

Tyee Newsletter

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October 30th, 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we move into the late fall season, mornings are becoming darker and visibility is reduced during the school commute. Whether students are walking, cycling, scootering, or arriving by car, a few simple precautions can help keep everyone safe.

To support a safe journey to and from school, we encourage families to:

- Wear bright or reflective clothing
- Use lights when cycling or scootering
- Cross at marked crosswalks and follow traffic signals
- Stop, look, and listen before crossing, and wait until vehicles have come to a complete stop
- Put phones and other distractions away while travelling
- Slow down and stay alert when driving near schools, crosswalks, and drop-off areas

As the days grow shorter, please allow a little extra time for your commute and take extra care around our school community. Working together, we can help ensure everyone arrives safely each day.

Warmest regards,
Mrs. Monrad

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

Upcoming Dates:

Monday November 1-6, Ingrid Science Workshops – each division will have one session in this week
Monday November 9 -13, Vancouver Hawks Field Hockey Lessons K–7 (3 sessions per class)
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. Optional Student Accident Insurance Information for Families

I would to share some information about optional student accident insurance plans that are available for families who may wish to purchase additional coverage. These voluntary plans are provided directly by the insurance companies and are not administered or endorsed by the Vancouver School Board.

The plans offer coverage for accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses, and critical illness, and may help supplement costs not covered by provincial health insurance or parents existing extended health and dental benefit plans.

The following providers offer student accident insurance plans:

- **Insuremykids**: School Resources - Insuremykids
- **Industrial Alliance (Family Accident Reimbursement Plan)**: Group Insurance - Special Markets | iA Financial Group

Additional information, plan details, and enrollment options are available directly through the providers' websites.

There is no administration required on the part of schools. Families with questions about coverage, eligibility, claims, or enrollment should contact the insurance provider directly using the contact information available on their website.

2. A few Halloween tips to help those that celebrate have a fun and safe evening:

- **Walk with others**
  Trick-or-treat with friends or family whenever possible. Younger children should stay with an adult, and older children should have a planned route and check-in time.
- **Dress for the weather**
  Wear warm clothing under or over your costume and bring an umbrella if rain is expected. Bright colours or reflective items can help you stay visible.
- **Choose costumes respectfully**
  Have fun with your costume, but avoid costumes that may offend others or misrepresent a culture, race, or ethnicity.
- **Carry a flashlight**
  It gets dark early, so bring a flashlight to help you see and be seen.
- **Be safe around roads**
  Use sidewalks, cross at intersections, and look both ways before crossing the street.
- **Check treats before eating**
  Inspect all treats and throw away anything that is unwrapped, damaged, or looks unsafe.

3. Tyee Bootcamp 2026 – By Mike Kulik

Mike is launching a new activity at Tyee! Take a look at the flyer for more information. Interested students can pick up a permission form from Mike.



4. Digital Citizenship at Tyee

At Tyee, we are committed to helping students become safe, responsible, and thoughtful digital citizens. Through the Vancouver School District's digital literacy framework, students learn how to access information, communicate effectively, think critically, and use technology in safe, ethical, and responsible ways.

Our expectations for technology use are outlined in our School Code of Conduct and the Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement, which families review and sign through the online forms package. Together, these help students develop positive habits for navigating the digital world.

Families can learn more through the VSB's **Digital Literacy and Safety** resources and **MediaSmarts Parent Resources**, which offer practical tools and guidance for supporting children online.

Together, schools and families play an important role in helping children use technology safely, responsibly, and with confidence.

a) Excerpt from the Tyee Code of Conduct:

Personal Digital Device Usage

To foster a safe and focused learning environment for students, the use of personal digital devices, that distract from learning, such as cell phones, tablets and electronic devices, are restricted during school hours and on school property. Educators and school staff will continue to model digital citizenship in the classroom and avoid the use of personal digital devices for non-instructional purposes.

Personal digital devices are restricted for the instructional day. This includes class time, recess and lunch during school hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Personal digital devices must be turned off or placed on silent mode and out of sight for the entire school day.

The use of personal devices is permitted under the following circumstances:

- For educational purposes, as directed by the educator in the classroom.
- For health and medical purposes as outlined in an Individual Education Plan or Student Safety Plan.
- To support special or diverse educational needs, such as assistive technology related to Individual Education Plans or Student Support Plans.

The expectation is that students will follow the direction of the educators. Students who repeatedly do not follow the personal digital device policy may be asked to store their personal digital devices with an administrator for the remainder of the day.

The Vancouver School Board is not responsible for the loss, damage, or disappearance of personal digital devices that students decide to bring to school.

