



Tyee Elementary Newsletter

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Dear Tyee Families,

Just a reminder that there will be no school on Monday for students (Non-Instructional Day) as our staff will be participating in an Indigenous Focus Day.

We are also excited to share two special events happening next week:

Earth Day Assembly – Wednesday, April 22

Our Earth Day Assembly will take place from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and we are proud to share that some of our Tyee students will be performing. Your child and/or teacher will let you know if your child is presenting. Families are warmly welcome to attend. Please let your child's teacher know if you plan to join us so we can keep a rough count for fire code capacity limits.

Dancers of Damelahamid – Friday, April 24

On Friday at 9:30 a.m., we are honoured to welcome the Dancers of Damelahamid for a special performance. This rich and engaging program offers students a meaningful opportunity to learn and connect. Families are welcome to attend as well. Please notify your child's teacher if you plan to join us so we can plan accordingly for space.

Learn more about their program here:

<https://damelahamid.ca/bookings/k-12-schools/>

We look forward to sharing these special moments with our school community. Thank you, as always, for your support and partnership.

Enjoy your long weekend!

With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the x^wməθk^wəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

Information Items:

1. VSB Earthquake Drill, Radio Drill, and Student Reunification - Tyee Elementary May 2026

On Thursday, May 7th, 2026, we will be practicing an Earthquake and Radio Drill as part of the Vancouver School Board's district-wide emergency drill at 2:00 pm. As part of our drill, we are looking for as many families as possible that can come to pick up their child as part of the Student Reunification Process.

We are asking parents who volunteer as part of Student Reunification to:

- arrive at 2:15 pm Thursday May 7th, 2026 and line up at the "student pick-up" table located on the basketball court on the north side of the school.
- bring a piece of picture identification with you to the reunification drill.
- If you are sending someone other than yourselves, please ensure that this is a person you listed on the long yellow Reunification form that was completed earlier this school year.

If you are participating in the Student Reunification portion of the drill, please be prepared to leave the school grounds with your child(ren) after you are reunited. The drill will end at 2:45 pm and our regular dismissal at 2:58 pm will proceed after our drill. It is our hope to practice a robust drill to better prepare our community in the event of a real earthquake. We are asking as many families that can help us out by picking up their child early. We do understand that this is not possible for all families. Please fill out this form to inform us if you can be a part of the reunification as we need to plan and prepare in advance of this day. For those participating, we require one form to be filled out for each family. Include siblings all on one form. If you are not able to come pick up your child(ren) there is no need to fill out this form.

Forms will be collected up until end of day Monday May 4th, 2026.

Click link for form:

[VSB Earthquake Drill, Radio Drill, and Student Reunification - Tyee Elementary May 2026 – Fill out form](#)

1. Looking for summer learning options?

The VSB has lots to offer! Registration opens April 30 at noon, and spots tend to go fast so don't wait. Check out all the details here: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/summer-learning>



The poster features a background image of three children walking on a school path towards a large brick building. The VSB Vancouver School Board logo is in the top left. A large pair of blue-rimmed glasses is superimposed over the bottom half of the image. The left lens contains the text 'SUMMER LEARNING 2026'. The right lens contains registration dates: 'ELEMENTARY PROGRAM REGISTRATION BEGINS Thurs. April 30, 2026 at noon' and 'SECONDARY PROGRAM REGISTRATION BEGINS Thurs. May 7, 2026 at noon'. Below the glasses, on a blue background, are program dates: 'Elementary Programs: July 7 to July 24, 2026', 'Secondary Review/Preview/Remedial/ELL Programs: July 7 to July 31, 2026', and 'Secondary Completion Programs: July 7 to August 7, 2026'. At the bottom, the website 'summerreg.vsb.bc.ca' and a QR code are displayed.

Upcoming Dates

- April 20th – Indigenous Focus Day for School Staff (No School for Students)
- April 22nd - Earth Day Assembly 11:00 – 12:00 p.m.
- April 24th - Dancers of Damelahamid School Performance @9:30 a.m.
- April 29th - Student Led Conference Day (Early Dismissal at 2:00 p.m.)
- April 30th - Student Led Conference Day (Early Dismissal at 2:00 p.m.)
- April 29th/April 30th - Scholastic Book Fair at Tyee (stay tuned for details!)
- May 7th – Districtwide Earthquake and Reunification Drill
- May 8th – PAC Spring Fair
- May 11th – 14th – Ingrid Science Week
- May 22nd – Tyee Talent Show
- June 4th – On Our Way to K
- June 5th – Games Day
- June 10th – Parent Appreciation Event
- June 19th – Grade 7 Farewell

PAC Weekly Update

Tyee Spring Fair: Call for Volunteers and Donations!

The 🎉 **Tyee Spring Fair** 🎉 will take place on **Friday, May 8th from 3 - 6 p.m.** It is always a ton of fun for the community and helps raise funds in support of the school. Planning for this popular event is well underway, and **we need your help to make it the best one yet!**

How Can You Help?

There are many different ways to contribute!

1. Jolly Jars

These were a hit last year as prizes for the Musical Jam! Jolly jars are creatively decorated jars filled with small toys, stickers, little treats or any other fun trinkets. Easy and fun to assemble and a definite crowd-pleaser! (See further how-to tips in the image below.)

2. Tents for Borrowing

We are looking to borrow pop-up canopy tents to set up various stations on the day of the event.

3. Face-painting

We are looking for volunteers to do face-painting with skin-safe supplies.

4. Item Donations

We are looking for gift cards, gift baskets, or donation of services for the **silent auction**. We are also collecting new or lightly-used goods for the **rummage sale** and **tombola** (e.g. toys, books, clothing, decor, housewares etc.)

5. Fundraising assistance

Our fundraising coordinator Sayo has been contacting local businesses to support the silent auction. It is a huge task, and we would love to have additional help in this effort!

6. Spring Fair Committee

We are looking for a few more volunteers to join the planning committee to ensure all aspects of the big event runs smoothly.

If you are able to lend a hand, please email rebeccawmcinnes@gmail.com.

Item donations can be dropped off in bins located in the hallway outside the kindergarten classroom.

Thank you!

MAKE A JOLLY JAR

FOR THE SPRING FAIR

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Decorate a clean jar from your recycling bin using glass paints, stickers, gems, glitter, fabric, yarn, beads, tissue paper or decorative tape. The sky's the limit! You can't be too creative!



Fill your jar with NEW or UN-USED objects of your choice.

- Craft items: buttons, coloured tape, stickers, beads, sparkles
- Self care: lip gloss, face masks, bath salts
- Homemade edibles: hot chocolate ingredients, cookie mix, unpopped popcorn & flavours
- Gardening: seeds, plant markers, small bag of soil
- Deck of cards, dice, rules to games
- Fairy garden supplies
- Practical jokes: Whoopie cushion, fake poop and booklet of jokes
- Classic toys: jacks, tops, bouncy balls

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