

Tyee Elementary Newsletter

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November 7th, 2025

Dear Tyee Families,

On Monday, November 10, we will gather for a Remembrance Day assembly at 11:00 a.m. Families are welcome to join us in marking this important occasion.

Please let your child's teacher know if you plan to attend. We require a rough count of guests to ensure we do not exceed fire safety capacity.

A special thank you to the Vancouver Poppy Fund Committee for providing poppies and stickers for staff and students to wear during the assembly.

If you would like to support the Poppy Campaign and donate to the Vancouver Poppy Fund, you can do so through their website. Donations help support veterans and their dependents in times of need.

<https://www.vancouverpoppyfund.org/donate>



Just a reminder: There will be no school on Tuesday, November 11th, as it is Remembrance Day, a statutory holiday.

Lastly, Tyee Spirit Wear that was ordered has arrived and was sent home with your child today.

Happy weekend,
Mrs. Monrad



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(Musqueam)



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(Squamish Nation)



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(Tsleil-Waututh Nation)

Upcoming Dates

- November 10th – Remembrance Day Assembly
- November 11th - Remembrance Day Stat Holiday (School Closed)
- Friday November 21st = Pro D Day (No school for students)
- November 24th – 26th – Arts Umbrella Van Gogh Art Lessons for Grades 1-6
- December 6th - Saleema Noon Body Science = Parent Info Session (Online ZOOM)
- December 8th – Saleema Noon Body Science Lessons at Tyee

Information Items:

1. 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.

2. 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

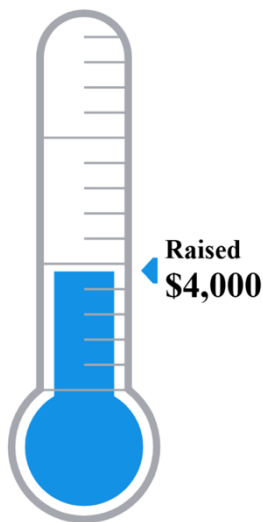


PAC Weekly Update

1. Let's Reach Our Goal Together! 🙏💪

We are now **one-third of the way to our goal of collecting \$12,000 in Montessori Student Donations (MSD)** for this school year. 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, *all while limiting the frequency of fundraising campaigns throughout the year.*

GOAL: \$12,000



Help us cross the finish line! There are two ways to donate:

- Sign in to [SchoolCashOnline](#). Click on **Make a Donation** then select **Tyee Elementary PAC** as the fund destination; or,
- Fill out the [Tyee MSD Google Form](#), then either e-transfer your contribution to treasurer@tyeepac.com (use password "Dumfries") or submit a cheque or cash payment in the TEMS box located by the office.

Please consider making the suggested donation of \$200 per family (but any amount helps!). Thank you for supporting our school ❤️

2. PAC General Meeting on November 18th

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.

Please note the earlier start time, as we will be joined by guest speaker Maya Schenk, Director of the West Coast Institute of Music. She 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.