



Tyee Elementary Newsletter

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Happy Friday, Tyee Families!

Prior to winter break, we bid farewell to Joanne Dawson as she moves to New Zealand. At this time, I am happy to introduce our new library/prep/resource teacher, Alexis Larsen, who will be with us through the end of June.

Don't forget—families are invited to a special Bollywood dance showcase! Each class will be performing in the school gym on Friday, January 30, from 1:15–2:15 p.m. We hope to see you there!

Upcoming Dates

- January 30th – Bollywood Dance Presentation Assembly (Parents are invited to come watch our classes dance @ 1:15 p.m.)
- February 2nd, 4th, 5th - Ingrid Science Workshops (PAC Sponsored)
- February 6th, 19th, 20th (New Dates) – Black History Matters Presentations (PAC Sponsored)
- February 13th - Pro D Day (No school for students)
- February 16th – Family Day Statutory Holiday (School Closed)
- 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)

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Information Items:

1. Will you be returning to Tyee in September 2026?

We are currently working to confirm our registration numbers. To assist us, we ask that you please complete the form below by Friday, February 13, 2026.

Please fill out one form for EACH CHILD you have attending Tyee Elementary (if you have several children, you will need to fill out a new form for each child.)

If you have already moved or know that you will moving before September 2026 and are planning to attend another school in the fall, please indicate this below. If you are unsure of your future plans or if your situation changes before the end of the school year, please contact the office directly via email to let us know of your updated plans.

Grade 7 students moving on to high school do NOT need to complete this form.

Access link: [Tyee Elementary - Will you be returning in September 2026? – Fill out form](#)

2. Ministry of Education Student Learning Survey

The Vancouver School District, along with school districts throughout the province, are once again participating in the Ministry of Education Student Learning Survey for students in grades 4,7,10,11 and 12.

At Tyee Elementary, our students in Grades 4 and 7 will be completing the survey at school starting in the coming weeks.

Parents/Guardians and all school staff can also complete the online anonymous Student Learning Survey. The survey will be open from January 5 to May 1, 2026.

Link to survey: <https://www.awinfosys.com/SurveyFull1/central/main/access.asp>

The results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The survey contains standard questions for the province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

For more information:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/student-learning-survey>

3. VSB Educational Assistance Diploma Program



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VSB Educational Assistant Diploma Program

Are you looking for a rewarding job working in a school setting supporting children and youth with special needs? There is an ongoing need for qualified Educational Assistants in B.C. schools.

Our VSB EA Diploma Program offers:

- Relevant instruction in 14 critical courses provided by professionals active in their fields, over 400 hours of instruction.
- Pertinent workshops
- Certificates in CPI (Nonviolent Crisis Intervention) POPARD, First Aid, EASE, and Seizure Management
- 2-four week-practicums in VSB schools; over 250 hours of practical learning
- Mentoring throughout the 6-month program

Prerequisites include:

- Sufficient vision and hearing to perform job-related duties.
- Physically capable to lift 35 pounds (about 16 kg); transfer students from wheelchair to toilet, chair, recreational equipment or change table; keep up with active students throughout the school day.
- Minimum: Grade 12 Graduation and transcripts indicating academic capability to support students from kindergarten to Grade 12.
- Preference: 70% minimum in English 12 or equivalent.
- Preference: Experience working or volunteering with children/youth with diversities, especially in an educational setting.

To register for a free online **Information Session from 7-8:30 PM**, go to www.burnabycce.ca. Scroll to EA Programs and select VSB EA Information Sessions. Sign up for one of the following dates.

- Tuesday, June 17
- Wednesday, July 16
- Wednesday, August 6
- Monday, August 25

The next session of the VSB EA Program will begin September 8, 2025. Applications are being accepted beginning July 4, 2025. We suggest applying early to avoid disappointment. **Apply at Burnaby Community & Continuing Education at <https://www.burnabycce.ca>**

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PAC Weekly Update

1. Health & Safety Committee

Did you know the PAC has a Health & Safety Committee? One of the key tasks of the committee is to help maintain optimal air quality in classrooms. A team of parent volunteers monitors the efficiency of the air purifiers running in classrooms and ensures filters are changed regularly. If you are interested in helping, please email chair@tyepac.com.

2. Stay Tuned for the Parent FUNdraiser!

Planning is underway for the next big social event before spring break, the Parent FUNdraiser! While the exact date and venue are still to be determined, we do know for sure it will be an evening of tremendous fun for the whole Tyee community to enjoy. Stay tuned for details coming soon!

As always, the success of our events is powered by our community of amazing volunteers. If you're interested in helping with the Parent FUNdraiser, please email chair@tyepac.com.

3. Support the School by ... Grocery Shopping!

If you're like the average family of four in Canada, you probably spend about \$1000-\$1200 per month on groceries. Thanks to our local sponsors, you can direct 10% of that money to support the Tyee PAC! Find out how to order grocery gift cards to benefit our school programming: tyepac.com/grocery-gift-cards/