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New PJ Parent Orientation – Save the Date!

All new parents/guardians to PJ are invited to join Principal Zielinski in the Library at PJ from 2:00-2:45pm on September 18th. Come and learn more about the history of PJ in West Vancouver, what school life is like, and have a tour of all our places and spaces! We look forward to having you.

Student Safety

While we appreciate that the good weather is lasting, please be reminded that riding bikes and scooters is not permitted on school property between 8:30am-3:30pm.

Personal Digital Devices (PDD) and Ministry Changes

Thank you to the almost 60 families that came out to my first Principal's Corner on Tuesday where I delved deeper into the Ministry Order and the implications for PJ and BC schools. Your questions were wonderful, and your support is extremely appreciated.

Please be reminded of the following:

- **NO cell phone use will be permitted by students on school property, including before and after school.**
- **NO laptops or tablets will be permitted unless by direct teacher instruction at certain learning times, as tools.**
- **No smart watches or computer-like watches will be permitted at school.**
- ✓ **What can you as parents do to support this provincial initiative?**
- ✓ Understand the digital device expectations at your child's school
- ✓ Support and encourage your child's appropriate use of digital tools
- ✓ Refrain from contacting your child during the school day – if it is important, call the school office
- ✓ Personally model and encourage digital device use, limitations and boundaries (appropriateness, when and where, etc.)
- ✓ Avoid using your devices on school grounds at drop-off and pick-up – instead, connect with your child and with other families!

Popsicle Fridays

Our 1st [Popsicle Friday](#) will be happening this Friday September 13th. Following this, it will occur on the 1st Friday of every month. Bring \$2 to purchase a Rico & Lalo natural flavour popsicle under the covered area of the playground!

Terry Fox Run

The annual Terry Fox run is on again on Monday Sept.16th. PJ PAC will be providing a freezie to all students.

We are inviting PJ students and families to collect pledges online in order to raise funds for the Terry Fox Foundation and cancer research. Students who would like to can create their own donation page linked to École PJ's pledge page to share with family and friends, or donations can be made directly on the school's page. Last year,

our school community raised \$2,875.00! This year, we have set a lofty new goal of \$3000.00. We are proudly committed to raising much-needed funds for cancer research. If you are in a position to do so, please consider supporting our efforts for this very worthwhile cause.

To see the PJ Pledge Page or to make a donation, please visit:

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/PaulineJohnsonElementary>

Fun Lunch Ordering now available

Ordering is open for term 1 for [Fun Lunch](#), PJ's hot lunch program is now available 3 days a week (Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays). Visit Munchalunch.com to check out the wide array of options, plus our new vendor, Cornelia's Fine Tacos! All orders require a **2-week cut-off**, so don't forget to order at least 2 weeks before you want Fun Lunch delivered to your child.

Traffic Safety

Thank you to all PJ Traffic and Safety Team volunteers for "driving" a successful Traffic Blitz. PJ PAC would like to sincerely thank ICBC and WVPD for joining forces with our blitz. Thank you, parents, for driving carefully and for not parking in the **drop off only zone**. Thank you to those walking to school for properly using the crosswalks and for not jaywalking. See you at the next Traffic Blitz. [traffic safety campaign](#).

PJ Orange Shirt Day

PJ will be recognizing Orange Shirt Day on Friday September 27th, so please dress your child in an orange shirt on that day if possible. Orange Shirt Day is a day for creating awareness of the individual, family, and community inter-generational impacts of Indian Residential Schools. Click here to read more about [The Story of Orange Shirt Day](#) and here for a list of [retailers](#). [Kit & Kaboodle](#) is a great local source for orange shirt and hoodie options. If you have run out of time to order, there are many local Indigenous-owned options that so please explore.

September 30th is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and there will be many events throughout our communities. Schools will be closed for the day.

Policies and Procedures Online Form - REQUIRED

Every year, parents are required to complete a new online Policies and Procedures Form for each of their children attending West Vancouver Schools.

Failure to complete this form may result in your child being unable to participate fully in classroom and school activities.

Please note: Your child may not use an in-school device for learning until you have completed this form.

<https://westvancouver.schools.ca/policies-and-procedures-form/>

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Emergency Release Form for the 2024-2025 School year - REQUIRED

This form is required to be filled out each school year and is to determine who is allowed to pick up your children in the event of an emergency, a student release (real or a drill), or on any school day that a parent is unable.

Please ensure that any Alternate Guardians you add to the form have **both first and last legal names and have photo ID to support this.**

Please fill out and return it to the school office by **Monday September 16th, 2024.**

[Emergency Release Form here](#)

Should you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Hard copies are available from the office should you need one.

Optional Accident Insurance for Families

Each year the school district reminds families that they have the option to purchase insurance coverage against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses, and critical illness. There are many different voluntary plans that provide coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and

critical illness. Families are encouraged to do their due diligence when choosing a provider.

PJ REPORTING OF STUDENT ABSENCES

Is your child sick? Have an appointment, or something happened and your child cannot be at school? Please email paulinejohnson@wvschools.ca with any and all of this information, merci.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept 16	Terry Fox Assemblies & Run
Sept 18 2:00pm	New Parent Orientation Session @ PJ in the Library
Sept 20	Pro D Day – No Students in Session
Sept 23 9:00am	ELL Parent Information Session @ PJ - Library
Sept 26 6:00pm	Grade 6 Outdoor School – Parent Meeting (Virtual – link to come)
Sept 27	Orange Shirt Day
Sept 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – School is Closed
Oct 2	Individual Photo Day
Oct 9	Meet the Teacher Conferences – Early Dismissal K-3 12:10pm/ Gr 4-7 12:20pm More information to come
Oct 10	Meet the Teacher Conferences – Regular Dismissal
Oct 14	Thanksgiving Holiday – School Closed
Oct 24	Photo re-takes – AM only
Oct 25	Pro D Day – No Students in Session

Please visit the West Vancouver School District website for all important dates for the remainder of this school year.

[2024-2025 Calendar](#)

[PJ Year at a Glance Calendar 2024-2025](#)

[OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS](#)

Artmania's Fall After School class at Ecole Pauline Johnson

Nature Art & Emily Carr

Sept 26 - Dec 5 (no class Oct 31)

3:00 - 4:30 pm

10 Classes

cost \$350 +gst

Grades 1 - 7

[CLICK TO REGISTER](#)

Enter the world of this iconic west coast artist and create naturecoast nature themed art.

Young artists will explore Emily Carr's passion for nature through painting, drawing, and sculpting their own experiences of the natural world.

Learn all about line, form, shape and texture and discover how Emily Carr used the colours of nature to recreate the world around her.

All from West Van Rec Centre:

Indigenous Arts & Culture Workshop [this fall](#).

Small Group Music Classes: [Ukulele, Acoustic Guitar and Singing Classes are starting in September](#).

Language Program for Various Ages:

[Give yourself a gift of language skills in French, Spanish, Mandarin, Farsi, Korean, American Sign Language \(ASL\), Ukrainian and English as a Second/Third Language.](#)

Click here for [PD Day Camps](#)

Browse all your recreation activities and programs here:

<https://westvancouver.ca/parks-recreation/recreation-programs-services/recreation-activities>

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www.westvancouver.ca/newcomers

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