



Ecole 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

Here's how to use inclusive language with children:

Create an Inclusive Environment:

- Use positive language: Emphasize the value and potential of all children.
- Promote diversity and inclusion: Create opportunities for children to learn about and celebrate different cultures, identities, and abilities.
- Be a role model: Use inclusive language yourself and model respectful behavior.
- Create a safe space: Ensure that all children feel safe to express themselves without fear of judgment or exclusion.

Examples of Inclusive Language:

- Instead of: "Boys should be strong and brave."
- Use: "Everyone can be brave in their own way."
- Instead of: "Girls are good at arts and crafts."
- Use: "People have different talents and interests."
- Instead of: "He is very shy."
- Use: "He is a child who may need a little more time to warm up."
- Instead of: "They are a family."
- Use: "They are a family, and their family is made up of unique individuals."

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.

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Welcome to PJ's Incoming Principal!

We are excited to welcome Robyn Evans to Ecole Pauline Johnson this fall. With 20 years of dedicated service in West Vancouver, Mme Evans brings a wealth of experience and leadership. She has previously taught at Hollyburn and Irwin Park, served as Vice Principal at Cypress Park, and most recently as the Principal at Gleneagles and Lions Bay.

Mme Evans holds a Master's degree in Digital Learning and Curriculum from the University of British Columbia, along with a diploma in Teacher- Librarianship.

Outside of her professional life, Mme Evans enjoys spending quality time with her family. Along with her husband and two children, aged 13 and 16, she enjoys spending time outdoors – whether it's skiing, hiking, biking, running, or playing tennis.

We gratefully invite Mme Evans into the PJ community, where she will be working closely with Mme Zielinski throughout her transition.

Cops for Cancer Twoonie Drive

It's Twoonie Drive Time again! May 5–16th

The Canadian Cancer Society has created individual online donation pages for each participating school, to assist if any parents or other members of the school community would also like to support Ecole Pauline Johnson in this year's drive.

Please click the link below if you can help support the West Vancouver Cops ride to support Cancer!

[Please see here for more details.](#)

<http://support.cancer.ca/goto/EcolePJPourEnfants>

Pizza Day

Our last Pizza Day of the school year is just around the corner on May 30th! Don't forget to visit Munchalunch.com and place your order by next Friday, May 16th

Garden Clean-up

Join us after school tomorrow (May 9) for a fun and casual garden clean-up — no pre-registration or experience needed! We'll be tidying up the grounds and planting flower bulbs to add some spring cheer. Bring your energy, enthusiasm, and garden tools (if you have any), and enjoy some fresh air while connecting with fellow PJ families. Kids are welcome too!

Bake Sale - THANK YOU PJ Families!

The families who helped with the bake sale last Friday, including the grade 7 students who will be going to Quebec in July, would like to express our gratitude to the PJ community for supporting us. We hope everyone enjoyed the treats, and special thanks to those teachers who reminded their students to bring cash on Friday!

Popsicle Day Tomorrow

It's [Popsicle Friday](#) tomorrow! Don't forget to bring \$2 to purchase a Rico & Lalo natural flavor popsicle under the covered area of the playground.

Staff Appreciation Potluck

Our annual staff appreciation lunch is happening on May 22, and we need your help to make it a success. We are looking for volunteers to provide food and supplies, assist with set up, and help clean up afterwards. If you're able to lend a hand in any way, please [sign up here](#). Thank you for helping us show our gratitude to PJ's amazing teachers and staff!

PJ Classroom Placement

Each school year our Ecole 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 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 tzielinski@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 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