superintendent to families of students in grades 4 and 7, the FSAs provide valuable information about how students in Vancouver schools are doing.

Individual classroom teachers can use assessment results as one measure of how students in their classrooms are doing and where they need more support.

As a school district, FSA results are used to help make evidence-informed decisions about where we need to focus resources and support to enhance student learning. The Ministry of Education and Child Care has more information available in a variety of languages:

- [Foundation Skills Assessment for Parents and Caregivers \(English\) \(PDF\)](#)
- [Chinese \(Simplified Chinese - 简体中文\) \(PDF\)](#)
- [Chinese \(Traditional Chinese - 繁體中文\) \(PDF\)](#)
- [Punjabi \(ਪੰਜਾਬੀ\) \(PDF\)](#)
- [Tagalog \(PDF\)](#)

## Kindergarten Registration for September 2027

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

### Kindergarten Registrations Received AFTER January 31<sup>st</sup>

In-catchment Kindergarten students who apply **after** January 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup>.



### Be Safe on Hallowe'en

- Go trick or treating in groups and with an adult.
- DO NOT eat your treats until after your parents have checked them.
- Wear face paint instead of a mask. You'll see better!
- Cross the streets safely. It's hard for drivers to see little people in dark costumes. **Wear reflector tape. You'll be easier to be seen in the dark.**

For students who choose to dress up for Halloween on October 30<sup>th</sup> for school, please be mindful that: **no plastic/fake weapons or sharp objects will be permitted.**



## Lost and Found

Please write your child's name on all clothing and lunch items. This is very helpful as we would prefer to return lost items directly to your child instead of placing them in the Lost and Found bin in the Breezway.



## School Calendar 2026 - 2027

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.

## 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.

## 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](mailto: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 62<sup>nd</sup> 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. Young children cannot be seen when a car is pulling out of a parking spot.**



## **Importance of Arriving to School on Time**

There are many benefits your child will gain from arriving on time to school.

### **Did you know?**

The likelihood of success in learning is strongly linked to strong participation in school programs which is linked to arriving on time. It is very important for children to develop habits of arriving on time at an early age, beginning from the time they start school.

### **Some Gains for Your Child Arriving on Time for School:**

- 1) Makes sure that your child doesn't miss out on the important learning activities that happen early in the day when they are most alert.
- 2) Early morning learning activity is often reading or writing; your child can lose so many opportunities to learn these critical life skills.
- 3) Helps your child to learn about routines and commitment.
- 4) Gives your child time to greet and play with their friends before class.
- 5) Class disruption can make your child feel uncomfortable and can disturb other children.
- 6) Arriving on time every day makes children feel good about themselves

### **Here are Some Suggestions for Setting Regular Routines:**

- Have a set time to go to bed.
- Have a set time to be out of bed.
- Have school bag ready the night before.
- Make lunches the night before.
- Have set time for starting and ending breakfast.
- Set a time each day for homework. Try straight after school with social media off so your child can relax for the rest of the night and have a reward when finished.
- Have set times for social media use.
- Be firm that children must go to school.
- Give your child lots of positive encouragement.
- On arrival look for some of your child's friends and encourage your child to go and play with their friends.
- Once settled, leave quickly.



**REGULAR ROUTINES ARE IMPORTANT**

## October Tip of the Month from School Nurse Amanda

Happy fall! Falling leaves, cooler air and viral respiratory illness season! Handwashing with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer, teaching your child to cover their mouth keeping your child to cover their mouth and nose when they cough or sneeze, keeping your child home if they have a fever or feel unwell, and getting your annual flu and Covid immunizations are all great ways to stay healthy and prevent illness this season. For more information or to book flu and Covid shots for your family, visit

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/managing-your-health/respiratory-illness/responses>



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Immunization information can be found at: [HealthLinkBC.ca/immunizations](https://HealthLinkBC.ca/immunizations)



## 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.



## Trudeau Spirit Wear - **Due date for orders extended!**

Trudeau hoodies and short sleeve/long sleeve t-shirts are now available to purchase at cost to the school. Order forms can be obtained at the table in front of the office. Payment can be made to School Cash Online. We will also take straight cash as well! **Orders due by October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**

T-shirts come in black as shown here, but there is a gray option as well. If you need to check your child's size.

