



Tyee Newsletter

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

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Just a friendly reminder that there will be no school tomorrow due to the Provincial Pro-D Day. Enjoy your long 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^wməθk^wəy'əm (Musqueam), S^kwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səilwətał (Tseil-Waututh Nation).

Information Items:

1. Upcoming Dates:

October 25th - Provincial Pro - D day. No School for students

October 28th - PAC Halloween Dance

November 4th - Family Math Festival 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

November 11th - Remembrance Day (Schools Closed)

November 22nd - Pro D day (No school for Students)

2. Kindergarten Registration Opens November 1st

For those of you with children going to Kindergarten September 2025 registration information can be found here: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5195>

District choice programs:

Families must register at their neighbourhood catchment school during the priority registration period (November 1 - January 31) before applying for Kindergarten Choice programs. Tyee Montessori is a district choice program.

Applying for a District choice program is a separate process and runs from January 7 to February 4, 2025. Visit the [Kindergarten Choice Programs](#) page for more information.



3. School Retake Photos are now ready to view

Exciting news! Your online gallery from your school retake photo session is now live, and contains both original and retake images! A new order deadline is provided, which allows you to choose from any images in your gallery without any late fees.

- Please visit this link to access the gallery: <https://vando.imagequix.com/K9L3W9Z>
- Your webcode to access your images was provided on photo day.
- Any active email address can be used to login.
- **Your order deadline is: November 6 2024**
- All orders will be shipped to the school. ***If you miss the deadline, your order will be shipped directly to your home with a \$5.99 shipping fee applied.***

Missing your login code? No problem!

1. Visit <https://weborders.mountainwest.ca>
2. Click on "Looking for your login code?"
3. Enter the information required.
4. Your code will be emailed within 1 business day.

[Click Here](#) to find out more about ordering.

Phone: 1.888.644.4494

Email: help@mountainwest.ca

4. Visitors to the School

We kindly remind all visitors, including parents, to report to the school office during instructional time. If you will be staying for more than 15 minutes and visiting various locations within the school, we will ask you to sign in and you will be provided with a Visitor Badge. Please remember to sign out and return the badge when you leave.

This is standard protocol at all Vancouver Schools. Our students and staff may feel concerned if this procedure is not followed, as unexpected adults in the hallways can be distracting and raise safety concerns. We take our responsibility for each child's safety seriously.

If you need to drop something off for your child during the school day, please do so at the office, and we will ensure it gets to them promptly. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

5. A Message from PAC

Tyee Halloween Dance

The Tyee Halloween Dance is this Monday, October 28th from 5:00-7:30pm, so get ready for a spooky good time. Bring the whole family and come in your costumes. There will be lots of fun on the dance floor with contests and prizes.

Important Reminders:

This year there will be NO chili and soup sales. Mom's Grilled Cheese Food Truck will be onsite, so please plan your dinner needs accordingly.

The Halloween Dance is famous for its spook-tacular Bake Sale. Please bring your creepy confections to the kitchen off the gym when you arrive. Our amazing volunteers will set them out for display.

Tickets will be sold for drinks (\$1) and bake sale items (\$1-2). While cash is still the most ideal form of payment, PAC now accepts debit or credit. Debit cards are preferred over credit cards as the processing fees incurred are lower. Mom's Grilled Cheese will handle payment for their meals separately.

Please note that this is a family/community event — NOT a "drop off" event. Children are expected to be under the supervision of a parent. If parents are unable to attend, they should identify another parent who is willing to supervise their child for the duration of the event. Siblings are welcome to join.

Time is limited to clean-up after the event. If you have time to help take down decorations or fold up tables, it would be greatly appreciated!

Any questions? Please contact Robyn robynazylstra@gmail.com

We can't wait to see you at the Halloween Dance on Monday, October 28th from 5:00 - 7:30 pm! A howlin' good time awaits with delicious food and eerie-sistible entertainment. Costumes are encouraged!

