

# Tyee Elementary Newsletter

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Dear Tyee Families,

This week, you should have received your child's learning update (report card) as a PDF attachment in an email from our new reporting platform, Spaces EDU. If you haven't received it yet, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher.

Just a quick reminder: our school will be closed for Winter Break from December 22<sup>nd</sup> through January 2<sup>nd</sup>. The first day back to school is January 5<sup>th</sup>.

Wishing you and your family a joyful, restful, and relaxing Winter Break. We look forward to seeing everyone in the new year!

Tyee Staff

## Upcoming Dates

- December 22<sup>nd</sup> – January 2<sup>nd</sup> – School Closed for Winter Break
- January 5<sup>th</sup> – First day back to school after winter break
- January 12<sup>th</sup> – Pro D Day (No school for students)
- January 30<sup>th</sup> – Bollywood Dance Presentation Assembly (Parents are encouraged to come watch our classes dance @ 1:15 p.m.)

*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>əyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səliwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).*

# Information Items:

## 1. Thank you for supporting Baby Go Round

Thank you to everyone who donated to Baby Go Round. Our donations will be so appreciated by families and their young ones this holiday season.

Ms Lucas, Ms Ismail  
And Inclusion club



## 2. Proposed VSB School Calendars (2026–2027, 2027–2028 and 2028–2029)

After working with the District Calendar Advisory Committee, the proposed school calendars for the next three years (2026–2027, 2027–2028 and 2028–2029) have been posted on the [district website](#).

As required under the BC School Act, the District is holding an open comment period from December 15, 2025 to January 16, 2026. We are asking families to share their comments about the proposed calendars to [engage@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:engage@vsb.bc.ca). An email about this will be sent to all families in the District. Please include this information in your school's regular newsletter or update to families as well.

For more information about the calendar development process, visit [govsb.ca/calendar](https://govsb.ca/calendar).

## 3. Elementary District Choice Programs

VSB is proud to offer a wide range of educational options for different types of learners. Our elementary district choice programs include French Immersion, Mandarin Bilingual, Indigenous Focus, Montessori, and Fine Arts. For further details about each program, please visit the [VSB elementary programs webpage](#). If you'd like to learn more about how

these district choice programs are delivered and how they differ from the regular stream, tune in to [episode 13 of the VSB: After the Bellow podcast](#).

Families seeking an overview of the district choice programs and information about the online info sessions are encouraged to visit the [VSB district choice programs webpage](#).

### District Choice Info Session Dates and Meeting Links:

- [Tuesday January 6, 2026 @ 6pm – Mandarin and Early Mandarin Bilingual](#)
- [Wednesday January 7, 2026 @ 6pm – Fine Arts](#)
- [Wednesday January 7, 2026 @ 6pm – Intensive French](#)
- [Thursday January 8, 2026 @6pm – Late French Immersion](#)
- [Thursday January 8, 2026 @6pm – Indigenous Focus School](#)
- [Tuesday January 13, 2026 @6pm– Early French Immersion](#)
- [Wednesday January 14, 2026 @6pm – Montessori](#)

#### **4. One To One Literacy Session for Parents of Grade 1 and 2 Students**

We're excited to share with you that ONE TO ONE is collaborating with the Vancouver Public Library to host a Parent Reading Workshop at the Central Library on Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, during Family Literacy Week. It will be a unique set up as kids will enjoy a facilitated library program while their parents are in the workshop. If there are any families who missed attending our school session, here is another opportunity to participate. There are a limited number of seats, register today!

Registration Link: [Parent Reading Workshop with ONE TO ONE Literacy](#)

Saturday, January 31, 2026

10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Central Library

## **PAC Weekly Update**

We've had a fantastic start to the school year thanks to the amazing support of Tyee families; we look forward to bringing you great programming after the holidays. Have a wonderful winter break and happy new year!

### **1. Winter Crafternoon Was a Hit!**

A big thank-you to all the wonderful volunteers who helped make the Winter Crafternoon a great success! Students had fun creating beautiful mementos, and the community gathered for some festive good cheer. The event also raised \$150 and half a box of baby gear for BabyGoRound!

### **2. Sign Up for Music Programs in the New Year 🎵**

#### **a. Tyee Junior Choir**

The Tyee Junior Choir is open to students from grades K to 3. Students meet on Tuesdays after school to learn healthy vocal production and musicianship while exploring diverse

repertoire. **Registration for the winter term is open**

now: <https://vems.ca/VEMSCChoralProgramTyeeWinter2026.pdf>

### b. Affordable RCM Piano Program

Registration is now open for the RCM Piano Program, which begins in the first week of January. For program details, including suggested options for families who do not currently have a piano, please check out this blog post: <https://tyeepac.com/2025/12/17/registration-open-for-the-rcm-piano-program-at-tyee/>

### 3. Munch-a-lunch Update

Ordering on Munch-a-lunch will re-open in the new year. The first hot lunch delivery will take place on January 13th, with **orders due on January 7th by 6 p.m.**

### 4. WhatsApp Community

If you would like to join the Tyee WhatsApp community, or if you have not received a response to your join request, please email [communications@tyeepac.com](mailto:communications@tyeepac.com) and include your name, phone number, your student's name and division number. Thank you.




## VEMS Choral Program Tyee Elementary Winter 2026



**Junior Choir: Grades K\* to 3 (Tuesdays after School)**  
**8 rehearsals and a concert (\$117)**

**Registration:** <https://vems.ca/signup>

What Happens in Choir?	Your Conductor	Junior Choir Schedule
<p>Students will learn healthy vocal production and musicianship while exploring diverse repertoire. See our post <a href="#">How do you Choose Music?</a></p> <p>At every rehearsal there is a professional pianist to help with live music making.</p> <p>Regular attendance is important; new songs are regularly introduced.</p>	 <p><b>Anja Kelly</b> has been conducting with VEMS for 2 years. She holds a Bachelor of Music in Voice Performance from UBC and is passionate about helping children find their voices and developing their skills in music performance.</p>	<p>\$117 The Library</p> <p>2026-01-13 (Tue) - 1500-1600 2026-01-20 (Tue) - 1500-1600 2026-01-27 (Tue) - 1500-1600 2026-02-03 (Tue) - 1500-1600 2026-02-10 (Tue) - 1500-1600 2026-02-17 (Tue) - 1500-1600 2026-02-24 (Tue) - 1500-1600 2026-03-03 (Tue) - 1500-1600</p>

"Music listening, performance, and composition engage nearly every area of the brain ... and involve nearly every neural subsystem." – Daniel J. Levitin, *This is your Brain on Music*.

"Art has the power to render sorrow beautiful, make loneliness a shared experience, and transform despair into hope ... Music, like all art, gives pain and our most wrenching emotions voice, language, and form, so it can be recognized and shared."  
– Brené Brown, *Braving the Wilderness: The Quest for True Belonging and the Courage to Stand Alone*

#### 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.
- \* Kinders are now welcome. Please read guidance when registering.
- VEMS is registered with the CRA and issues tax receipts. [www.vems.ca/donate/](http://www.vems.ca/donate/)
- 20 children need to be enrolled for the choir to run.
- Questions? Email [president@vems.ca](mailto:president@vems.ca)