## Student Photos



**Exciting news! Your online gallery from your school photo session is now live!**

- Please visit this link to access the gallery: <https://vando.imagequix.com/K9L3W9Z>
- The login code to access your images is on the yellow QR flyer your child was given on photo day. Please check with them.
- Any active email address can be used to login.
- **Your order deadline is: October 16 2026**
- All orders will be shipped to the school. eweeks.

### Missing your login code? No problem!

1. Visit <https://www.mountainwest.ca/support-for-families>
2. Enter the information required.
3. Your code will be emailed within 1 business day.

### Catch Up Photo Day:

- Did you miss the first photo day or are needing a retake? Retakes are offered for
- expression, poor posture, or head tilt; not for personal style changes (ie: change of
- clothing or hair). Please note all glass glare is removed on final prints.
- If you would like your photo taken, we will be at your school on: **October 16 2026**
- [Pierre Elliot Trudeau Retakes CLICK HERE](#) to sign up. The cutoff to sign up is
- **October 14 2026**

[Click Here](#) to find out more about ordering.

Phone: 1.888.644.4494

Email: [help@mountainwest.ca](mailto:help@mountainwest.ca)

## Electric Scooters & Bikes – Safety Reminder for Families



Under provincial legislation and the City of Vancouver bylaws, electric scooters riders must be 16 years of age or older and electric bikes riders must be 14 years or older for a light e-bike and 16 for a standard e-bike.

We are increasingly concerned about:

- Students under the legal age riding electric scooters and bikes to school
- Multiple riders on a single device
- Lack of helmet use
- Riding on sidewalks and on school property, including playgrounds
- Unsafe speeds

These behaviours pose a **significant safety risk** to students and to others in our community.



### Trudeau Elementary School WEBSITE

Where up-to-date information can be found!

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



### Pierre Elliott Trudeau Code of Conduct Motto

Trust  
Respect  
Understanding  
Empathy

Be true to yourself  
Be true to others  
Be true to the environment

# Pui Ying Chinese School

## 培英中文學校

### Mandarin Enhancement class Level 1

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

Program Duration: Oct 28, 2026 to Jun 9, 2027 (26 weeks)

Term 1: Oct 28, 2026 – Feb 17, 2027 (14 weeks)

Term 1 Fee: \$350 (*non-refundable; tax and textbook included*)

*Minimum enrollment of 6 students.*

*Full refund if program is cancelled before commencement.*

### Content

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

Textbook  
**Zhongwen 1**  
Jinan University



### Registration info required

- Full Name of student
  - Year of Birth
  - Current grade at Trudeau
  - Parent's Name , Tel. no. & Email
- ☒ Current Grade 2 or above at Trudeau Elementary
- ☒ Age Group: 7 y.o. or above

**Please register before Oct 16**

### Registration & Inquiry:

[edu@puiying.org](mailto:edu@puiying.org)

[www.puiyingcentre.org](http://www.puiyingcentre.org)

**VPL events can be found at [vpl.ca](http://vpl.ca)**



## **October - December Library Programs**

### **Ozobot Evo Adventures**

Weds, Oct 7

3:30 - 4:30 pm

*Registration Required*

### **Baby-Sitters Club Challenge**

Weds, Oct 14

3:30 - 4:30 pm

Grades 4-7

*Drop In*

### **Halloween Howl**

Weds, Oct 21

3:30 - 4:30 pm

*Drop In*

### **Chess**

Weds, Dec 23

2-3 pm LEGO Block Party

Weds, Dec 30

2-3 pm

*Drop In*

### *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.