



Tyee Newsletter

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April 11th, 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Next week is a short week due to statutory holidays. The school will be closed on Friday, April 18th for Good Friday and Monday, April 21st for Easter Monday.

Thursday is class photo day! Each class will be photographed, and families will receive a complimentary class photo. For tips on how to prepare for school photo day, visit Mountainwest's website: <https://www.mountainwest.ca/school-elementary-photos>.

Happy weekend!

Mrs. Monrad



With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation)



Information Items:

1. Upcoming Dates:

April 17th – Class Photo Day

April 18th – 21st – Good Friday and Easter Monday Statutory Holiday

April 22nd 23rd, 25th – Ingrid Science

April 25th – Lice Check

April 28th – Non-Instructional Day, no school for students. Ministry of Education Indigenous Focus Day for staff.

April 30th/May 1st – Early Dismissal 2:00 p.m. for Student Conferences

May 29th – VCH Immunization Day for students who have received notice

June 5th – **Welcome to Kindergarten event for K's starting Sept 2025**

June 6th – Games Day

2. Class Placement - Parent Input 2025/2026 Form

As we embark on preparations for the upcoming school year, our staff will soon convene to organize classes for the next academic term. As a team, we diligently consider each student's social, emotional, and academic requirements. Moreover, we consider specific learning needs such as English Language Learning, special needs, diverse learning styles, social dynamics, prior classroom experiences, as well as class size and composition. Following the Montessori philosophy, students typically benefit from and remain within their classes for a 3-year cycle. At Tyee, our focus for class placements predominantly centers around students transitioning to Grade 1 and Grade 4.

Should your child have learning needs that you wish our school team to consider for next year's class allocations, *we kindly request you fill out this form by May 16th, 2025.* Please understand that while we strive to accommodate all requests, the complexity involved in constructing our classes may render it challenging to fulfill every preference. We kindly urge you not to request specific teachers.

We sincerely appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we collaborate to ensure a successful and enriching school year for all our students!

Form due by Friday May 16th, 2025

Please Remember: This form is intended to assist our school team in the placement of students. The completion of this form is not a guarantee of placement.

Link to form: <https://forms.office.com/r/xZVZ7jk137>

3. PAC Weekly Update

1. Empower Your Youth with Stay Safe!

Stay Safe! is a half-day certification course that teaches children essential life skills and first aid basics. It takes place on **Monday, April 28th** (Pro D Day) and is open to students aged 9-13, whether they attend Tyee or not, so feel free to spread the word! The cost is \$70 per student, and registration is open until April 18th. [Find program details and sign up here >](#)

2. Choir Rehearsals Start Next Week

The Tyee Elementary Choirs will begin rehearsals on Tuesday, April 15th for juniors (grades K-3) and on Thursday, April 17th for seniors (grades 4-7). There is still time to sign up! We especially would like to increase enrolment numbers for the Senior Choir. Unsure? Try it out! If your child decides not to continue after attending the first rehearsal, a refund will be issued. [Find program and registration details here >](#)

3. FamilySmart

Ever feel unsure how to support your child's mental health? **FamilySmart** is here for you. They offer free, no-waitlist services. Their Parent & Community Peer Support teams are parents who've been there and understand the challenges families face. You can also join monthly "in the know" events and access helpful resources anytime. To access their support, visit www.familysmart.ca or contact them at 1-855-887-8004. Check out some of their upcoming virtual and in-person events [here](#).

4. Lice Check Survey

A gentle reminder that the [school-wide lice check survey](#) remains open. If you have not yet done so, please cast your vote [here](#). We would like to hear from as many families as possible before the survey closes on Tuesday, April 22nd.

5. Climate Strike This Sunday

The Vancouver Climate Strike Coalition has reached out to invite the school community to join the 2025 Global Climate Strike on April 13th. The rally begins at 1:00 pm at the Vancouver Art Gallery, with an art build starting at noon. One of the speakers at the rally is Lily YangLiu, a climate champion and grade 11 student from Mulgrave School in West Vancouver. [Find event details here >](#)

6. Spring Fair: Call for Volunteers

Planning is underway for the Tyee Spring Fair on May 23rd, and we are once again looking for volunteers to help make the magic happen! Email Larissa (larissa.dundon@gmail.com) and Jake (jakegiammarino@gmail.com) to sign up if you can lend a hand!

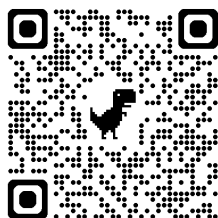
Tyee Elementary Choirs Spring 2025



Junior Choir: Grades K – 3
Senior Choir: Grades 4 – 7
Duration: 10/9 weeks plus a concert
Cost: \$120/\$108 *
Registration: <https://vems.ca/signup>

Why Choir?	Junior Choir Rehearsals Tuesdays 3 PM in the Library	Senior Choir Rehearsals Thursdays 3 PM in the Library
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy Vocal Production • Musicianship • Live Music Making • Performance Skills and Etiquette • Teamwork 	Apr-15, 22, 29, May-06, 13, 20, 27, Jun-03, 10, 17	Apr-17, 24, 08, 15, 22, 29, Jun-05, 12, 19

Use this QR code to access
this info online.



Try before you buy

If a student joins the first rehearsal, but doesn't like it, VEMS accepts cancellations with refunds after two weeks.

What is Choir?

Choir (pronounced Kuh-Why-Or) means singing with a group of people. Did you know that everyone can sing? When you join a choir, you get to sing with your friends and other kids. You'll learn new songs, sometimes you might know some of them, and you get to perform them for family and friends.

A choir has a conductor who stands at the front and tells you when to start and stop. They also teach you the songs. There is a person playing the piano for the whole choir. They are like the conductor's best friend.

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/
- Questions? Email president@vems.ca



Join us at the Seeding Stewardship Fair

Looking to connect with your local community while making a positive impact on local neighbourhood spaces and the environment? This free, drop-in event offers a fantastic opportunity to discover ways you can engage in environmental stewardship.

Saturday, May 3, 2025
10am - 2pm
Clark Park
1500 E 14th Ave, Vancouver



Register to stay
in the loop!

Explore booths hosted by the City of Vancouver, Vancouver Park Board, and local non-profits passionate about preserving and enhancing our public spaces. You'll also get the chance to participate in hands-on stewardship activities.

Throughout the day, guest speakers will lead talks and tours, including:

- A walking tour and discussion on the native plants of "Gibby's Field," a newly naturalized park.
- Tips on fostering pollinator-friendly communities.
- Strategies for managing invasive plant species.
- Ways you can support healthy waterbodies from your own neighbourhood.
- How to get involved with public plazas.



vancouver.ca/seedingstewardship