



Trudeau News

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September, 2026



Welcome back to a new school year at Trudeau Elementary. Students have now been placed in their new classes and the staff are preparing for the school year ahead with engaging activities and opportunities. Our school goal this year will focus on social emotional learning and Indigenous understanding. Our previous efforts in improving literacy in the school will continue as a new Ministry initiative on literacy will take shape. You received a letter with details yesterday.

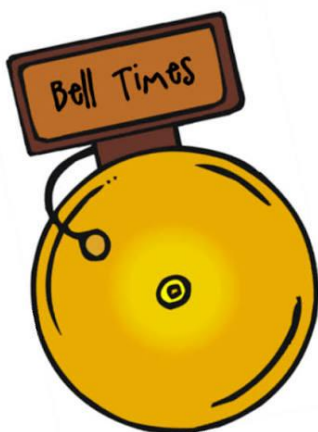
September is a time for re-establishing routines and settling into daily patterns. Things to be mindful of as we enter a new school year: Students who receive proper sleep are better prepared to have a successful and fruitful time at school the next day. Setting up a consistent bedtime for your children ensures they have the opportunity for a positive experience at school. Also, arriving at school on time prepares students to readily engage in the activities of the day and keeps class disruptions to a minimum. The staff are looking forward to working with you towards a positive experience at Trudeau.

We hope to see you at our Meet the Teacher Night on September 24th.

Jim Munk
Principal

Important Dates to Remember

Sept. 21: Professional Development Day
School not in session for students
Sept. 24: Beginning of the Year Assembly 11:00am
Sept. 24: Meet the Teacher 5:00pm
Sept. 25: Photo Day 9:00am
Sept. 25: Terry Fox Run 1:15pm
Sept. 29: **Orange Shirt Day**
Sept. 30: National Day for Truth & Reconciliation -
school closed
Oct. 12: Thanksgiving - school closed for the holiday
Oct. 14: Grade 6 Immunizations



Daily Schedule

8:40 am	Supervision begins
8:55 am	Warning Bell
9:00 am	Instruction begins
10:30 am	Recess
10:50 am	Instruction resumes
12:10 pm	Lunch
12:55 pm	Instruction resumes
3:00 pm	Dismissal
3:20 pm	Supervision ends

A Warm Welcome to Our New Staff

We are fortunate to have two experienced teachers join the Trudeau staff. They are already working hard to set up their programs and in getting to know the students. Please welcome Mr. P. Smith as our Primary Resource Teacher and Ms. K. Lam as our Teacher-Librarian.

Student Information and Consent Forms

Several forms will be sent home this week. Please take the time to look over each one and return them to the school, especially the **Student Verification Form, by September 25th**.

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.



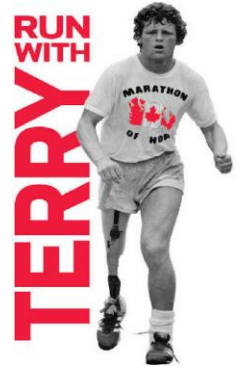
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School Calendar 2026 - 2027

The 2026 - 2027 school calendar was emailed home last spring. It can be found on our school website and in student agendas as well. It includes important reminders of our Professional Development Days, Conferences, Holidays and District Closures. In particular, please note the early dismissal days.

Our **Terry Fox School Run** is on Friday, September 25th. This year, we invite our school community to join the run, show our school spirit, and help raise funds for cancer research. We'll be **collecting "Toonies for Terry"** to support the Terry Fox Foundation. Donations will be collected in class, but also at <https://schools.terryfox.ca/PierreElliottTrudeauElementary>



As Terry said, *"Even if I don't finish, we need others to continue."* Let's be those "others" who carry on his dream. Thank you for your support in keeping Terry's vision alive.

School Website & Emails

As we move forward, we want to reduce the amount of paper we use at the school. Therefore, we will be using the school's website and emails home as our primary way to communicate with parents. However, those families who still want a paper copy of newsletters will be accommodated.

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.

Dropping Off - Picking Up Your Child

School staff provide supervision starting at 8:40am in the morning and after school 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. Please do not be late picking up your child. If some unforeseen event happens and you will be late, please contact the office.



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.

Trudeau Elementary Traffic Guidelines

- Traffic is encouraged to drive west-bound on East 62nd Avenue only
- 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 as young children cannot be seen when a car is pulling out of a parking spot.



