

Tyee Elementary Newsletter

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Dear Tyee Families,

For those who celebrate Halloween, enjoy the festivities! Please remember to stay safe by watching out for cars while trick-or-treating and having a trusted adult check your candy before eating. Wishing everyone a fun and safe evening!

A note about before and after school pickup/drop off. To keep our students safe and reduce traffic congestion, we ask for your support in following a few simple guidelines. Please avoid driving through the laneway for morning drop-offs or exits, and follow all City of Vancouver parking regulations. Do not park in the cul-de-sac off East 19th. The best option for drop-off is along Dumfries Street, and if you need to park, please park a block or two away and walk into the school. By working together, we can prevent blocked driveways, minimize congestion, and keep our student pedestrians safe. Thank you for helping Tyee remain a good neighbour to our community!

Mrs. Monrad



Upcoming Dates

- November 10th Remembrance Day Recognition 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 Goh Art Lessons for Grades 1-7

Information Items:

1. Virtual Information Session:
Social Media Awareness, Digital Citizenship and Cyber-Bullying

The registration deadline has been extended to 4 pm, Nov 3 to allow families the weekend to register.

The VSB is pleased to welcome you to the next virtual session in our digital literacy series. This conversation will discuss social media awareness, digital citizenship and cyber-bullying.

The event details are below:

When: Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2025, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. **Where:** Virtually through Teams. Join us using this link. **Who**: Hosted by Safer Schools Together, through VSB

Registration: Please register by 9 pm on Friday, Oct. 31, 2025 using this link:

Registration for VSB Virtual Info Session-Nov 4 or the QR code below.



Registrants will receive a direct email with the link to the online session on Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2025. This session will not be recorded. We look forward to seeing you there!

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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 <u>before</u> 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

In the event there are more in-catchment applicants than available space* at the school, the following process will be used to prioritize enrolment:

Kindergarten Applications Received Between November 1 and January 31

- 1. **In-catchment** kindergarten applicants with siblings in attendance at the school (and who will be attending next year) will be placed first.
- 2. The names of all other in-catchment registrants will be entered into a **random draw** for the remaining kindergarten spaces.
- 3. Students who cannot be accommodated will be placed on a waitlist in the order in which their name was drawn.
- 4. In the event there are more in-catchment registrants than can be accommodated at their catchment school, students will be placed at another school as close to the catchment as possible until space becomes available.

Kindergarten Registrations Received AFTER January 31st

In-catchment kindergarten students who apply **after** January 31 will be accommodated if there is space. If there is no space, their names will be added to the bottom of the existing waitlist.

Note: Sibling priority does not apply for registrations received after January 31.

In the event there are more in-catchment registrants than can be accommodated at their catchment school, students will be placed at another school as close to the catchment as possible until space becomes available.

For more information on kindergarten registration visit the VSB website: govsb.ca/kindergarten

* Available Space includes physical capacity, resources, staffing, or educational programs available or planned for a school as defined by the District (Administrative Procedure 300).

PAC Weekly Update

1. Support Our School Community with a Montessori Student Donation

The PAC relies on the generous contributions of Tyee parents to purchase Montessori-specific materials needed by our school, which are not covered by the Vancouver School Board. Additional student enrichment programs as well as parent education initiatives well embraced by our community are also made possible **solely through family donations**.

Rather than increase the number of fundraising events and volunteer time required, however, we are asking the school community to support a once-per-year, \$200-per-family Montessori Student Donation initiative so we may continue funding a variety of programs and resources for the kids.

There are two ways to donate:

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

Please note that this is a suggested donation amount and is not mandatory. Donations over \$20 will receive a tax receipt. Thank you for supporting our school!

2. Out of School Care Survey

About 1/8 of Tyee families are in need of out-of-school care, and the PAC is actively researching additional options for before and after-school care. Please help us by filling out a survey at your earliest convenience. Thank you! Click here to complete the survey >

3. PAC Contacts

Have questions or comments? Reach out to our PAC Contacts:

- Latest PAC News https://tyeepac.com/
- Hot Lunch Program (runs Tuesdays & Thursdays; order through <u>Munchalunch</u>)
 lunch@tveepac.com
- Fundraising Inquiries and Gift Card Purchases fundraising@tyeepac.com
- Blog and Event Inquiries communications@tyeepac.com
- General PAC Inquiries <u>chair@tyeepac.com</u>