



# Tyee Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Balancing teacher-led and student-led experiences is one of the most rewarding parts of being a Montessori teacher. Creating an environment that sparks kids' interest and supports their academic progress is key. Through their interests, they practice and develop essential skills while satisfying their need for self-construction.

Please help your child be on time for school. Punctuality ensures students don't miss exciting activities that set the day's tone and provide valuable guidance. It also helps them dive into their interests right away, fostering responsibility and independence. Arriving on time keeps the classroom flow smooth, minimizes disruptions, and supports a consistent routine, which is important for growth. Plus, it helps students develop discipline and time-management skills that will benefit them throughout their lives.

See you bright and early Monday!

Warm regards,  
 Mrs. Monrad



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

**Information Items:**

**1. Upcoming Dates:**

- December 13<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>** – Grade 7 Plant Fundraiser = Plants are here ready for pick up
- December 16<sup>th</sup>** – Learning Update #1 (report card) goes home today
- December 18<sup>th</sup>** – Kindergarten & Referred Students Hearing Screening by VCH @ 9:15 a.m.  
Grade 7 Circle Craft Fundraiser
- December 19<sup>th</sup>** - Multicultural crafts-and-games afternoon (PAC Event)
- December 20<sup>th</sup>** – Sing A Long Assembly @1:30 p.m., Last day before Winter Break
- January 6<sup>th</sup>** – First Day back after Winter Break
- January 9<sup>th</sup>** - VCH Vaping Education for Elementary Schools Presentation for Grades 6/7
- January 9<sup>th</sup>** – 1<sup>st</sup> Trout Lake Skating Session for Div. 1,3,4 (PAC Sponsored)
- January 10<sup>th</sup>** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Trout Lake Skating Session for Div. 2,5,7
- January 15<sup>th</sup>** – Pro D Day (No school for students)

**2. How to report your child’s absence/late/leaving early from school:**

**To report your child's absence:**  
**Tyee Safe Arrival #: 604-713-5159 ext. 88#**  
**OR Email: [tyeattendance@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:tyeattendance@vsb.bc.ca)**

Parents should email or call Safe Arrival **as soon as they know their child will be absent or late** (prior to 9am) and provide the following details:

- Child's Name
- Div # or Teacher
- Reason for Absence
- Date & Length of Absence

*Please note: The # symbol must be entered after the extension number. Thank you!*

**3. Sing A Long**

We are hosting a sing-along on December 20<sup>th</sup> in our school gym from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Each class will be presenting a song. We invite families to join us and sing along!

Here is the Performance Program:

- Div 1 (Parent) - Sleigh Ride
- Div 2 (Moore) - Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree
- Div 3 (Lucas) - Winter Wonderland
- Div 4 (Lublow) - Felix Navidad
- Intermission
- Div 5 (Ismail) - Hanukkah O Hanukkah
- Div 6 (Gurney) - Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer
- Div 7 (De Leon) - Let It Snow
- Div 8 (Langley) - Jingle Bells
- Guest Band

Please RSVP to your child’s teacher or to Mrs. Monrad so we can get an accurate count of guests. We want to ensure we stay within fire capacity limits.

**4. Attention: Report cards are coming!**

Got questions? Wondering what the proficiency scale means for your child? Looking for other ways to help your child learn? Join VSB's session for parents/caregivers: Understanding Elementary Report Cards!

When: December 16, 2024, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Where: [Online Information Session](#)


Got questions already? Submit them [here!](#)

**5. Baby Go Round Holiday Hampers – By Inclusion Club**

This holiday season Inclusion Club is collecting donations for Baby Go Round. What is Baby Go Round? Baby Go Round is a non-profit organization that helps deserving families in the Lower Mainland. They need new items for babies up to 24 months old. Please see attached document for a detailed list. Please bring your donations to Ms. Lucas' room by Monday December 16th. We really appreciate it if you can donate to Baby Go Round. <https://babygoround.ca/about/>



**Holiday Baby Hampers**

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| <br>diapers                       | <br>baby book                                 |
| <br>baby toy                      | <br>baby blanket                              |
| <br>wet wipes and<br>diaper cream | <br>outerwear<br>accessories<br>(0-24 months) |
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**Then, pack in a bag, box or basket!**

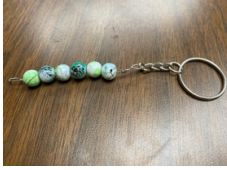

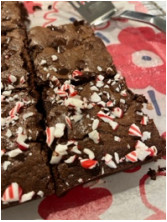



**6. Circle Craft - Grade 7 Fundraiser**





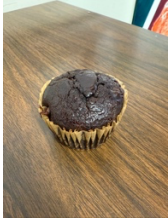

Students at Tyee are invited to the grade 7's annual fundraiser for our end-of-year celebrations. The students have worked hard preparing creative gifts and yummy treats.