We appreciate the efforts of drivers who follow these instructions and therefore working with the school to ensure a safe arrival and departure every day for each student. Thank you!

Cellphones and Electronic Devices

Electronic devices are a big part of our lives. They are very expensive and can be lost or stolen easily. At Trudeau Elementary, we encourage students to keep expensive belongings safe at home. For emergencies, students can use our office phone to call home.



Cell phones and electronic devices can be used by students for learning with teacher permission and supervision. Recess and lunch breaks are for socializing, face to face communication and physical activity. We ask that parents refrain from communicating (e.g. calling and texting) students during instructional hours. Thank you for your support.

Lunchtime at Trudeau

Lunch will be eaten in the students' classrooms under staff supervision. Please remember to send a water bottle to school as well so your child can fill it up at our fill station and please place the necessary utensils in their lunch bags. If a student forgets their lunch and you need to drop it off, please bring it to the office, labelled with their name and put it on the table designated for lunches.



Meet the Teacher

Mark the date! Come and meet the staff at Trudeau Elementary on Thursday, September 25th. There will be a brief introduction of the staff in the gymnasium at 5:00pm and then each teacher will give two 15-minute sessions about their program. This is a chance to see your child's classroom and learn about what they will be doing this year along with the expectations for their grade level.



School Cash Online



School Cash Online helps you make quick payments to the school for things like field trips and school fees. The system is now open for you to pay school fees which cover basic consumable school supplies used for students' personal use such as paper, writing tools, glue sticks, erasers, exercise books and art supplies. Trudeau t-shirts and hoodies can be ordered as well.

PAC Update

What are the key purposes of a PAC?

- To advise the school staff on parents' views and provide feedback about school programs, policies and activities.
- To communicate with parents and encourage parent involvement in the school.
- To promote cooperation between the home and the school in providing support for the education of children.



Please consider helping with **PAC** fundraising activities this year.

Every little bit helps! Please visit the Trudeau PAC website for information at <https://pierretrudeaupac.wixsite.com/trudeaupac>

Details of the next PAC Meeting will be sent soon.

Kindergarten and Grade 6 Immunizations



Kindergarten and Grade 6 Parents: please review the email sent to you from our School Health Nurse regarding digital consent for immunization. She 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.

Monthly Newsletter Tip of the Month from School Nurse Amanda **September – Sleep**

Welcome back! As we return to school and return to routines, it is a good time to remember the importance of sleep and its impact on our students' abilities to learn. A good night's sleep means that your child can come to school prepared to learn, play and face the challenges of the day. School-aged children need an average of 9-11 hours of sleep per night; if your child has to wake up at 7am, that means that they need to be in bed between 8 and 9pm. For more info on sleep, visit <https://keltymentalhealth.ca/sleeping-well>



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>

VPL events can be found at vpl.ca



Digitally Responsible Youth – Parent Guide



The Digitally Responsible Youth Guide for Parents has been recently updated. This is a VERY valuable resource for parents and families as you continue to navigate the online world with your children. The link includes parenting tips as well as information about the latest social media apps and videogames that are popular amongst children. Please see the link:

[..\Raising Digitally Responsible Youth.pdf](#)

South Vancouver Neighbourhood House

SVNH is located at 6470 Victoria Drive. They provide a variety of programs and events for the community. They offer play-based learning opportunities for children through family drop-ins, preschool, out-of-school care, and after-school programs. All their community events include children's activities for arts and crafts, games, and more! Programs are listed at www.southvan.org



Trudeau Spirit Wear

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!

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, see Mr. Munk in the office for sample sizes.



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

Student Use of Electric Scooters and Bikes – Safety Reminder for Families

Under provincial legislation and the [Electric Kick Scooter Pilot Project Regulation](#), as well as City of Vancouver bylaws, **electric scooters** are permitted only under specific conditions:

- **Riders must be 16 years of age or older**
- Helmets are mandatory for all riders
- Scooters may be used on designated roads and bike lanes, but not on sidewalks
- Riders must follow the same rules of the road as cyclists
- Scooters must not exceed prescribed speed limits (generally up to 25 km/h where permitted)



For more information, please visit: [E-scooters | City of Vancouver](#) and [Electric kick scooter rules and safety - Province of British Columbia](#).

