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April 29th, 2019

Newsletter

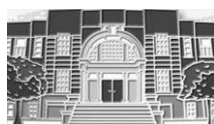
Admin Team Message

Spring is in the air at Tennyson! With the warmer weather, it has been exciting to see students engaging in quite a few outdoor activities, from gardening to outdoor physical education lessons. Track and Field is underway for students from Kindergarten through Grade 7, with lots of physical activity – it is a lot of fun to join in on the morning warm up! Thank you to our staff and parent volunteers who have organized and who supervise the practices. Our Grade 7 Quebec exchange twins arrive this week for their West Coast Cultural experience. A big thank you to our families for hosting and to our staff and parent organizers and chaperones. Spring Fling is on the way (mark your calendars for May 10th), the construction on our new school site is abuzz as the walls go up, and many activities have been happening such as Earth Week, community excursions, and our upcoming Walk to School Week. Thank you for being a part of our community, and for your support of our school and staff.



Not Returning to Tennyson for 2019/2020?

We are currently working on our preliminary students 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 2019/2020 school year, please let the office know ASAP. We thank you for your assistance with this.



School Cash Online – Please Sign Up!

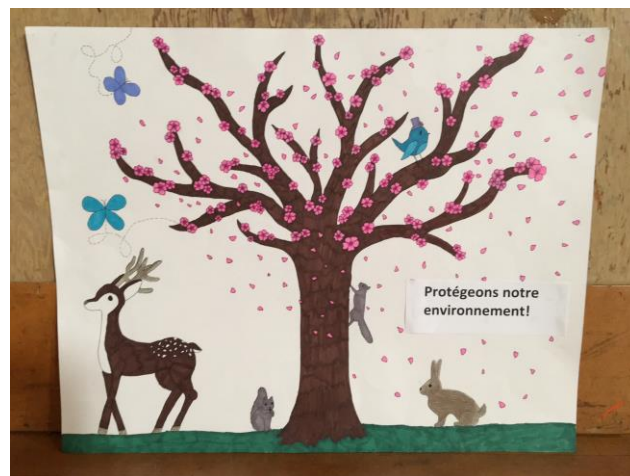
Tennyson is looking to go live with School Cash Online (an electronic payment system) for September, 2019. This means that families will need to create an account this year to be part of the program. We have sent a hard copy letter to all families regarding gradual implementation of our School Cash Online program, which will allow you to pay for school fees, field trips, and some other school expenses online (as opposed to sending in cash or cheques). Our goal is for families to sign up by May 17th. Here is an electronic link as well:



<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/lord-tennyson/About-Us/Publications/Documents/School%20Cash%20Implementation%20-%20Tennyson.pdf>

Tennyson Earth Week 2019

The Tennyson school community celebrated Earth Week this year with an enthusiastic assembly led by our Grade 6 and 7 Student Leadership Team. This year the focus was on showing gratitude for our natural environment and taking actions to protect it. We also had Divisions 12, 13, 14, 17 and 18 celebrate the day with several songs. Division 5 shared an energetic and inspiring video about how to carefully sort, reduce and recycle at our school. Furthermore, the students have chosen the challenge of having a Litter Free Lunch Week following our assembly. During the week, everyone at Tennyson is encouraged to bring a litter free lunch and thus, working hard at reducing the waste at our school. We will also participate in the Keep Vancouver Spectacular project this year. Classes will be invited to take care and clean up a block in our school neighbourhood. Great work Tennyson!!





Classroom Organization and Student Placement for 2019-20

It is amazing to think that the spring term is well underway and we already moving into May! Through to the end of the school year, the district and school works on overall classroom and staffing organizations. These need to remain flexible as they are subject to change, including through the summer due to a variety of factors, such as shifts in students numbers due to moves and registrations. We will also be looking at tentative classroom placements, which are also subject to change in to September. Teachers consider a number of factors when creating classes, as it is a complex task in which they put in a lot of time and effort. If you would like to share information/thoughts regarding your child's learning that the school may not know, please send a note to M Roch and Mme Vosahlo via email, or drop a hard copy off to the office in a sealed envelope, and the information will be compiled and passed along to the teachers who are working to develop the classes. Please do so by June 7th, 2019. **Please do not send requests regarding specific teachers.** Thank you for your continued support of our students and our school staff members.

Looking for Donations

We are always looking for donations of new or gently used balls, sand toys, and tonka-type trucks or other toys appropriate for the sandboxes. Thank you to those parents who have donated items to the school!

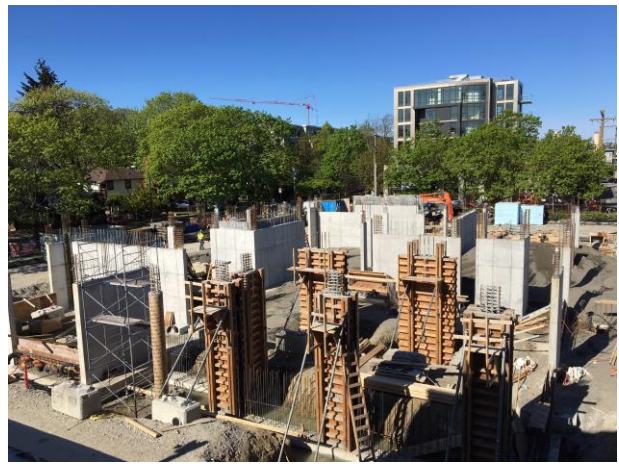


Tennyson 2020 – Construction Updates & New Site

The walls are going up! If you have been by the school lately, you will have seen that our new building foundation has been poured, and the main floor concrete walls are up. From above, you can see the general footprint, and you can see where some of the large glass windows will be placed, which will allow natural light to flow through the rooms. We appreciate the close collaboration we have with the contractor. Thank you also to our PAC Tennyson 2020 Committee, which is looking at playground providers and designs, as well as working with us regarding our technology needs for the new building. There are links to the floorplans and artists renderings of the new building on our Tennyson 2020 page:

