

# Tyee Elementary Newsletter

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December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Dear Tyee Families,

What a wonderfully wet week at Tyee! The rain reminded us how important it is to dress for the weather so students can enjoy their outdoor breaks comfortably. We encourage families to send an extra change of clothes or two, just in case. Many students have been bringing umbrellas and boots—thank you! These make a big difference on rainy days. Please remember to label all your child's belongings so that any lost items can quickly find their way back home.

Learning Updates will be emailed to families on December 16th. To help you prepare for your child's report, here is a helpful link with information about assessment and reporting:

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/26696/assessment-and-reporting>

We have a few staffing changes to share with our Tyee community! First, we send our heartfelt best wishes to Rachel Moore, our Grade 4/5/6 teacher, as she begins her maternity leave. We are so excited for this new chapter in her life! We are delighted to welcome Shannon Poole, who will be teaching in Division 2 for the remainder of the year. Finally, we extend our thanks and best wishes to Joanne Dawson, our librarian, library prep, and primary resource teacher, as she moves on to new adventures at the end of December. Joanne has made a positive impact at Tyee, and she will be greatly missed.

Happy weekend,  
Mrs. Monrad



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# Upcoming Dates

- December 8<sup>th</sup> – Saleema Noon Body Science Lessons at Tyee
- December 12<sup>th</sup> – Crafternoon (PAC sponsored event)
- December 16<sup>th</sup> – Summary of Learning (emailed to families)
- December 19<sup>th</sup> – Last day of classes before Winter Break
- 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.)

## Information Items:

### 1. 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

### 2. Winter Weather Bulletin



## Be in the know, winter is coming!

Follow VSB on social media to stay updated about school closures due to severe weather.

During extreme weather conditions (heavy snowfall, extreme cold, freezing rain, extreme heat, etc.) VSB schools will remain open if possible.

If a District-wide closure is necessary, it will be announced by 6:30 a.m.

Stay updated:

Facebook: Vancouver School Board

Instagram: @vsb39

X: @vsb39

VSB website: vsb.bc.ca

### 3. Saleema Noon Body Science Presentations (PAC Sponsored)

Each year, students in elementary grades throughout BC receive instruction in sexual health education. This information is included in the Physical and Health Education program set out by the Ministry for Education. Our school PAC has organized experts in the field to address this topic with our school community. Saleema Noon Sexual Health Educators will be visiting our school to work with parents and students in **K to G7 on December 8<sup>th</sup>**.

In their Body Science presentations, Saleema Noon and her team of educators work with children teaching them about healthy bodies and healthy sexuality in ways they find non-threatening and entertaining. In their own language, children learn about how their bodies change, and what those changes mean.

**Student sessions will take place in person during the school day December 8<sup>th</sup>.** The content of the presentations is supported by current research as being age appropriate and we believe that it contributes to healthy child development. Some of the topics Saleema Noon Sexual Health Educators cover in their workshops extend beyond the content of the BC Physical and Health Education curriculum. For this reason, parents may choose to have their children OPT OUT of the Body Science workshops. If you do not wish your child to attend, we ask that you notify your child's teacher prior to the presentation day.

Please reach out to your child's teacher or to the school principal. If you have any questions and/or concerns about Saleema Noon Sexual Health Educators' presentations.





# 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</p> <p>The Library</p> <table><tr><td>2026-01-13</td><td>(Tue)</td><td>-</td><td>1500-1600</td></tr><tr><td>2026-01-20</td><td>(Tue)</td><td>-</td><td>1500-1600</td></tr><tr><td>2026-01-27</td><td>(Tue)</td><td>-</td><td>1500-1600</td></tr><tr><td>2026-02-03</td><td>(Tue)</td><td>-</td><td>1500-1600</td></tr><tr><td>2026-02-10</td><td>(Tue)</td><td>-</td><td>1500-1600</td></tr><tr><td>2026-02-17</td><td>(Tue)</td><td>-</td><td>1500-1600</td></tr><tr><td>2026-02-24</td><td>(Tue)</td><td>-</td><td>1500-1600</td></tr><tr><td>2026-03-03</td><td>(Tue)</td><td>-</td><td>1500-1600</td></tr></table>	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
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"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)



# PAC Weekly Update

## 1. Tyee Winter Crafternoon: Call for Volunteers

We still need a few more volunteers to help with a range of tasks at the Winter Crafternoon event on Friday, December 12th from 1 - 3:30 p.m. If you are interested in helping, please let Tanya know at [chair@tyeepac.com](mailto:chair@tyeepac.com). Thank you!

## 2. Upcycle Your Old Holiday Cards!

We are looking for old holiday cards that students can cut up to use at one of the crafting stations at the Winter Crafternoon event. Please set aside some for next Friday if you can!

## 3. New Order Deadline for Tuesday Hot Lunch

Please note that the order deadline for Tuesday Hot Lunch has been changed to 6 p.m. the Wednesday prior.

LET'S MAKE IT TO THE TOP, TYEE!

## MONTESSORI STUDENT DONATION (MSD)

**GOAL: \$12,000** ➡

More programming  
for the kids, less  
fundraising for the  
parents!

HOW TO DONATE:

[tinyurl.com/tyeemsd](https://tinyurl.com/tyeemsd)