A regular review of the school's Code of Conduct guidelines for personal digital devices are essential to ensure their effectiveness and relevance in addressing current issues and meeting the evolving needs of students, teachers, and parents. Adjustments to the Code of Conduct may be necessary to ensure that school guidelines remain relevant and effective in promoting a conducive learning environment. Changes may be prompted by emerging incidents that highlight the need for enhanced measures to protect student well-being and privacy.

b) **Acceptable Use of Technology for Primary Students**

Grade K-3 Acceptable (Responsible) Use of Technology Policy



1. I will ask an adult to use the computer/tablet.
2. I will use apps and webpages that the teacher/school allows me to use.
3. I will ask an adult for help if I'm not sure what to do or if I think I've made a mistake.
4. I will tell an adult if I see something upsetting or inappropriate on the screen.
5. I will be kind when I post about others or myself.
6. I will ask permission before posting appropriate photos.
7. I will find out and follow the online-sharing rules.
8. If I don't follow the rules, I might lose the privilege of using the computer/tablet.

c) Acceptable Use of Technology for Intermediate Students:

Grade 4-7 Acceptable (Responsible) Use of Technology Policy



1. I will keep my username and password to myself.
2. I will be respectful of myself and others when using technology.
3. I will not view, download, or upload anything that is illegal, inappropriate, or that may cause harm or distress to others.
4. I will not take photographs or video of other students without their permission, nor will I post pictures of others without their permission.
5. I understand that school systems and devices are primarily intended for educational purposes.
6. I will respect others' work and property and will not access, copy, remove or otherwise alter any other person's files or information without their knowledge and permission.
7. I understand that if I use my personal devices at school, I will follow the rules set out by this Acceptable (Responsible) Use of Technology policy and my teacher's instructions.
8. I will immediately report any damage of devices or software, cyberbullying, inappropriate content, and other concerns to my teacher.
9. I understand that I am responsible for my actions when using technology both inside and outside of school.
10. I understand that the school will take appropriate action if I don't follow the rules.

5. **Your school's Catch Up Photo gallery is now live!**

Exciting news! Your online gallery from your school Catch Up photo session is now live!

- Please visit this link to access the gallery: https://vando.imagequix.com/K9L3W9Z
- The login code to access your images is on the yellow QR flyer your child was given on pho to day. Please check with them.
- Any active email address can be used to login.
- **Your order deadline is: November 12 2026**
- All orders will be shipped to the school. ***If you miss the deadline, your order will be ship ped directly to your home with a shipping fee applied.***

Missing your login code? No problem!

1. Visit https://www.mountainwest.ca/support-for-families
2. Click on "Looking for your login code?
3. Enter the information required.
4. Your code will be emailed within 1 business day.

Click Here to find out more about ordering.
Phone: 1.888.644.4494
Email: help@mountainwest.ca



Kindergarten registration for children born in 2022 begins on November 1

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

- Complete an online application form (https://applynow.vsb.bc.ca/) for the **2027-28** school year

Step 2: Document verification.

- Your catchment school will contact you to set up an in-person appointment. Bring supporting documents with you to complete registration.
- If your child was born outside of Canada, book an appointment at the Newcomer Welcome Centre (NWC) to complete registration. After you submit your online application, your confirmation email will include an appointment booking link. Visits to NWC are by appointment only. If you do not receive the link, email nwc@vsb.bc.ca



The following original documents must be presented to complete your application:

- Proof of British Columbia residency
- Child's original birth certificate
- Applicable Immigration/Citizenship/Permanent Resident Documentation
- Immunization records, if available

*Schools may request additional identification of proof of residency.

District Choice Programs and Cross Boundary Applications

If you want to apply for a District Choice Program or apply cross boundary, you must **first apply to your catchment elementary school.** District Choice Programs and Cross Boundary applications will be accepted in early 2027. For more information, go to: govsb.ca/kchoice and govsb.ca/crossboundary

6. PAC Weekly Update

🎃 **Tonight: Tyee Halloween Dance!** Get ready for an awesome night of costumes, music, and school community fun! Bring the whole family out to dance, grab treats, and connect with other Tyee parents. Please bring a nut-free **baked good, bowls and spoons for soup** and bring your **carved pumpkin** to enter into our festive display! Check out all the details here so you're ready to hit the gym floor!

🛒 **Fundraise Without Spending an Extra Dime:** Supporting our school doesn't have to mean buying things you don't need. Order gift cards for your regular supermarket runs, pay face value, and the retailer donates a portion back to Tyee PAC. **A huge shout-out to local grocery staple Famous Foods for generously donating 100 pumpkins to our pumpkin sale!** Show your support for them and Tyee by purchasing a Famous Foods gift card—or stock up at City Avenue or Save On Foods. It's hands-down the easiest way to power our school activities. Place your gift card order here.







☐ 📝 **Nov 24 (6:30 PM) – PAC Meeting:** Connect with fellow parents and have a voice in school decisions.
☐ 📝 **Nov 26 (6:30 PM) Virtual – Saleema Noon Body Science Workshop:** Learn how to comfortably discuss body science and boundaries with your children. *More details to come.*
☐ 📣 **DPAC Priorities Survey (Closes Oct 31 at Midnight):** Share your perspective on public education priorities across Vancouver! This quick 5-minute survey directly shapes what the Vancouver DPAC advocates for with the school board. Visit www.vancouverdpac.org to make your voice heard before October 31.

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Visit the Tyee PAC website for more news and info: **https://tyeepac.com**