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April 13, 2021

Mini-Newsletter

Tennyson Admin Team Message

It has been so nice to welcome our students back after what we hope was a relaxing and enjoyable Spring Break. The sun is coming out more frequently and the temperature is warming up. As layers like coats and sweaters are coming off at recesses, we're noticing more items being left behind. Please take a few moments to label anything your child wears (or brings) to school with their name. This is hugely helpful. We look forward to a Spring full of learning as we enter into the last third of our 2020-2021 school year. As always, we appreciate the tremendous support of our families!



Not Returning to Tennyson for 2021/2022?

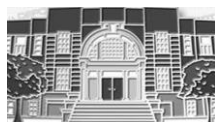
We are currently working on our student enrollment numbers for next school year. **If you know that your child currently enrolled in Kindergarten through Grade 6 will NOT be returning to Tennyson for the 2021/2022 school year, please let the office know ASAP, via email: tennyson@vsb.bc.ca.**

Photo Day

Photo Day is on Monday, April 19th. Our photographer, Mountain West, has worked with us to ensure all safety protocols are followed. These protocols allow for individual photos only, and these photos need to be done outside. We will be using the second-floor outdoor deck so as not to interfere with our staggered recesses. We are not able to do full class photos, however we have asked our photographer to create a composite of individual photos for each class.



Principal: Douglas Roch
Vice Principal: Kateryna McNicol
Admin Assistant: Veronica D'Angelo



Director of Instruction: Richard Zerbe
Liaison Trustee: Barbara Parrott
PAC Co-Chairs: Tai Scott/Katherine Smith



Students Bringing Items from Home to School

We are noticing that a number of students are bringing items from home to school. We ask that students bring essential items only to school (and please label items with your child's name). This includes lunches, agendas, necessary supplies, etc. Students may bring balls etc. for outdoor use. Part of our Covid-19 School protocols prevent us from allowing items that are shared in the school (eg. no sharing of food, candy, eating only in the classroom after handwashing etc.). The protocols also prevent us from allowing soft plush items like stuffed toys or pillows to be at school. Please ensure students are not bringing these things to school. Thank you for your help and understanding.

Student Absences from School

If your child is registered for full-time in-person instruction and is away for an extended period of time, please communicate this to the classroom teacher as soon as possible. Please also call the office Safe Arrival line at 604-713-5426, and press "1". Teachers are able to post some numeracy and literacy activities on TEAMS (or through another format if the teacher prefers). Parents are encouraged to support their children with these activities at home. These activities can be returned to the school, once complete. Please know that there is a wide range of learning formats that occur in the classroom with the learning experiences designed for in-person learning, such as oral language, discussion, group work etc., that is often not transferable to home learning and the majority of learning is in the form of direct teacher instruction, class discussions and group work. Practicing reading and writing skills in both French and English is an excellent way to continue to maintain and build skills in literacy.

Celebrating Generosity: Street Feet Sock Donations

A HUGE thank you to all students, staff and parents of Lord Tennyson for coming together and donating a grand total of 635 socks for the local Street Feet organisation! Over the span of two weeks, we went well beyond our original goal of collecting 100 pairs of socks. Thank you for showing care and dedication to helping members of our community. Thank you to Mme Emilie and Division 8 for organizing this valuable endeavour.



Celebrating Caring: Spring Art Fundraiser for UNYA

The students of Divisions 5, 6, 7, 8, and 12 recently participated in a Spring Art Fundraiser. Together, we raised 778\$ for the Urban Native Youth Association! Our donation is directly helping UNYA raise the money needed to create the Native Youth Center in Vancouver, a vision greatly related to supporting Indigenous youth and actions of reconciliation. For more info: <https://unya.bc.ca/native-youth-center/#realizing>



Celebrating Learning: Olympic Athlete Kristen Kit comes to Tennyson

Many of our classes were recently able to attend a virtual assembly in which we hosted Olympian rower Kristen Kit, who lives in Victoria. She is a part of Team Canada and shared her experiences, taught us about the sport, and answered student questions. We wish Kristen and her team all the best luck for the upcoming Olympic Games! Thank you to PAC parent Karen D, who connected us with Kristen, and who organized our PAC Parent Speaker Series.



The Vancouver School District is pleased to inform you that BC Children's Hospital and Vancouver Coastal Health are making COVID-19 Mouth Rinse/Gargle test kits available for students who become symptomatic during the school day. This follows a successful four-month field test at ten schools in the District. Kits will be distributed to all elementary and secondary schools in the District during the month of April.

As is practice, if a student presents with COVID-19 symptoms during the school day, families will be contacted to pick their child up as soon as possible. A kit will be offered to the parent/caregiver to take home when the child is picked up. Acceptance of a kit is voluntary. Instructions on how to administer the test at home are included in the kit. The sample can be dropped off at any LifeLabs location or at BC Children's Hospital for processing. Results from these tests will be received through the same processes as tests taken at COVID-19 test centres.

The health and safety of students and staff remains the top priority of the Vancouver School District. Families are reminded to continue to monitor their children for symptoms of COVID-19 before sending them to school each day.



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Tennyson PAC News

The next Parent Advisory Council meeting will be on April 19th at 7pm on Zoom. All Tennyson parents/guardians are welcome!

Here is the Tennyson PAC website: www.lordtennyson.ca



IMPORTANT DATES

Please check the school and PAC websites for the ongoing addition of items and events

April 19: Photo Day

April 19: PAC Meeting @ 7pm on Zoom

April 22: Early dismissal for all students; (Divs 9-18 @ 1:50pm; and Divs 1-8 @ 2pm)

April 26: District Professional Day (non-instructional day)

