

École Pauline Johnson

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At PJ, every student, staff and community member – regardless of race, culture, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or ability – is welcome and should feel comfortable and cared for at our school.

Inclusivity Corner

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Inclusive language for kids refers to using words and phrases that are respectful, sensitive, and welcoming to all children, regardless of their gender identity, ethnicity, ability, or background. It's about creating a space where every child feels valued and belongs.

- Here's how to use inclusive language with children:
- Be Mindful of Language:
 - Avoid stereotypes: Steer clear of language that perpetuates harmful stereotypes about any group.
 - Use person-first language: When referring to individuals with disabilities, use "person with a disability" rather than "disabled person".
 - Be aware of cultural sensitivities: Be mindful of cultural differences and avoid language that could be offensive or exclusionary.
 - Respect individual differences: Acknowledge and respect the unique identities of all children.
 - Interrogate disciplinary norms: Question assumptions about gender, ethnicity, and other social categories.

By using inclusive language, you can help create a positive and welcoming environment for all children, where they feel valued, respected, and able to thrive.

Have you heard any quotes, witnessed any actions, or read any stories about equity, diversity, and inclusion? If so, please share them with us at hwilliams@wvschools.ca for future sharing in this space.

PJ Classroom Placement

Each school year our École Pauline Johnson staff of educators, specialist teachers, and administrators, work collaboratively to create classes that are balanced and will provide an inclusive culture for learners to thrive in. Please know that teachers begin this tentative process in the late Spring and invest a great deal of thought and effort into making the best educational decisions for organizing and placing students into classes. While our placements are not finalized until September, we take into consideration a wide range of criteria including:

- Student social-emotional well-being and coping
- Diversity of learning needs and balancing classes
- Workable instructional groups
- Positive social groupings
- Possibilities for new and fresh friendships and leadership opportunities
- School Base Team recommendations
- Ministry class size and composition requirements
- District enrollment pressures

Multi-grade learning configurations are now a reality at PJ across more grades than in the past and are largely due to District wide enrollment pressures. To help parents understand the rational of these arrangements the WVSD has devoted a [webpage](#) to help parents who may be unfamiliar with this arrangement. Combined classes have proven to be effective learning environments with a host of advantages to both the classroom learning community as well as the academic achievement of students. What is important for parents to remember is that in today's classroom, all teachers strive to meet each child where they are at with their learning, regardless of their grade level, and provide them with learning opportunities accordingly.

PAC Meeting

Thank you to everyone who joined us for last week's PAC meeting. If you were unable to attend, the [meeting minutes](#) will be available soon.

Bake Sale Tomorrow

Bring your toonies and loonies tomorrow (May 2) for our final bake sale in support of the Grade 7 students' Quebec trip. Baked goods will be available in the covered area at little recess to primary students, at big recess to intermediate students, and after school to all! Each item will be between \$2 and \$4.

Popsicle day will be postponed by 1 week until next Friday, May 9.

PJ Spirit Wear Collection and Volunteers Needed!

We're now collecting gently used PJ Spirit Wear your child has outgrown! Donations can be dropped off at the school office (just like the Santa's Workshop setup).

We're also looking for parent volunteers to help with cleaning, sorting, and reselling these items. Sales will be after school on June 12-13. Please [sign up here](#) if you can help with any of these tasks.

PAC Executive Openings

We urgently need parents to step into [key roles on the PAC](#) for the upcoming school year. Your involvement makes a big difference in creating a vibrant and supportive school community. If you've been thinking about getting more involved, now's the time! We are currently looking to fill the following positions:

1. Chair – help lead and represent our parent community. This role involves organizing meetings, preparing agendas, appointing committees, and being the PAC's voice in school and district activities.
2. Events and Fundraising Coordinator – help plan and coordinate PJ's events and fundraising efforts. This role involves organizing traditional school events, exploring new ideas, and working closely with the PAC executive, principal, volunteer coordinator, and sub-committees.
3. Communications (Whatsapp) – help keep parents in the loop by posting reminders, event updates, and announcements in the parents WhatsApp group.

If you're interested in taking over any of these important roles, please send us an email at chair@ecolepjpac.ca or info@ecolepjpac.ca

Registration for Girl Guides for the 2025/2026

Registration begins June 9th at 7am PST and units fill up very quickly. Next year there will be both a Sparks (Kindergarten & Grade 1) and Embers (Grade 2 & 3) unit meeting locally at West Vancouver United Church.

- 9th West Vancouver Sparks – iMIS 66684 – Wednesdays from 5:00pm to 6:00 pm
- 9th West Vancouver Embers – iMIS 66671 – Mondays from 5:30 to 6:30 pm

Guiding provides a safe, all-girl environment that invites girls to find their voice, meet new friends, have fun and make a difference in the world. To register please click [here](#).

We are also looking for female adult volunteers. If interested (no experience necessary), please email amee.chande@gmail.com.

2025 Summer Learning with West Vancouver Schools

Are you interested in learning during the summer? West Vancouver Schools will be offering a robust Summer Learning Program for both elementary and secondary students during July 2025.

Online registration for both the elementary and secondary Summer Learning programs opens on Monday, April 7 at 8:00 AM. Elementary registration closes on May 9. Secondary registration closes on June 13.

More information about courses, locations, attendance etc. can be found on the Summer Learning information flyers ([elementary](#) or [secondary](#)) or on the [Summer Learning Website](#).

Registration is Open for the Following West Vancouver Schools Academy Programs:

- Basketball: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/academies/basketball/>
- Field Hockey: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/academies/field-hockey/>
- Soccer: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/academies/soccer/>
- Tennis: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/academies/tennis/>

The West Vancouver Schools Basketball Academy Assessments for all students currently in Grade 7 are on Thursday, April 24 from 3:30 to 5:00pm at West Van Secondary's main gym. To register, kindly complete a student information form via this link.

Extended Holidays

Please be reminded that any extended holidays are to be requested of the Principal, Mme Zielinski, for approval. Please email zielinski@wvschools.ca

Reporting 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

May 2	Class Photo Day
May 14	Future Growth and Learning Conferences EARLY DISMISSAL K-4 12:10pm Gr 5-7 12:20pm
May 15	Future Growth and Learning Conferences Regular Dismissal
May 16	Pro D Day – Classes not in session
May 19	Victoria Day – School Closed

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

- [Past E-Bulletins can be found here](#)
- [2024/2025 Calendar](#)
- [PJ 2024/2025 Year at a Glance](#)

Community

[Community Connections and events information found through this link and updated weekly.](#)

PCC Multisport/Sportsweek

- [School's out – and we're turning Pro D Day into an epic adventure! 🌟](#)
- [Full speed, big plays, all-out fun – this is how you do a day off.](#)
- [📍 West Van – May 16th](#)

- [We're packing the day with:](#)
- [⚽ Soccer – quick feet, slick passes, highlight reel goals](#)
- [🏐 Handball – fast breaks and high-energy teamwork](#)
- [🏈 Ultimate frisbee – precision throws, huge catches, full-field sprints](#)
- [🏉 Flag football – sharp passes, big plays and end zone celebrations](#)
- [🏞️ Trail adventures – learn, explore and chase the next big discovery](#)

- [Bring your sneakers, cleats, energy and your best game face because it's going to be non-stop action and all-out fun from start to finish! 🔥](#)

- [Spots are limited, and trust us – you don't want to miss this.](#)

📍 <https://www.sportsweek.ca/>

- [It's going to be a day packed with great plays, great people and even better memories.](#)

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