

Tyee Newsletter

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October 22nd, 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Tomorrow is a Pro-D Day, and there will be no school for students. We hope our students enjoy the long weekend and find time to rest, recharge, and enjoy time with family and friends.

We look forward to welcoming families into the school next week for Parent-Teacher Conferences. These conversations are a valuable opportunity to celebrate student growth, discuss learning goals, and strengthen the connection between home and school. If you have not yet received an appointment time, please connect directly with your child's teacher to arrange a conference. We are excited to share and celebrate the learning that has been taking place so far this year.

Enjoy your weekend!
Mrs. Monrad

With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

Upcoming Dates:

Friday October 23, Provincial Pro D Day (School Closed)
Wednesday October 28, Early Dismissal for Parent Teacher Conferences @ 2:00 p.m.
Thursday October 29, Early Dismissal for Parent Teacher Conferences @ 2:00 p.m.
Monday November 1-6, Ingrid Science Workshops – each division will have one session in this week
Wednesday November 11, Remembrance Day (School Closed)
Friday November 20, District Pro D Day (School Closed)
Tuesday November 24, Kids Boost Immunity (VCH and Langara nursing students will provide a Grade 6 immunization information session. The Kids Boost Immunity (KBI) program supports health, science, and vaccine literacy)
Friday November 30 – Saleema Noon Body Science Presentations K – 7 (more info to come)
Tuesday December 8, Grade 6 VCH Immunization Clinic
Tuesday December 15, Learning Update #1 emailed home
Friday December 18, Last day of school before winter break. School reopens January 4, 2027

Tuesday March 2, Kindergarten and Grade 6 VCH Immunization Clinic
Friday April 16, MountainWest Class and Panoramic Photo Day
Friday June 4, Games Day
Friday June 18, Grade 7 Farewell Event 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday June 29th, Last day of school for students

1. **How to report your child's absence/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. PAC Weekly Update

Thank you to all that came out last Friday. We hope some of you were able to find a costume and a pumpkin to decorate. **Remember to bring your most creative carved or decorated pumpkin for the contest!**

Stay connected and add the Tyee PAC calendar to your calendar

1. THE HAUNTED HOLLOW - Halloween Dance
Our **Halloween Dance** is coming up on Friday **October 30th from 5–8pm**! We still need **volunteers** for a number of key roles, especially:

- **Help with take-down** from **8–9pm**
- **COOKS** to make **large pots of vegetarian soup**

We also still need more folks to help with set up, serving during the event, baking for the bake sale and carving pumpkins to decorate the gym. If every family can contribute one or two things, it will be an incredible success!
To sign up as a volunteer, please **click this link and complete the form:**
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeyjn3MEuLwYK2wUFYwoIXySuM0RKk_vXcQfIEGgL9mcZGZBw/viewform?usp=header

2. MONTESSORI STUDENT DONATION

The Tyee PAC is looking for a one time donation of $200 per family by the end of October to help fund Montessori-specific material and student enrichment programs. Alternatively you can also provide us with $20 / month for the full year.

Contributing this amount reduces the burden of yearlong fundraising and helps us meet our operating budget early in the year to ensure we can fund programs for the kids.

For more information please check out our blog.

Here are two ways to donate:
1. SchoolCash Online Select **Make a donation** then choose **Tyee Elementary PAC** as the fund destination.
2. **Fill out the** MSD Google Form then **E-transfer** your donation to treasurer@tyeepac.com or make a **cheque** payable to Tyee Elementary Montessori Society and drop it off at the TEMS box by the office.

3. Music Lessons (Choir and Guitar)

The Vancouver Extracurricular Music Society is still looking for more kids to join. Registration will close at the end of October.

Please sign up here!


TYEE ELEMENTARY PAC
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MONTESSORI STUDENT DONATIONS
We're looking for a one time donation of $200 from each family by the end October to help support our students and teachers.
Your donations help fund:
FIELD TRIPS
CLASSROOM MATERIALS
GYM EQUIPMENT AND LESSONS
STUDENT SOCIAL EVENTS
YOU CAN DONATE IN 3 WAYS:
1
E-transfer your donations to
treasurer@tyeepac.com
2
Make a cheque payable to
Tyee Elementary Montessori Society
to be dropped off in the TEMS box in the hallway across from the office.
3
SchoolCashOnline
Sign into SchoolCashOnline click on Make a Donation then select Tyee Elementary PAC as the fund destination.
Make sure to fill out the MSD Google form to receive a tax receipt.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

