



Tyee Newsletter

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March 14th, 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the much-anticipated spring break, we hope you take this time for restful rejuvenation and to spend quality time as a family. This break is well-deserved after all the hard work put in this term.

Please see the notice at the bottom of this newsletter from VCH regarding vaccinations.

We look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready to go after the break!

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) & səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation)

Information Items:

1. Upcoming Dates:

March 15th – 30th – School Closed for Spring Break

March 31st – First Day Back after Spring Break

March 31st – French Crepe Workshop <https://www.lepetitaterliervan.com/> (Grades 4-7)

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

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

Thanks to everyone who supported the Tyee Parent FUNdraiser on Wednesday! It was a fantastic evening celebrating our school community with new and familiar faces. Special thanks to the coordinators Jake Giammarino and Larissa Dundon for their hard work in making the event a great success!

We have some exciting programming coming up in April; please see below. Have a wonderful spring break!

1. Saleema Noon Body Science Online for Parents

We invite parents and caregivers to join a [Saleema Noon](#) virtual seminar on how to help kids gain the information and skills needed to make smart decisions about their sexual health.

Date: Tuesday, April 1st, 2025

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87921762719?pwd=SwNPXa25g4wKmb1jlkOEVTetv2KCKZ.1>

Meeting ID: 879 2176 2719

Passcode: 423631

2. Choir Registration for Spring

The popular after-school choir program will return in spring with two choirs! The Junior Choir (grades K-3) will rehearse on Tuesdays and the Senior Choir (grades 4-7) on Thursdays in the school library. Program details and specific meeting times can be found [here](#). Registration is open now. [Sign up here >](#)

3. Stay Safe! A Course on Essential Life Skills for Youth

We are excited to offer a half-day certification course for kids aged 9-13 with [Primary Care First Aid](#).

Students will learn how to be safe, responsible, respectful, and accountable when they are away from their parents or guardians, both at home and in their communities. They will also learn how to prepare for and respond to unexpected situations such as inclement weather, strangers, and unanticipated visits. Basic first aid skills will be covered, so your child will be ready to respond in case of an emergency.

Date: Monday, April 28th (Pro D Day)

Time: 9:45 am - 2 pm (please bring snacks, water, and lunch)

Location: Discover Dogs Pet Shop, 386 West 8th Ave. (at Yukon)

Cost: \$70 per student

Prerequisite: Attendees must be at least 9 years old, or have completed grade 3

Please sign up by emailing Annabel at annabelaspler@gmail.com with the following information:

- Child's full name
- Child's age
- Child's grade
- Parent's name
- Parent's cell phone #

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





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10 March 2025

Dear Student, Parents, Guardians and Staff

Re: Reminder to get your vaccinations updated. Measles is on the rise globally and pertussis (whooping cough) is making a comeback locally.

We would like to remind you to check your family's vaccination records and update your vaccinations as needed. Measles cases are being reported around the world. Please get your measles immunizations up to date, particularly if you are planning on travelling for Spring break. Two doses of measles containing vaccine are needed for everyone born 1970 or later. Children are usually offered these vaccines at 12 months of age and kindergarten entry. While most school age children are immunized, some may have missed their first or second dose during the pandemic. Infants travelling to high-risk areas can get a dose starting at 6 months. Those born before 1970 are considered protected but you may receive one dose if you do not recall a history of measles infection and are travelling to an area with active transmission.

Please also ensure that your family's pertussis immunizations are up to date. Pertussis is a bacterial infection of the lungs that is making a return. While people of any age can get ill, young children who have not been immunized get sicker than older children and adults. Children are offered pertussis-containing vaccines at 2, 4, 6, 18 months, 4-6 years, and in grade 9. Pertussis immunization is also recommended during pregnancy for the protection of newborns.

Adults can be immunized by their family doctor or pharmacist ([Measles, Mumps and Rubella \(MMR\) Vaccines | BC Pharmacy Association](#)). If you are unsure if your child is fully protected against measles, pertussis or other vaccine preventable diseases, please visit [BC Health Gateway](#) or scan this QR code to book an appointment:

<p>To check immunization records, visit Health Gateway, or scan this QR code.</p>	<p>Check a Record.</p> 	<p>To book an appointment to update your child's immunization, visit https://www.vch.ca/en/service/immunization-clinics or scan this QR code to find the closest public health clinic (for infants and children) or pharmacy (for ages 4 years and older).</p>	<p>Book an Appointment</p> 
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If you have immunization records for you or your child that are not recorded in Health Gateway profile, please submit these online to immunizationrecord.gov.bc.ca.

Sincerely,
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Dr. Brandon Yau, School Medical Officer - Vancouver
Dr. Meena Dawar, School Medical Officer - Richmond