



Tecumseh Elementary School

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Happy New Year, Tecumseh Families!

We have returned from Winter Break re-energized and ready for a brand new calendar year of wonderful experiences, learning and growing! We will forge forward with 20-20 vision!

Our PAC continues their work to support our school community in many ways. The pizza and snack sales have been successful and well received by our students. Our PAC is always looking for volunteers for their initiatives! If you are interested in getting involved, please feel free to reach out to the PAC via email at: tecumsehelementarypac@gmail.com

We wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous Lunar New Year and we wish you all the best in the Year of the Rat!

Sincerely,

Mr. V. Edwards
Principal

Tecumseh Elementary is a busy place with many great things happening! Here's what's coming up at Tecumseh!

January 31, 2020

- Mid-Year Report Cards go home today. Divisions 12, 14, 15, and 17, who will be on an all-day field trip on January 31st, will be sending home their report cards a day early on January 30th.
- David Thompson Community Schools' Afterschool Programs begin!

February 4, 2020

- **Performance for students: Vancouver Opera—Flight of the Hummingbird**—10:00 am in the Gymnasium. There will be very limited seating at the back of the gym for parents/guardians.

February 7, 2020

- Kindergarten Hearing Screening

February 13, 2020

- Little Riders Snowboarding for K-3 students **in the Tecumseh gym** (no snowsuits needed!)

February 14, 2020

- District-Wide Professional Day—school is not in session for students

February 17, 2020

- Family Day—School is not in session

February 20, 2020

- PAC Meeting in the Library 6:00—7:00 pm

February 21, 2020

- **Performance for students: Foothills Brass Quintet**—9:15 am in the Gymnasium. There will be very limited seating at the back of the gym for parents/guardians.

February 26, 2020

- Goal Setting Conferences with Teachers—Early Dismissal at 2:00 pm
- Pink Shirt Day

February 27, 2020

- Goal Setting Conferences with Teachers—Early Dismissal at 2:00 pm

Traffic around Tecumseh continues to be a concern:

Thank you to all who have heeded our requests to keep the area immediately adjacent to the school (East side of Commercial Street at East 41st Avenue) clear of vehicle traffic. The street is signed by the City of Vancouver as “No Stopping 8:00 am—5:00 pm”. The rationale behind this signage is to keep the area clear for emergency vehicles should we ever need them. Parking along the curb in this zone creates a bottleneck of traffic as people attempt to pull into Commercial Street from East 41st Avenue, and pull out of Commercial Street to access East 41st Avenue.

Recently, it was witnessed by both staff and parents, numerous near-misses on Commercial Street. It appears that some families are parking illegally (in No Stopping/No Parking zones), and having their children jay-walk across Commercial Street during the busiest traffic time in the morning. This is very dangerous for our students.

Please be reminded that the entire East side of Commercial street from the driveway, south to East 43rd has been signed by the City of Vancouver as 3 minute parking. This is to provide

families with a place to park their car, and walk their child into the school and to help alleviate congestion immediately adjacent to the school. Beatrice Street and East 43rd Avenue are also viable places to drop off students. **Please do not use the staff parking lot to drop off/pick up students.**

By-law enforcement at the City of Vancouver as well as the Vancouver Police Department have been notified of our concerns and will come around Tecumseh randomly to ensure safety.

The safety of our students and pedestrians is everyone's responsibility. Please pay close attention to, and abide by the road/parking signage around the school.

A message from our Grade 4/5 students in Division 8—Zero Waste!

The grade 4s and 5s in Division 8 have been learning about how to reduce the amount of waste that goes into our landfills and oceans by participating in the City of Vancouver's "Zero Waste" workshops over the past couple months. They worked on "Garbage Art" projects in class. It took about one week to collect the garbage from their homes and community, and two weeks to create the art in class. Division 8 successfully diverted plastic, cardboard, chopsticks, paper, straws, popsicle sticks, clay, bottles, containers, tissue boxes, coffee cup lids, plastic bags, and bottle caps from the waste bin. They created musical instruments (drums), a toy boat, a logo design, sunglasses, a toy car, a model room/house, toy figures to play with, and a pencil case. Division 8 hopes that other Tecumseh students can make art out of their garbage at home as well!



Division 8 and their Zero Waste Projects

Snow (hopefully the worst of it is behind us now...but just in case....)

In the event of heavy snowfall, by 6:00 am, the VSB will post information about snow closures on its website at www.vsb.bc.ca and will inform local media stations, including:

- CKNW (980 AM)
- CBC (690 AM, 105.7 FM)
- CJVB (1470 AM)
- CFHG (96.1 FM)
- CKWX (1130 AM)
- BCTV/Global (Cable channel 11)
- CITY TV (Cable Channel 13)

In the event of heavy snowfall, please check the VSB website or listen to the radio/TV stations listed above to learn about school closures. Parents should not call media outlets to ask whether schools are closed.



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