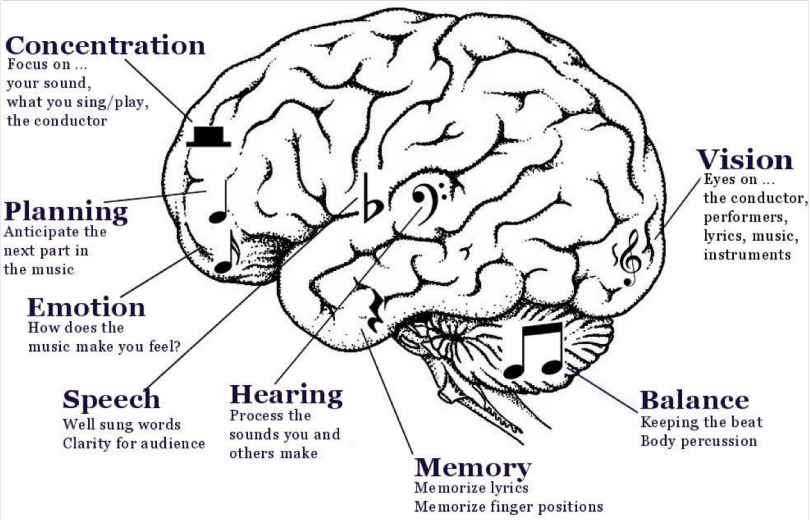

THE HAUNTED HOLLOW
TYEE HALLOWEEN DANCE
PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST
GRILLED CHEESE TRUCK
DANCE CONTEST
TAROT READING
SOUP SALE
BAKE SALE
FRIDAY OCTOBER 30TH
5-8PM
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
USE QR CODE TO SIGN UP
THIS IS A FAMILY EVENT—PLEASE SUPERVISE YOUR CHILDREN

VEMS Choral Program
Tyee Elementary
Fall 2026

Junior Choir: **Grades K* to 3**
11 rehearsals and a concert ($179)
First rehearsal is Tuesday Sep 22

Registration: **vems.ca/signup**

You can't beat music for neurological development



Your Conductor



Helen Leung is a Hong Kong-born Canadian choral conductor. She is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Choral Conducting at UBC. She holds a double degree in Music Education and Creative Arts and Culture. She is also a certified Kodaly Level I Teacher.

What Happens in Choir?

- The children sing cool music including Bruno Mars, Katy Perry, Ruth B, The Beatles and much more: musicals like *Annie*, *Oliver*, *Les Mis*, etc.
- They learn musical genres from folk songs to Pop to Broadway and beyond.
- They sing in other languages. They learn to perform to an audience.
- They develop healthy vocal habits that will last the rest of their lives.

Rehearsal dates: Sep-22, 29, Oct-6, 13, 20, 27, Nov-3, 10, 17, 24, Dec-1. (after school – 4 PM pickup)

Concert to be announced. 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.
- *Kindergarten kids need to be able to handle the extra load of an after school program.
- Questions? Email president@vems.ca



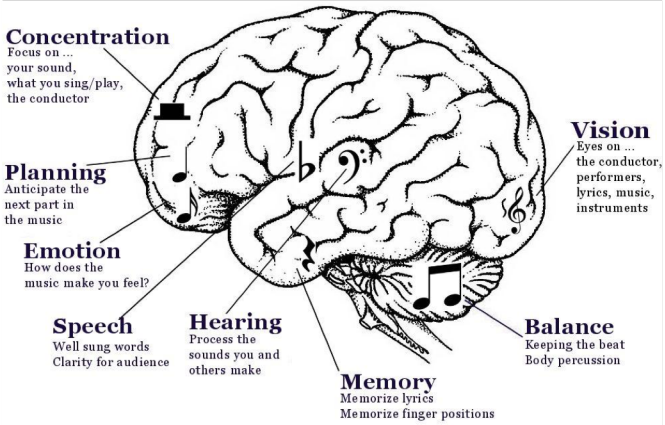
VEMS Extracurricular Group Guitar 2026 – 2027 School Year

Tyee Elementary



Thursday Group Guitar: Grade 4 to 7
28 Rehearsals + 3 performances ($530 for the year)
Registration: vems.ca/signup

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Guitar Schedule 2026-2027

Fall Term: Sep 24 to Dec 3
Winter Term: Jan 14 to Mar 4
Spring Term: Apr 8 to Jun 10
Every Thursday after school in the Library

Guitars are not included. VEMS has a good relationship with Long & McQuade for 3/4 guitar rentals.

15 registrants are required. Group size is held to 30. A rehearsal assistant will be added at 20.



Sean Popowczak

Sean is a classically trained guitarist with a passion for "making noise". He loves to encourage people of all ages to make their own noise, and if we're lucky, sometimes it results in music! He has a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Music, with a specialization in composition from Concordia University.

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