



Tyee Newsletter

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Hello Tyee Families,

Welcome to back to spring term! I hope you had a restful spring break with some good time with your family. We are delighted to announce that over the break, we installed two ten-foot basketball hoops. They have quickly become a popular attraction, with many kids enjoying shooting hoops during recess and lunch. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our school PAC for generously funding the hoops.



Sincerely,
Mrs. Monrad



With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the x^wməθk^wəy̓ əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlliwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

Information Items:

1. Upcoming Dates:

- April 4th – 19th – Hip Hop Lessons K-7
- April 15th – GVLC Lice Check Clinic
- April 19th – Hip Hop Assembly 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. (families welcome to come watch)
- April 16th – PAC meeting 7 p.m. online (link to be shared at later date)
- April 22nd – Pro D day, No school for Students
- April 29th – Class Photo Day

2. Class Placements for the 2024/2025 School Year

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 the online form by May 31st, 2024. 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!



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3. Wheeling to School

With better weather, many of our students have been enjoying riding their bikes or scooting to school. This is a great habit to cultivate! Please remember that riders need to wear helmets. If you are leaving your bike or scooter at the bike racks for the school day, it is important that you lock up your ride. Additionally, for the safety and well-being of all students, please be aware that riding for recreational purposes on school grounds is not permitted during active school hours. Happy riding!



4. Hip Hop with Ndidi Cascade

We are excited for upcoming hip hop dance lessons with Ndidi Cascade, <https://www.ndidicascade.ca/bio>. Lessons will feature an engaging blend of hip-hop history, song writing, and, of course, dance! Sessions will be held from April 4th to April 19th.

Mark your calendars for the Hip Hop Showcase, scheduled for April 19th from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Families are welcome to join us for this dance celebration. Thank you, PAC, for sponsoring these dance lessons for our students.

5. Tyee's "The Big One @ 2" Earthquake Drill, Radio Drill, and Student Reunification

On **Thursday, May 2nd, 2024**, we will be practicing "The Big One @ 2" Earthquake and Radio Drill as part of the Vancouver School Board's district-wide emergency drill at 2:00 pm. As part of our drill, we are looking for as many families as possible that can come to pick up their child as part of the Student Reunification Process.

We are asking parents who volunteer as part of Student Reunification to:

- arrive at 2:15 pm Thursday May 2nd, 2024 and line up at the "student pick-up" table located on the basketball court on the north side of the school.
- bring a piece of picture identification with you to the reunification drill.
- If you are sending someone other than yourselves, please ensure that this is a person you listed on the long yellow Reunification form that was completed earlier this school year.

If you are participating in the Student Reunification portion of the drill, please be prepared to leave the school grounds with your child(ren) after you are reunited. The drill will end at 2:45 pm and our regular dismissal at 3:03 pm will proceed after our drill. It is our hope to practice a robust drill to better prepare our community in the event of a real earthquake. We are asking as many families that can help us out by picking up their child early. We do understand that this is not possible for all families. Please fill out this form to inform us if you can be a part of the reunification as we need to plan and prepare in advance of this day. For those participating, we require one form to be filled out for each family. Include siblings all on one form. If you are not able to come pick up your child(ren) there is no need to fill out this form.



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6. Solar Eclipse Monday April 8th

As you are likely aware from news reports, there will be a solar eclipse on April 8, that will impact Vancouver from approximately 10:40 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. Environment Canada's [forecast](#) for the day cloudy with a chance of showers which should somewhat obstruct the solar eclipse but does not completely block the sun.

The Vancouver School Board has provided direction based on advice from Vancouver Coastal Health's medical officer, that younger students who may not be able to follow directions closely or understand the risk associated with the eclipse should be kept inside with the blinds down during the solar eclipse. As such, please be advised that outdoor activities between 10:40 a.m. and 12:20 p.m. may be restricted for students. Recess break, 10:40 – 11:00 a.m. will be indoors for all students.

During a solar eclipse, public health advice is to use proper eye protection. Students and staff have been informed to avoid looking directly at the sun during the eclipse without proper eye protection. We ask for your assistance and support to educate your children on the importance of wearing protective glasses or certified eclipse glasses or handheld solar viewers (e.g., ISO 12312-2) if observing the eclipse.

As the solar eclipse is an education opportunity for students, school staff have been asked to provide viewing alternatives to outside activities, including live streaming of the eclipse in classrooms. Where there may be outdoor activities planned during the solar eclipse, staff have been informed about appropriate safety measures. With consideration of students' ability to follow safety instructions, they will ensure appropriate supervision of students and to enforce eye protection.

Please feel free to reach out to Mrs. Monrad, mmonrad@vsb.bc.ca, should you have questions or concerns.

7. A message from PAC about the Hot Lunch Program - Tuesdays

Ordering on Munchalunch is open! This Spring, hot lunch session will go from April 9th to June 18th, every Tuesday. No lunch on Thursday. The link to order is: <https://munchalunch.com/login> .

Please email lunch@tyeepac.com with any questions about Hot Lunches.

PAPER AIRPLANE CONTEST

**TYEE
SPRING FAIR**

FRIDAY MAY 10, 3-6PM

FUN GAMES

HELP US COLLECT PRIZES:

- ◆ new toys and games
- ◆ Good condition kids books
- ◆ Make a JOLLY JAR!

GRADE 7 BBO

**LIVE MUSIC
STUDENT ROCK BAND**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
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**ROCK PAPER SCISSORS
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