

Tyee Elementary Newsletter

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November 28th, 2025

Dear Tyee Families,

December is almost here, and so is the countdown to winter break! Before we head into the holidays, please take a moment to visit our Lost and Found, located upstairs near the school office. Check to see if any items belong to your child. All unclaimed items will be donated to a local shelter the week before winter break, so let's make sure everything finds its way home before then!



Happy weekend,
Mrs. Monrad



Upcoming Dates

- 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)
- January 30th – Bollywood Dance Presentation Assembly (Parents are encouraged to come watch our classes dance @ 1:15 p.m.)

Information Items:

1. Inclusion Club – Ms I and Ms Lucas

The Tyee Inclusion Club is hosting a donation drive to support Baby Go Round. The Baby Go Round program helps families in need by distributing baby items such as clothing, diapers, and baby toys. You can help by bringing new baby items to Ms. Lucas or Ms. I's classroom by Monday, December 8th.



Holiday Baby Hampers



Then, pack in a bag, box or basket!

2939 Kingsway Vancouver, BC V5R 5J2
604-558-4840 | info@babygoround.ca | www.babygoround.ca
BabyGoRound is a registered charity #2016307 RR000

2. 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!

3. FSA Results Complete

If your child is in Grade 4 or Grade 7 and participated in the FSA Assessment this year, their workbook and a summary of the assessment will be coming home over the next week.

If you don't see your child's, please check your child's backpack or ask them directly.

4. 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

VSB Vancouver School Board

5. 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.



6. Welcome families of incoming kindergarten students!

We are excited to have your family join our school district. To help you get ready, we're hosting an **online information session about kindergarten registration**.

Date: Tuesday, December 9

Time: 6 to 7 p.m.

Location: Online via Teams

[K Registration Info Session](#)

During this session, we'll review:

- How to register for kindergarten
- When families will hear about school placement
- How to apply for choice programs
- How to apply cross-boundary to another school

At the end of the session, you can use the chat function in Teams to type your questions. Our team will answer them live.

If you can't attend, we will post a recording on the VSB website on the kindergarten registration page.

We look forward to seeing you online!





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 How do you Choose Music?</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>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>	<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/
- 20 children need to be enrolled for the choir to run.
- Questions? Email president@vems.ca



PAC Weekly Update:



1. Let's Cross the Finish Line!

Thank you to everyone who has made a Montessori Student Donation (MSD)! We are getting closer and closer to reaching our goal for the school year.

The MSD initiative enables the PAC 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, *all while limiting the frequency of fundraising campaigns throughout the year.*

Please consider making the suggested donation of \$200 per family (but any amount helps!): www.tinyurl.com/tyeemsd.

Donations over \$20 will receive a tax receipt.

2. Saleema Noon Body Science Parent Session

Please save the date for the Saleema Noon Parent Session on **Tuesday, December 2nd at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.**

Using humor and straight talk in an open, interactive environment, Saleema Noon Sexual Health Educators will show parents and caregivers how easy it is to convey healthy, positive messages about sexual health to kids. This workshop will cover topics including:

- Why we need to talk to children about sexual health at a young age
- How to reduce risk of child sexual abuse
- What children should know at each stage of development, with specific examples of how to explain concepts and processes using inclusive language
- How to become their kids' go-to source of sexual health information
- How to normalize open, honest sexual health conversations in their family
- How to effectively answer even the toughest questions kids ask
- What will be covered in Body Science workshops for students

****** The Zoom link will be posted on [Tyeepac.com](https://tyeepac.com) on the morning of December 2nd. ******

3. Volunteers Needed for Winter Crafternoon ❄️

The Tyee Winter Crafternoon was so much fun last year, we're bringing it back on Friday, December 12th! We are looking for volunteers to run activity stations, serve warm drinks, help with set-up and clean-up, along with other tasks. If you are able to lend a hand, please email Tanya at chair@tyeepac.com.

4. Tyee Choir: Registration Open for Winter Term 🎵

Registration is now open for the winter term of the Tyee Choir, which will run from January to March 2026 on Tuesdays after school.

Find program and registration information

here: <https://vems.ca/VEMSchoralProgramTyeeWinter2026.pdf>

TYEE GRADE 7 HOLIDAY PLANT FUNDRAISER

Tyee Grade 7 students are excited to host a Winter Plant Fundraiser this holiday season to help support their end of year celebrations.

Plants are a great way to bring happiness to family and friends this holiday season.

Orders can be submitted online via the [School Cash Online account](#).



6.5" Poinsettia - Red and White - \$15



Holiday Wreaths - \$35



Tropical Indoor Planters - \$35



Hanging Greenery Bough - \$35

Succulent Bowls - \$35



Outdoor Greenery Arrangement - \$45



FINAL ORDER DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 30, 2025 AT 12 PM.

PICK-UP WILL BE ON DECEMBER 9TH AND 10TH 3:00PM-4:00PM.

LINK: [HTTPS://VSB.SCHOOLCASHONLINE.COM/FEE/DETAILS/178417/196/FALSE/TRUE](https://vsb.schoolcashonline.com/fee/details/178417/196/FALSE/TRUE)