Stay in the loop with the latest PAC news! Visit www.tyeepac.com to subscribe to our blog and events calendar.

Questions? Reach out to our PAC Contacts:

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

TYEE HALLOWEEN DANCE



MONDAY, OCTOBER 28,
TYEE ELEMENTARY GYMNASIUM
5:00 - 7:30 PM

THIS IS A FREE FAMILY EVENT AND
COSTUMES ARE ENCOURAGED!
WE'LL HAVE A PHOTO BOOTH, CARD
READING AND DANCE CONTEST

PLUS THERE'LL BE FOOD
FOR SALE: MOM'S GRILLED
CHEESE TRUCK AND BAKED
GOODS, YUM!



THIS IS A FAMILY PARTICIPATION EVENT. PLEASE
ARRANGE FOR YOUR CHILDREN'S SUPERVISION

6. How to report your child's absence:

To report your child's absence:
Tyee Safe Arrival #: 604-713-5159 ext. 88#
OR Email: 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!

7. Get Ready for Tyee Family Math night on November 4th from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. The Julia Robinson Mathematics Festival (jrmf.org) is a math education nonprofit organization whose mission is to empower schools and communities to create magical math moments for children. They have created a variety of engaging math activities that help children of all ages develop problem-solving and critical-thinking skills. Whether it's a whole-school festival or a Family Math Night, their ultimate goal is to have children leave feeling joyful and confident about math. Hope to see you then!



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1. A one-time event where children gather and explore math through puzzles and games.
2. A place filled with magical math moments



**Tyee
Elementary**

Family Math Festival

**Mon, Nov 4
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm**

Join us after school to explore math through games and puzzles!

Bring the whole family!



THE MATH FESTIVAL SOLUTION

- **Play-based:** Math comes alive with games, color, and movement.
- **Kid-led:** Students can tackle activities with creativity and perseverance.
- **Community-driven:** A math festival is loud, vibrant, and for the whole community.

jrmf.org



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CULTURE IS NOT A COSTUME

HOW NOT TO CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE HALLOWEEN

The autumn season is upon us, and soon it will be Halloween. This time of year brings with it decisions on costume choice. While dressing up is meant to be fun and exciting, it also runs the risk of offending others with costumes that are offensive to other cultures. Halloween offers the opportunity to discuss costume choices with both colleagues and students. It is important not to inadvertently mimic culture by culturally appropriating racial or ethnic groups.

CULTURAL APPROPRIATION

- 1) The taking – from a culture that is not one's own – of intellectual property, cultural expressions or artifacts, history and ways of knowledge (Ziff & Rao, 1997).
- 2) Any instance which means commonly associated with and/or perceived as belonging to another are used to further one's own ends (Shugart, 1997).
- 3) To take parts (symbols, artifacts, dress, words, practices, etc.) from a culture that is not your own. This can happen in a variety of forms but often around Halloween it involves wearing 'costumes' that may have some significance to other cultures.
- 4) A particular power dynamic in which members of a dominant culture take elements from a culture of people who have been systematically oppressed by that dominant group.

Engage in dialogue

Bring up subjects like cultural appropriation with your colleagues and students. See what their views are and share your own knowledge and experiences. Dialogue is collaborative and about people working together to find a common understanding. It is about exploring, listening, and re-examining your positions, values, and assumptions.

Examine your own practices

Are you wearing a costume during Halloween? Ask yourself some critical questions about your costume. Is my costume based on someone's race, ethnicity, or culture? Am I reinforcing stereotypes with the image I am portraying? Is my costume exploiting another culture?

Be an advocate

If you see a costume that doesn't sit right with you, start a conversation with that person. Begin a respectful dialogue with that person at an appropriate time and place. Ask them about their costume choice. Your conversation should be about having the person think through their choice, not about right and wrong.

LINKS (Click on headline)

- [CBC : Teacher finds teachable moment about cultural stereotypes](#)
- [Statement on Halloween by the Legacy of Hope](#)
- [My Culture is NOT a Culture](#)

