



Tyee Elementary Newsletter

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February 20th, 2026

Hello Tyee Families!

February 25th is Pink Shirt Day at Tyee! Pink Shirt Day is an annual event in Canada that promotes kindness and takes a stand against bullying. Students and staff are encouraged to wear pink to show their support and help raise awareness, especially about bullying in schools.

This tradition began in 2007 and is now recognized across the country on the last Wednesday of February each year.

This year's theme for Pink Shirt Day 2026, is "Sprinkle Kindness", a message encouraging small everyday acts of kindness to foster inclusion and respect for a kinder world.

At Tyee, our Virtue for February is Kindness. We are "catching kids being kind" and posting kindness hearts on our Wall of Kindness. Kindness at Tyee means taking a stand against bullying and promoting inclusivity, and compassion in our school.

On Wednesday, February 25, we encourage students to wear pink to say we support kindness, inclusion and respect for all!



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

Upcoming Dates

- February 25th - Pink Shirt Day
- February 27th – Lunar New Year Lion Dance 10 a.m. (PAC Sponsored)
- March 3rd – VCH Immunization Clinic (by invitation only)
- March 10th – Second Term Learning Updates emailed home
- March 16 – 27 – Spring Break (School Closed)

Information Items:

1. Parents as Partners: A Collaboration of the Lower Mainland Gifted Contacts (LMGC) and the Gifted Children's Association of BC (GCABC)

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Participating in a Workshop Series

Dr. Alison Bell

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Garibaldi Annex, Gymnasium
1025 Slocan Street, Vancouver, BC

OR

Thursday, April 16, 2026 (repeat of April 14)

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Surrey District Education Centre, Room 2020
14033 92 Ave, Surrey BC.

Event Description:

Dr. Alison Bell is a Registered Clinical Counsellor with over two decades of experience supporting neurodiverse children, teens and their families to navigate challenges, emotional intensity, and mental health and well-being. Dr. Bell's presentation will present key results from a gifted-specific, emotion-focused parenting workshop series, including outcome patterns and themes that emerged from parents' experiences with their gifted children's emotions and intensity. Her talk will also introduce the workshop model developed through her research and highlight practical, research-informed strategies.

Registration:

Please register online for either

April 14 at VSB Garibaldi Annex <https://gc3saabc.wildapricot.org/event-6566651>

OR

April 16 at Surrey District Education Centre <https://gc3saabc.wildapricot.org/event-6566688>

Cost is \$15 per person or \$20 for couples; \$5 for GCABC members in good standing.

Special offer! Sign up for a \$40.00 Annual Membership in GCABC and this event is discounted at \$5.

Membership provides free access to the GCABC Newsletter, webinars, special events, helpline, and Members' Corner website.

You are encouraged to register soon, as space is limited!

PAC Weekly Update

Don't Miss the Tyee FUN-Raiser!

The FUN-Raiser is less than a week away! Find all the event details and ticketing info on the PAC Blog: <https://tyeepac.com/2026/02/05/get-your-tickets-to-the-tyee-fun-raiser/>

Call for Volunteers

As always, the wonderful support from Tyee families is the driving force behind the success of all our events. If you can volunteer in any capacity to help with the Fun-Raiser, please email Larissa at larissa.dundon@gmail.com. Thank you!

Spring Term Registration Open for Tyee Junior Choir

The [Tyee Junior Choir](#) is open to students from grades K to 3 and has been a fun and wonderful way for kids to explore their musical interest. The spring term begins on April 7th. Sign up today! <http://www.vems.ca/signup>



VEMS Choral Program Tyee Elementary Spring 2026



Junior Choir: Grades Kindergarten to 3
10 rehearsals and a concert (\$143)
Tuesdays 3 – 4 PM

Registration: [vems.ca/signup](http://www.vems.ca/signup)

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| <p>This is your Brain on Music</p> | | <p>Your Conductor</p> |
| <p>Concentration Focus on ... your sound, what you sing/play, the conductor</p> | <p>Planning Anticipate the next part in the music</p> | <p>Vision Eyes on ... the conductor, performers, lyrics, music, instruments</p> |
| <p>Emotion How does the music make you feel?</p> | <p>Speech Well sung words Clarity for audience</p> | <p>Balance Keeping the beat Body percussion</p> |
| <p>Hearing Process the sounds you and others make</p> | <p>Memory Memorize lyrics Memorize finger positions</p> | <p>Anja Kelly 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> |

What do the Children Sing?

- Ensemble pieces suitable for young voices.
- Folk, Contemporary, Traditional, Show Tunes, Pop, Indigenous, and Multilingual from around the world.
- See [vems.ca/ChoosingMusic.html](http://www.vems.ca/ChoosingMusic.html) for more.

Rehearsal dates: Apr-07, 14, 21, 28, May-05, 12, 19, 26, Jun-02, 09.

Held in the Library.

- 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
 - VEMS is registered with the CRA and issues tax receipts. www.vems.ca/donate/
 - 20 children need to be enrolled for the choir to run.
 - Questions? Email president@vems.ca





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Reporting Student Absences/Late/Leaving Early:

Student safety is of great importance at the Vancouver School District. Ensuring student safety is a shared responsibility. To assist schools, we ask parents to notify schools of student absences. If your child will be absent from school, please phone the district to report this absence as early as possible. Parents should leave a message on our dedicated answering service by calling **(604-713-5159) extension 88#**. Messages will be received before the office is open. School offices are busy places: consistently notifying the school in advance of your child's absence will significantly improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Safe Arrival Morning Routine.

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. Note there is only one "e" in Tyee Attendance email address. Thank you!

Student Sign Out Procedure:

When you pick up your child during the school day, please ensure that you sign them out at the school office. If you do not sign out your child, they may be unaccounted for, and the school will identify your child as a 'missing' student. Clear communication is essential for ensuring the safety of your child and to prevent unnecessary searches.

Requesting an Extended Absence:

We understand that family needs and emergencies may require extended absences. Schools can hold a student's space for up to **20 consecutive school days**. After 20 days, registration may be cancelled if another student is waiting. Families requesting an extended absence should email the school principal at tyeattendance@vsb.bc.ca.

Thank you for helping us keep your children safe!

Mrs. Monrad
Principal

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