

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.

Terry Fox Run tomorrow

Tomorrow students at Pauline Johnson will be participating in the Terry Fox Run by learning more about and celebrating the legacy of Terry Fox. Following a short assembly, students and staff will participate in our annual run. Students are asked to come dressed appropriately for this. Donations can be made online at: [Pauline Johnson Elementary – West Vancouver, BC | Terry Fox School Run](#) or students can bring in a “toonie for Terry” tomorrow.

Student Agendas

Students in grades 1–7 have received a student agenda to support the development of effective organizational skills and serve as a communication tool between the teacher and home. The cost of the agenda is \$10.00; an additional cost of \$7.00 has been added – \$5.00 as an annual school activity fee and \$2.00 to cover the administrative processing fees associated with School Cash Online. This is a one-time annual fee which is added to all elementary school cash online accounts, as approved by the Board of Trustees in the Spring 2025.

Photo Day

Mark your calendar! On Tuesday, September 23rd students will have their individual school photos taken. To learn more about Photo Day at Pauline Johnson, please visit:

<https://artona.com/schools/PJON>

ELL Information Meeting

New and returning ELL parents are invited to meet the PJ ELL (English Language Learning) team to learn more about the support provided to their child. We hope you are able to join us!

When: Monday, September 22, 2025 from 9:15 – 10:15am

Location: PJ Library

Maria Yioldassis (myioldassis@wvschools.ca); Rehana Virjee (rvirjee@wvschools.ca); Heidy Visona (hvisona@wvschools.ca)

Parent Volunteers Needed

Attention all Parents! Mme Gambin is looking for committed parents to volunteer in our school library. No experience is necessary but a commitment to the school year would be helpful. If you could spare 30–45 minutes before or after school once a week either Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday your time will go a long way to help keep the library organized.

Student Absences from School

The school day begins at 8:50am for Primary students (K–3), and at 9:00am for Intermediate students (4–7). Families are asked to make every effort to arrive on time. If your child is late, please have them report to the school office to sign-in. If your child will be absent from school, please email paulinejohnson@wvschools.ca with details including your child’s name, date of absence, and Division or classroom teacher.

Extended Absences: We encourage all families to please use our school calendar when making plans for family vacations and ask that families not use school time for family holidays. Absences due to family holidays may negatively affect student achievement and any work missed is the responsibility of the family. Teachers do their best to support missed work but will not be able to provide materials in advance of time missed due to family holidays.

Please be reminded that approval for any extended holidays are to be requested of the Principal, Mme Evans. Please email revans@wvschools.ca with complete details of the requested absence.

Cross Country Running Team (gr 3-7)

Our Cross-Country team, open to all interested students in Grades 3–7, began practicing this week. Students are reminded that permission forms need to be returned in order for students to be eligible to participate. Please return your child’s form to the office as soon as possible.

Note: There is a \$10 District Sporting Fee payable via School Cash Online. Only if your child is participating, do you need to pay.

Our first meet will be held on Tuesday, September 16th at Ambleside Field.

Personal Digital Devices: reminders for students & parents

As we start a new school year, we want to remind everyone of the Personal Digital Device (PDD) expectations.

- Elementary Schools: Personal digital device expectations apply throughout the entire school day, including before school, after school, and during break times. Cell phones will not be used at all during school hours.

These guidelines are key to creating focused and engaging learning environments. Our goal is to minimize distractions and maximize learning opportunities. Digital devices, when used appropriately, are powerful tools for collaboration, creativity, and communication. However, they should not interrupt instructional time or disrupt the learning environment.

What Families Can Continue to Do

Here are some ways families can help reinforce these expectations at home:

- **Encourage Balanced Screen Time:** Promote activities like reading, outdoor play, and family time.
- **Model Consistency:** Show your support by modeling mindful & appropriate device use.
- **Support School Communication:** Avoid contacting your child during instructional time. Non-urgent messages can wait until after school. If urgent communication is needed, please contact the school office.
- **Stay Engaged:** Revisit the Parent/Guardian Guide to Personal Digital Devices to refresh your understanding of the expectations and discuss them with your child.

Important Dates

[2025–2026 Year at a Glance](#)

Fri Sept 12 th	Terry Fox Run & Assemblies
Mon Sept 15 th	Fun Lunch begins today
Tues Sept 16 th	Cross Country Meet #1 @ Ambleside, 3:45 pm
Tues Sept 23 rd	Photo Day
Tues Sept 23 rd	Cross Country Meet #2 @ Ambleside, 3:45 pm
Fri Sept 26th	Pro-D Day: students not in attendance today
Mon Sept 29 th	Orange Shirt Day @ PJ
Tues Sept 30th	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation: School CLOSED today

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Popsicle Day Tomorrow!

Our first [Popsicle Friday](#) of the year is happening tomorrow, September 12, right after school! Bring \$2 to purchase a delicious Rico & Lalo natural fruit popsicle under the covered area of the playground. Note that the first Friday of every month is Popsicle Day during the warmer months, and Hot Chocolate Day during the cooler months.

Fun Lunch Ordering is OPEN

Ordering is now open for Term 1 of [Fun Lunch](#), PJ’s hot lunch program running Tuesday to Friday each week. Explore the wide variety of choices on [Munchalunch.com](#).

Note that **all orders require a 2-week cut-off**, so be sure to order at least 2 weeks in advance to secure your child’s Fun Lunch.

Join PJPAC’s WhatsApp Group

[Click here](#) to join the official PJPAC WhatsApp group and stay up to date with reminders, events, and important happenings at PJ. Don’t forget to turn on notifications so you never miss an update!

Community

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

Kay Meek Cultural Day Event

[Backstage Pass: Kay Meek Arts Centre Open House](#)

♦ We’re giving you a Backstage Pass to the Kay Meek! It’s time to go behind the scenes at our @bcculturedays Open House on Sunday, September 21 🎭

Experience the Kay Meek as you’ve never seen it before, as we open up our backstage areas for you to explore and give you the opportunity to take to the stage.

- ♦♦ Take a look around our theatres
- 🎤 Sing your favourite karaoke songs on stage
- 🎷 Live jazz music from the @pressley.murillo.music Trio
- ♦ Enter our Ticket Giveaway
- 🍷 Find out more about the Kay Meek
- 👥 Meet the team
- 🍹 Refreshments in our sunny atrium

Join us for a lively afternoon of music, conversation, and family-friendly activities in your local community!

Make a note of all the details below:

- 📅 Sunday, September 21
- 🕒 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM
- 📍 1700 Mathers Avenue, West Vancouver
- ✅ Free Entry!



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[Past E-Bulletins can be found here](#)