Details:

- Circle craft will take place on December 18th from 9h30 - 11h30.
- Items range in price from \$1 - \$6.
- We are moving towards a cashless fundraiser, so we will be selling vouchers in \$1 increments, and you may buy as many as you like. Students trade their vouchers for goods. There will be no cash sales.
- Please consult our circle craft catalogue of all the items being sold.
- We will also be raffling off 2 separate care packages, consisting of 1 item from every group. \$2 per ticket and \$3 for 2 tickets.
- No child shall be left behind, so if you require assistance with tickets, please contact Mrs. Monrad.

**2024 Circle Craft Catalogue - Items for Sale**

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|  <p>Keychains - \$2</p>            |  <p>Tornado Potatoes (flavours: ketchup, tajin, all dressed and more flavours) - \$4</p>   |
|  <p>Candy cane brownies - \$3</p> |  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Knitted bags             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Large - \$6</li> <li>b) Medium - \$5</li> <li>c) Small - \$4</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Knitted animal heads - \$1</li> </ol> |
|  <p>Homemade pop its - \$1</p>    |  <p>Homemade bag of potato chips - \$2</p>  |

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|  <p>Raffle ticket \$2</p>                   |  <p>2 raffle tickets for \$3</p>  |
|  <p>Homemade bags - \$2</p>                 |  <p>Speculaas treats - \$2</p>     |
|  <p>Choco chocolate chip muffins - \$2</p> |  <p>Hot chocolate bombs - \$3</p> |

**7. Message from Mountain West**

Hello Tyee Elementary families,

Mountainwest Studios is working hard to ensure your orders are delivered before the holiday closure. As the Canada Post strike continues, any orders placed prior to December 3rd will be delivered to the school and sent home with your student. Any orders placed after December 3rd will be delivered after the holiday closure; Mountain West Studios closes on December 20th and reopens on January 6th.

If you have any questions about your orders, please contact the Mountain West Customer Service team at the details below.

Phone: 1.888.644.4494

Email: [help@mountainwest.ca](mailto:help@mountainwest.ca)

## 8. PAC Weekly Update

### 1. Winter Crafternoon and Baby Go Round Donation Drive

The PAC is excited to work with the Tyee Inclusion Club to host a multicultural crafts-and-games afternoon followed by a baby gear drive to spread some holiday cheer in the community before winter break!

When: Thursday, December 19th, from 1:30 to ~ 4 p.m.

From 1:30 to 3 p.m., students can visit various stations in classrooms and

- paint and decorate snowflake ornaments
- make coffee filter art and other fun crafts
- learn the game of dreidel

\* If you have a winter cultural celebration you'd like to share and help include in this event, please let us know! \*

From 3 p.m. onwards, come support the [Baby Go Round donation drive](#), enjoy hot drinks by donation (proceeds benefit Baby Go Round) and join a sing-along.

What we need: Volunteers to make the magic happen! We need parents to help run the craft and game stations, prepare and serve hot drinks, and collect Baby Go Round donations.

Please email Tanya at [chair@tyeepac.com](mailto:chair@tyeepac.com) if you can help or have any questions.

### 2. Join the PAC Executive

We are looking to fill the executive position of PAC Secretary. The primary role of the Secretary is to record and keep the minutes of all PAC executive and general meetings (usually two meetings a month). Please contact Tanya at [chair@tyeepac.com](mailto:chair@tyeepac.com) if you are interested!

### 3. Out-of-School Care Committee Meeting

We are launching an Out-of-School Care Committee to focus on expanding available before- and after-school care options for Tyee families. The first meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 18th at 7pm via Zoom.

We need more hands on deck with this important work of researching and reaching out to care providers. If you are interested in joining the committee, please RSVP [HERE](#) and we will send you the meeting link.

### 4. TEMS Directory

We are happy to announce that we now have Class Reps for all divisions! To help our Class Reps facilitate communication, please consider joining the [TEMS Directory](#). It's also a handy resource for contacting classmates for social activities.

When ready, the Directory is distributed ONLY to the families of Tyee students. It is optional, and only those families who consent will be listed, with the level of detail at the discretion of each family. Click [HERE](#) to be included in the TEMS Directory.



## Be in the know, winter is coming!

Follow VSB on social media to stay updated about school closures due to severe weather.

During extreme weather conditions (heavy snowfall, extreme cold, freezing rain, extreme heat, etc.) VSB schools will remain open if possible.

If a District-wide closure is necessary, it will be announced by 6:30 a.m.

Stay updated:

Facebook: Vancouver School Board

Instagram: @vsb39

X: @vsb39

VSB website: vsb.bc.ca

