



February 2022

### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*Noone should teach who is not a bit awed by the importance of the profession.*

*We live, work and learn on the traditional lands of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh peoples. We wish to acknowledge the history of our neighborhood and community as we have all benefited from the richness of their teachings.*



### PRINCIPALS' MESSAGE

On a personal note, many thanks for the warm welcome to Tennyson. My biggest wish is to connect with many more of you as we hopefully shift to more in person meetings being possible. Your support is felt even behind the still locked doors! Mme Kateryna has been hard at work with Équipe Leadership. We had daily announcements throughout January to celebrate Black Excellence month and they are currently working on filming a virtual assembly for Pink T-Shirt/Anti-Bullying Day on February 24. We've attached some thoughts about bullying to this newsletter. Clarity around what bullying is/is not is important for our students to understand. You should have (with the exception of Div. 6) received your student's Communicating Student Learning document on Friday, January 28. Please feel free to reach out to teachers with any questions.

Bruce and Kateryna

### WEATHER

A friendly reminder to dress your students for the weather. Having students properly dressed makes it easier for us to get them outside. Thanks for your help! Also please remember in case of a weather event (yes there's snow in the forecast again this week!) to check with media and on the VSB webpage before 7am.

### MASKS

**A reminder that the province has now mandated mask wearing for all grades.** We will be following handwashing protocols throughout the day. You are responsible for doing a daily health check on your child. **That daily health check is your crucial part in making things work smoothly.**

Please help us by having your child stay home at the first hint of illness. For your reference here's a link to district information including the Daily Health Check. The daily health check has been updated to reflect Omicron symptoms (runny nose, sore throat, unusual fatigue). You will also find the updated communicable disease plan and other useful links on that page. [VSB Daily Health Check](#).



## SAFE ARRIVAL – STUDENT ATTENDANCE



We will continue to use the district Safe Arrival line to report student absences. You may do this 24/7. Please call (604) 713-5426, and press 1 for Safe Arrival (there is a prompt). You will then leave a message. **It is vital that all absences are called into the school prior to 9am. Please, speak clearly, leave your child's name, spelling of last name, division, day(s) and reason for absence.**

## STUDENTS ARRIVING LATE TO SCHOOL OR LEAVING EARLY

It is very important that students are accounted for. If your child arrives to school late, they should check in at the office and then go to class. It is also important that students leaving the school prior to 3pm on a given day are signed out. Since the school building is currently restricted to students and staff, please let the classroom teacher know. When you are about to arrive or have just arrived at the school, please come to the front door and ring the doorbell, or call the office, and a staff member will release your child to you. We need to physically see that they go with their parent/guardian.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**February 18 Professional Development Day-no school for students**

**February 21 Family Day-school closed**

February 24-Pink T-shirt/Anti-Bullying Day

February 28 PAC meeting @7:00pm.

Looking ahead:

Last day of school before Spring Break is Friday, March 11.

School reopens on Monday, March 28.



# How to tell if it's bullying

Not all unkind or hurtful behaviour is bullying. Here's how to tell the difference.



## Bullying is different from conflict or unkindness

- It's normal to argue or have conflict with others
- Not all conflict, fighting or arguing is bullying
- Someone can be rude or mean and it doesn't make them a bully
- Both bullying and unkindness can be upsetting and hurtful

## Rude, mean or bullying?

Here's what they all mean:

### **Rude**

Saying or doing something hurtful that wasn't planned or meant to upset someone.

### **Mean**

Saying or doing something hurtful to someone on purpose once or twice.

### **Bullying**

Someone more powerful saying or doing something hurtful to someone on purpose, over and over again.