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/lord-tennyson/About-Us/New%20Building%20-%20Tennyson%202020/Pages/default.aspx>





Dancers of Damelahamid Performance

Tennyson students recently had the tremendous opportunity of seeing a performance by the Gitksan Coast Salish performance troupe Dancers of Damelahamid present “In Abundance”. Through a combination of traditional storytelling, music, song, and dance, the performers told stories of nature and the importance of the land and the environment. They wore a variety of beautiful traditional garments and used some amazing props. The students and staff were captivated! Teachers are working to embed First People’s history, culture and principles of learning into student learning experiences. This is a part of our provincial revised curriculum at all ages. Thank you to our PAC for sponsoring this amazing performance!





Track & Field 2019

Here are a few photos from the before school practices that have been happening at Tennyson and at Granville Park. Thanks again to our staff and parent volunteers!





From our Parent Advisory Council (PAC)



Track and Field

Everything you need to know is listed on the [Track and Field page](#) on the PAC website.

The Spring Fling is coming May 10th! This showcase of our many talented Tennyson students is also a fundraiser for **technology in the new school** via a very tempting [silent auction](#). We need volunteers to make it happen. Are you able to help? See the [volunteer sign up page](#) and [bake sale sign up page](#) [HERE](#). Or email tennyson2020@lordtennyson.ca if you are able to help in any way, big or small.

Playground Fundraiser

An ongoing fundraiser (until June) directed towards a new playground and outdoor play space at the new school. Whole Foods on 4th Avenue will donate \$0.10 at check-out each time you shop with a reusable bag.

New School Fundraiser: SPUD

If you, your family members or workplace order spud produce boxes please read on. For any of the fundraising produce boxes sold, Tennyson receives 25% of the value of the box. These are ordered directly from [SPUD.CA](#) just like regular produce boxes, and require just a few extra clicks at checkout to make sure

that Tennyson can benefit as well. Funds raised will go to the additional costs associated with the new building (technology, playground, etc.) In addition, Spud will pick a random winner from our first month's orders to win a free produce box!

Staff Appreciation Lunch

We are urgently looking for a new **Lead Volunteer for the Staff Appreciation Lunch**. It's one of the most rewarding volunteer jobs you can do at this school. Please email volunteer@lordtennyson.ca if you can do this and you will get all the help you need!

Follow Lord Tennyson PAC on [Instagram!](#)



French Immersion Summer School at Secord

Are you thinking about sending your child to the French Immersion Summer School at Secord? Here are some of the courses that Tennyson and other FI schools' teachers will be offering this summer from July 8th to July 26th. Registration is now open and can be completed by visiting <http://summer.vsb.bc.ca>. All courses listed below are FREE courses. Hope to see you there!

Primary:

Early Success in French Immersion (AM and PM) : Come join one of Tennyson's teachers for a sneak peek of Grade 1. This course is designed for students who have completed Kindergarten in English or French and who are going to Grade 1 French Immersion. Students will be introduced to Grade 1 French vocabulary and Math concepts, and simple routines and songs in French in order to have a successful start in Grade 1 next September.

Games and Theatre for French Literacy (Grades 1-3) (AM): Students will develop written and spoken literary skills as well as build their confidence in French through various interactive physical and drama activities, and board games chosen to make learning real and enjoyable. Let's have fun together en français!

Intermediate:

FUN French Communication (Grade 4-7) (PM): Students will practice their oral French skills by practicing in debates, performing skits, doing hands-on activities, playing collaborative games

and challenges and completing multi-media personal interest projects. The main focus will be on providing students with opportunities to speak in French while having fun!

French Language Arts & Mathematics Remedial (Retake) (Grade 4-7) (AM): This course will be taught in French. Students will repeat work on Language Arts and Mathematics skills taught in the 2018/2019 school year. Emphasis will be on reading, writing and basic computational skills appropriate for the child and grade level. The summer environment is motivating and enables all students to be successful with their learning.

TOSS Summer Adventures Program 2019

Sign up starting May 21!

Join us for an action-packed summer program geared toward children in Grades K to 3. Come in May 01 to pick up a summer calendar, or find it online at www.tennysontoss.com. In order to be eligible for the program, children must be turning 6 by the end of this calendar year.



IMPORTANT DATES

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

April 29th	Professional Day (non-instructional day)
April 30th	Théâtre la Seizième (2 performances, times TBD)
May 1-8	Quebec Exchange Twins are in Vancouver
May 9 th	Performance: Clean Up Your Act! (K-4)
May 10 th	Spring Fling
May 13, 14	Keep Kisilano Spectacular Neighbourhood Clean Up
May 16 th	Welcome to Kindergarten (for next year's Ks) in Gym @ 1pm
May 17 th	Professional Development Day (non instructional day)
May 20 th	Victoria Day Stat holiday
May 21st	Track and Field Meet @ Point Grey Secondary
May 22nd	Staff Appreciation Lunch
May 27 th	PAC Meeting in Library @ 7pm
May 27-31st	Walk to School Week
June 4th	Senior Choir Performance in Gym @ 12:20pm
June 6th	Junior Choir Performance in Gym @ 12:20pm
June 21st	Sports Day
June 25th	Grade 7 Grad Ceremony