Under provincial legislation and City of Vancouver bylaws, **electric bikes** are permitted under the following conditions:

- **Riders must be 14 years or older** for a light e-bike and 16 for a standard e-bike
- Helmets are mandatory for all riders
- e-bikes must not exceed 25 km/h
- E-bikes may be used on designated roads and bike lanes, but not on sidewalks
- Riders must follow the same rules of the road as cyclists (e.g., obey traffic rules)



For more information about e-bikes, please visit: [E-bike requirements - Province of British Columbia](#) and [Motor Assisted Cycle \(E-Bike\) Regulation](#).

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.

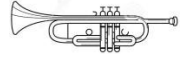
As a school, we ask families to:

- Ensure your child meets the legal age requirements before riding
- Reinforce helmet use and safe riding practices
- Remind your child to dismount upon arriving on school property
- Review routes to ensure compliance with city and provincial regulations

Vancouver Extracurricular Music Society

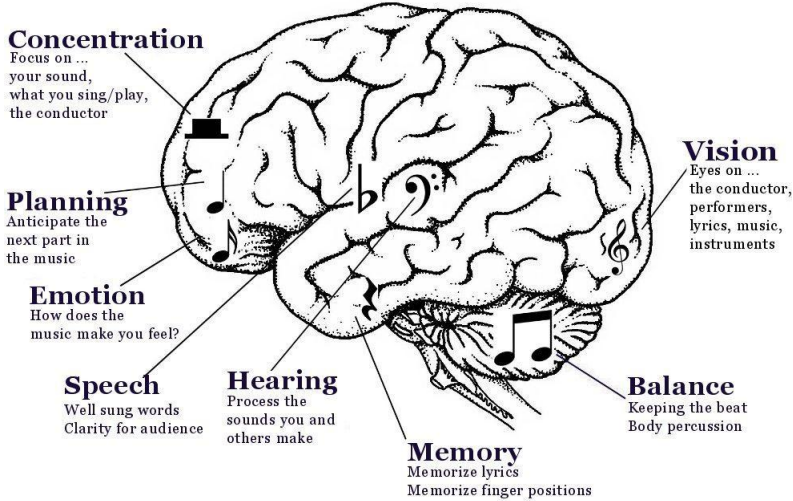
Beginner Band

2026 – 2027



Beginner Band: Grades 4-7*
50 rehearsals and two concerts (\$776)
Registration: vems.ca/signup

You can't beat music for neurological development



Band Schedule 2026-2027

Instruments and Ages*

- Instrument selection forms are sent after registration. (Flute, Trumpet, Trombone, Clarinet, Saxophone, Euphonium)
- Euphonium, saxophone and trombone are usually too large for Grade 4s.
- 16 registrations needed to run. Max 30.

Fall Term: Sep 25 to Dec 7
 Winter Term: Jan 11 to Mar 5
 Spring Term: Apr 5 to Jun 11
 Every Monday and Friday 3:30 to 4:30 PM.

Any child can attend from any school.



Woodwinds

Each band is staffed with two experienced conductors. The woodwind conductors are experts in flute, clarinet and saxophone.



Brass

Our brass conductors are professional musicians who love to teach children. Expert in trumpet, trombone and euphonium.

Benefits of Band

Connection

→ Having fun with peers while developing a new skill

Cognition

→ Increase abstract reasoning skills.

Coordination

→ Learning to use ears, hands, eyes all at once.

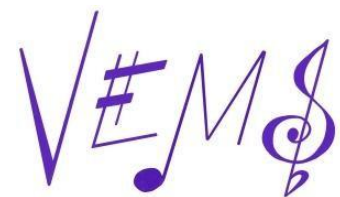
Having Fun!

→ Learn to play music from movies and more.

Presented by ...

The Vancouver Extracurricular Music Society

- VEMS is a BC nonprofit society dedicated to bringing more music to more children.
- **Financial assistance is available**; please apply when registering
- VEMS is registered with the CRA and issues tax receipts. www.vems.ca/donate/
- 20 children need to be enrolled for the band to run.
- Questions? Email president@vems.ca



Pui Ying Chinese School

培英中文學校

Mandarin (Simplified Characters) Level 1

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

Program Duration: Oct 7, 2026 to Jun 9, 2027 (28 weeks)

Term 1: Oct 2026 - Jan 2027 (14 weeks)

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

Minimum enrollment of 8 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 Sep 21

Registration & Inquiry:

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www.puiyingcentre.org