



# Tyee Newsletter

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<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/tyee>

November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our Indigenous Education Department and Superintendent Helen McGregor has gifted our school a Reconciliation Blanket designed by x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əy<sup>ə</sup>m (Musqueam) artist, educator and master weaver Debra Sparrow. This blanket serves as a reminder of the necessary continued work ahead in advancing reconciliation and our school's commitment to walk alongside as allies with Indigenous Nations and communities. The blanket has been displayed in a place of prominence in our open area outside of our library. Next time you are in the school please come check it out!



Next week will be a short week for families. November 22<sup>nd</sup> is a pro-d day and there is no school for students.

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 x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əy<sup>ə</sup>m (Musqueam), Sk̓wxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səliiwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

## Debra Sparrow, x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əyəm Master Weaver



### Biography

Debra Sparrow was born and raised on the Musqueam Indian Reserve and is self-taught in Salish design and jewellery-making. Her contemporary work combines textile and Salish design into geometric, hand spun blankets and hangings and can be seen in various museums and institutions, including the Vancouver Airport, Museum of Civilizations in Ottawa and the University of British Columbia. Debra designed the logo for the Canadian Men's Hockey Team for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games in Vancouver, B.C. She also continues to work on pieces close to her heart at her home in Musqueam. It is Debra's hope to educate others about the beauty and integrity of her people's history through her art. Debra is a highly accomplished weaver, and for over 20 years has played a pivotal role in the ongoing revival of Musqueam weaving.

<https://thebluecabin.ca/residency/skeins/debra-sparrow/>

“Her work has blanketed the City of Vancouver and VSB schools, both inside and out.”

Chas Desjarlais, Director of Instruction - Indigenous Education



**Information Items:**

**1. November 20<sup>th</sup> Pizza Lunch Order link:**

<https://vsb.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/145630/196/False/True>

Remember that pizza orders close at 3 p.m. on Mondays.

**2. Fresh to You Vegetable Bundles – Pick up November 20<sup>th</sup> from 2 pm to 4 pm**

If you ordered the Fresh to You Vegetable Bundles, they will be available for pick up on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> from 2 pm to 4 pm outside at the Undercover area. Thanks for supporting this fundraiser. We raised \$600 for school gardening initiatives.

**3. Grade 8 Choice Programs – Attention Families of Grade 7 students going to high school September 2025**

The District Mini School Programs General Registry will open on November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

VSB's Mini School Programs provide enrichment opportunities for highly motivated students who are Vancouver residents, working consistently at a Proficient level and are looking for a challenge.

Students must apply to each program separately as per each program's process. Please click on link to see more information including the program guide.

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5292/mini-school-programs>

**4. 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!*

- Note that the email address is correct, [tyeattendance@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:tyeattendance@vsb.bc.ca). There is only one "e" as the system only accepts the first three letters of school name.

## 5. Upcoming Dates:

- November 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Pro D day (No school for Students)
- November 26<sup>th</sup>** - VCH Immunization Day for some students
- November 25,27,29<sup>th</sup>** - Ingrid Science Lessons (provided by PAC)
- November 29<sup>th</sup>** - Saleema Noon Body Science Lessons for all classes (provided by PAC)
- December 16<sup>th</sup>** – Learning Update #1 (report card) goes home today

## 6. A Message from PAC

With the holidays quickly approaching, the PAC has two wonderful initiatives to help you with gift ideas and party planning!

### Coffee Fundraiser

Enjoy and share delicious, locally roasted coffee while supporting our school! Global Coffee Fundraising is a Maple Ridge coffee roaster that partners with local groups to offer a variety of tailored coffee blends. They come in 454g packs at **\$17.50 each**. Check out the six options available to the Tyee community this year at [globalcoffeefundraising.ca/tyee](http://globalcoffeefundraising.ca/tyee). Not a coffee fan? There is hot chocolate available as well. **Order by December 3rd** for classroom delivery on December 9th, just in time for the holidays!

Thanks to Carlos for organizing this fab-brew-lous fundraiser! Please contact him at [chatwithcarlos@gmail.com](mailto:chatwithcarlos@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

### Grocery Gift Cards for Sale

We have gift cards to Famous Foods, Donald's Market and City Avenue Market for sale in denominations of \$25, \$50, or \$100. 10% of the gift card sales goes towards PAC initiatives that support our students. [Place your order here](#).

### PAC Meeting on November 20th

Please join us for the latest school and PAC updates at the next PAC general meeting on **Wednesday, November 20th at 7 pm** via Zoom.

Zoom link for the

meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/8123415516?pwd=Y1hQTXZuRzluTHhaakdhK1JXWlhqd z09&omn=98189596452>

Meeting ID: 812 341 5516

Passcode: Dumfries

Minutes from past meetings can be found on the PAC website [here](#).

### Questions? Reach out to our PAC Contacts:

- Hot Lunch Program (runs Tuesdays & Thursdays; order through [Munchalunch](#)) - [lunch@tyeepac.com](mailto:lunch@tyeepac.com)
- Fundraising Inquiries and Purchases - [fundraising@tyeepac.com](mailto:fundraising@tyeepac.com)
- Blog and Event Inquiries - [communications@tyeepac.com](mailto:communications@tyeepac.com)
- Volunteer and General PAC Inquiries - [chair@tyeepac.com](mailto:chair@tyeepac.com)
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MEDIUM ROAST

**JINGLE BELL JAVA**  
HOLIDAY BLEND

**DUMFRIES DARK**  
DARK ROAST

**JITTERLESS JAVA**  
DECAF

**WINTER WARM-UP**  
HOT CHOCOLATE

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454g packs @  
\$17.50 each



Order online by  
Dec 3



Classroom  
delivery Dec 9

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