



Tyee Elementary Newsletter

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Dear Tyee Families,

The VSB now offers a central hub for family and community information—everything you need, all in one place! Explore programs, policies, and school supports on the Family and Community Information page. Check it out:

[Family and Community Information page](#)

Happy weekend,
Mrs. Monrad



Upcoming Dates

- Friday November 21st = Pro D Day (No school for students)
- November 24th – 26th – Arts Umbrella Van Goh Art Lessons for Grades 1-6
- December 2nd - Saleema Noon Body Science = Parent Info Session (Online ZOOM)
- December 8th – Saleema Noon Body Science Lessons at Tyee
- December 12th – Crafternoon (PAC sponsored event)
- December 16th – Summary of Learning (emailed to families)
- December 19th – Last day of classes before Winter Break
- December 22nd – January 2nd – School Closed for Winter Break
- January 5th – First day back to school after winter break
- January 12th – Pro D Day (No school for students)

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

Information Items:

1. Reporting Student Absences/Late/Leaving Early:

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. Thank you!

2. Grade 7 Transition to Grade 8

FYI - Students in Grade 7 will be automatically transferred from Tyee to their catchment high school in the VSB. Transfers to choice schools, cross-boundary schools, or any other school will be handled on a case by case basis.

We've completed updating our database and verified addresses. Students will be pre-transitioned based on the address in MyEd. Please check with the school office if you have questions about your address on file.

If you are interested in applying to choice programs for high school here is the link to the brochure: [2025-2026 Secondary-Choice Program Brochure_Final.pdf](#)

3. VSB Learning Update Podcast

The first Learning Update will be going home on December 16th. These learning updates, previously known as report cards, are sent home three times a year for elementary students. They provide updates on your child's learning progress in relation to the B.C. curriculum for each grade level.

To support families with clear information about learning updates, the VSB is hosting a special live episode of their podcast, [VSB: After the Bell](#) (click on this link to listen in). You'll hear from experienced educators who will discuss what learning updates communicate, how the B.C. proficiency scale is used for assessment and how to support your child's learning. The team will answer common questions about curriculum, assessment and student progress.

VSB After the Bell: Live
Topic: Learning Updates
Date: Nov. 19, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

4. 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 8th**.

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.

PAC is hosting a **Parent Workshop** via Zoom on **December 2nd 6:30-8pm**. In this session, Saleema or a member of her team will give an overview of student presentations and, using humor and straight talk in an open, interactive environment, will show parents how easy it is to convey healthy, meaningful messages about sex and growing up to young children.

Student sessions will take place in person during the school day December 8th. 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.



Kindergarten registration for children born in 2021 begins on November 1

All kindergarten applicants are required to complete an online application for their English catchment elementary school. This includes families who wish to apply for District Choice programs (Early French Immersion, Montessori, Indigenous Focus School, Early Mandarin Bilingual, Nootka Fine Arts) and/or make a cross boundary application to attend a non-catchment school.

The priority registration period for kindergarten opens on **November 1** and closes on **January 31**. Students who submit an online application within this priority period will be accommodated before late applicants.

Applying for kindergarten is a **2-step process**:

Step 1: Online Application (ApplyNow)

- Completion of an online application form (<https://applynow.vsb.bc.ca/>) for the school year **2026-27**

Step 2: Verification of documentation

- After applying, you will receive instructions on how to schedule your in-person appointment.
- Bring supporting documentation during your scheduled appointment for verification.

Supporting documents needed:

1. Proof of residence in Vancouver
2. Child's birth certificate
3. Immigration documentation (if applicable)
4. Immunization records
5. Court orders/documents (if applicable)

If you want to apply for a District Choice Program or cross boundary, you must **first apply to your English catchment elementary school**. District Choice Programs and cross boundary applications will be accepted in early 2026. For more information, go to: govsb.ca/kchoice and govsb.ca/crossboundary



PAC Weekly Update

1. See You at the General Meeting on Tuesday!

Please join us in person at the PAC General Meeting on **Tuesday, November 18th from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.** in the school library. Pizza will be served! Childminding available on site.

🍕 To ensure we have enough pizza for everyone and that dietary requirements are accommodated, please RSVP **by noon on Tuesday, November 18th**: <https://forms.gle/cabFvPwxpt3tVYQ29>

Please note the earlier start time of **6 p.m.** We will be joined by guest speaker Maya Schenk, Director of the West Coast Institute of Music, who will discuss a new initiative to offer the [Royal Conservatory of Music Piano Program](#) at nearly half the usual costs to elementary school students during late afternoon and evening hours.

🖥️ Can't make it in person? Please join us via Zoom:

Topic: November GM PAC Meeting

Time: Nov 18, 2025 06:15 PM Vancouver

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/8123415516?omn=94625403725>

Meeting ID: 812 341 5516

2. Let's Make it to the Top, Tyee! 💪

We are more than halfway to reaching our Montessori Student Donation campaign goal!! ❤️

Participation in the [MSD initiative](#) helps ensure we have a robust operating budget to fund a variety of student programming (e.g. cultural presentations, field trips, Saleema Noon Body Science workshops and much more) as well as to purchase classroom and Montessori supplies for our school.

Donations over \$20 will be issued a tax receipt. Please consider [making a contribution today >](#)

