

Tecumseh Elementary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Tecumseh Students,

We hope this newsletter finds you well and safe with your families as we all do our part as prescribed by the Public Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry, to stay home and practice social distancing when out in the public for necessities.

We have hit the ground running upon our return.

This week, teachers will be reaching out to parents via email to establish contact and to confirm that a live email address is on file for future communications. If you receive an email from your child's teacher, please confirm receipt by replying. If they are not able to connect with you by email, they will be phoning you, and updating email addresses to ensure efficiency of future communications. Maintaining connection to our school community is very important.

The teachers and staff are actively collaborating this week as they prepare for "continuity of learning" opportunities for our students. They are being very mindful in their planning, not to overwhelm you at home. Next week, teachers and staff will continue making connections with families and students.

We are in unprecedented times as a nation and as an education system. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we face these challenges, together.

Please continue to check the following websites for up-to-date information:

Vancouver School Board VSB: Covid-19 Site www.vsb.bc.ca https://www.vsb.bc.ca/News/Pages/COVID-19-Updates.aspx

Please take good care and be safe.

Sincerely,

Mr. V. Edwards Principal

Refunds for field trips

We realize that there are some upcoming field trips that have already been paid for by families. **Please rest assured that refunds will be issued.** We are currently working on other priorities as we return to school.

Please be patient as the process is complicated between families who paid using Cash Online and families who paid by cash/cheque. *If there is a situation of financial hardship*, please contact me directly at: <u>vedwards@vsb.bc.ca</u> and we will endeavour to expedite and prioritize your refund.

Grade 6 Camp is Cancelled

Unfortunately, based on current events, the Grade 6 Camp at Camp Elphinstone in May, has been officially cancelled.

We will be issuing refunds to families who have already paid.

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A Message from Mrs. Broadland and Mrs. Gill

Our teacher-librarians know that students miss the Tecumseh library! Mrs. Broadland has started Twitter and Instagram accounts with the handle <u>@tecumsehreads</u> to share resources and news. If you're on social media, please follow us!