

# Tyee Elementary Newsletter

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September 26, 2025

Dear Tyee Families,

This week, students explored Indigenous culture through the song *For Our Culture* by the N'je Jiwan Artists from Seabird Island Community School. The music celebrates the strength and importance of Indigenous traditions.

On Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, students are encouraged to wear orange to honour Indigenous children and support cultural learning.

We'll begin the day with the Coast Salish Anthem—a prayer song gifted by Chief Dan George of the Tsleil-Waututh Nation—sung and drummed together on the basketball blacktop. Families are welcome to join us.

Wishing you a happy weekend,

Mrs. Monrad

## Upcoming Dates

- Monday, September 29 = Tyee recognizes National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (invitation to wear orange)
- Tuesday, September 30, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – School Closed
- Friday, October 3, Smash Volleyball workshops (Grades 4-7)
- Terry Fox Run, October 6 @ 1:30 Clark Park. Neighbourhood walk permission form required.
- Wednesday October 8 – PLEA Online Safety Workshop (Grades 5-7)
- Monday October 13, Thanksgiving Statutory Holiday (school closed)
- Wednesday, October 15/16 = Parent Teacher Conferences. Early dismissal at 2:00 both days.
- Wednesday October 15 = Family Photo Fundraiser on the early dismissal day
- Friday October 17 = PAC Halloween Dance 5-8 p.m.
- Friday October 24 = Pro D Day (No school for students)

# Information Items

## 1. Tyee's Terry Fox Run - Monday, October 6 @ 1:30 p.m.

Students will be walking to Clark Park to enjoy a run around the park. Families are invited to join us—whether to help with supervision, cheer on the students, or walk/run alongside your child. If you're able to join us, please let your child's teacher know.

We also invite you to consider donating to the Tyee Elementary Fundraising page.

Tyee Elementary Fundraising Page: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/TyeeElementary>

In 1980, Terry Fox dreamed of a world without cancer. Forty-five years later, his Marathon of Hope continues to inspire us. By working together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of so many. Please help support critical cancer research in Canada by contributing to our participation in the 2025 Terry Fox School Run.

## 2. Tyee Spirit Wear Order (due October 1<sup>st</sup>) - Crewnecks, Hoodies and T-shirts

Back by popular demand we are offering the Tyee spirit wear launched last year. Choose from a variety of options including crewnecks, hoodies, and t-shirts. We have sizes available for both youth and adults, so everyone can show their Tyee pride! You should have received an email link to your child's school cash online account to purchase.



### 3. Family Photo Fundraiser at Tyee (6 sittings left!) – By MountainWest

# family portraits



Mountain West Studios is pleased to offer:  
**FAMILY PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER**

This event is especially popular for Mother's Day, Father's Day, and holiday gift-giving. It's a great way to support your school and provide precious memories for someone you care about!



**EACH FAMILY IS PROVIDED WITH 1 COMPLIMENTARY 8X10 PORTRAIT OF THEIR CHOICE!**

- An affordable and convenient option for family portraits, now that Sears and Walmart no longer offer this service.
- NEW! Easy, online sign-up
- Sitting fee is \$30. 100% of this fee is donated back to the school!
- Convenient weekend and evening portrait sessions
- 10 minute sitting includes 10-15 online proofs with additional ordering options

**SITTINGS ARE FILLING UP QUICKLY, SO DON'T MISS OUT. SIGN UP NOW!**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Studio Location:  
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Family photos are coming! The sessions will take place on Wednesday, October 15 in the library. \* Reminder that there is early dismissal at 2:00 p.m. for parent teacher conferences on this day. Our goal is to provide portraits that CELEBRATE YOU and your Family.

**This is a fundraiser!** 100% of the sitting fee goes directly back to the school, and each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 print.

To book your Family portrait sitting, please visit this link:

[Tyee Elementary Family Sittings](#)

If you have any questions after reviewing our sign up page, please contact our customer service team.

*Mountain West Studios*  
Phone: 1.888.644.4494  
Email: [help@mountainwest.ca](mailto:help@mountainwest.ca)

#### 4. How to report your child's absence/late/leaving early:

**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!*

#### 5. Tyee School Forms are online!

Some of our school forms are now digital. These consents are essential for your child's participation in activities like neighbourhood walks and for families to continue receiving school communications. Please ensure you complete the forms for each child attending Tyee.

To complete these consents online, please log in to [myforms.vsb.bc.ca](https://myforms.vsb.bc.ca)

When logging in using the VSB Credential Option, you will need to use your child's @learn.vsb.bc.ca address. If this does not work, please use your child's PEN number and Date of Birth (DOB). (if you are still having issues logging in, please close all browsers and log out of all other accounts and try again.

If you encounter further difficulties or have any questions regarding the online consents or the process, please feel free to contact our school office at 604-713-4723.

Your prompt action in completing these consents online is great appreciated.

## PAC Weekly Update

Tyee Halloween Dance on October 17th

Tyee Community! Please save the date for our annual Halloween Dance. It will be held the evening of Friday October 17th, 5-8 p.m.

We need your help to pull off this awesome annual tradition! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

- decorators for the day of the event to get the gym and school looking spooky (Oct 17th starting at 9 a.m.)
- volunteers for the night of the event to sell tickets, serve food/drinks, etc. (1-2 hour shift, between 5-8 p.m.)
- volunteers for clean up and take down after the event (8-9 p.m.)
- Do you have any other ideas to contribute? In the past we've had haunted house, tarot reading, spooky-story telling. We'd love if someone wanted to take the lead on something.

Contact Robin if you can help out in any way. This event can't happen without parent volunteers! Email Robin at [robinluciana@gmail.com](mailto:robinluciana@gmail.com). Thank you!

—Amy, Robin and Sayo





**SINK INTO SPOOKINESS...**

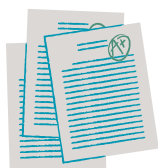
**TYEE  
HALLOWEEN DANCE**

**COSTUMES ENCOURAGED  
SEA MONSTERS WELCOME**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17  
5-8 PM**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**  
**EMAIL [robinluciana@gmail.com](mailto:robinluciana@gmail.com)**

**This is a family participation event. Please supervise your children**



# WELCOME TO TYEE PAC



Here are great ways to support our school  
and connect with other families!

## 1 MONTESSORI STUDENT DONATION

- Funds vital learning resources and programming
- Reduces need for frequent fundraising activities
- Suggested amount of \$200 per student for the year



## 2 JOIN THE DIRECTORY

- Be included in this handy resource for contacting schoolmates for social activities
- Ensure receipt of time-sensitive PAC communications

## 3 WHATSAPP COMMUNITY

- Join the community channel and connect with your specific class division(s)



## 4 SUBSCRIBE TO UPDATES

- New blog posts automatically emailed to your inbox
- Subscribe to the events & activities calendar

[www.tyeepac.com](http://www.tyeepac.com)