



January 2022

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Gratitude. More aware of what you have than what you don't.

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.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Bonjour à tous! What an interesting startup. Flood (yep!), fewer students than expected, and now a huge snowstorm...and a power outage at the school. I am so excited to be coming to Tennyson to work with an outstanding team of staff and parents as we support your children on their educational and personal journeys. It's a bit awkward meeting folks while we're still in the middle of Covid but I'm sure I'll get to meet many more of you in the coming weeks. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any concerns or questions-I think you'll find me very responsive. (Just don't ask me about when the playground will be complete just yet!) Kateryna and I are looking forward to working together and I'm super excited to be back in the world of French Immersion.

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!

MASKS

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.** It includes things like coughs that in the past we may have normally let slide. We will be sending any students who are ill home without exception. Just a note so you understand...when

a child comes to school ill, we have a whole procedure we need to follow including masking up, isolation, cleaning classrooms, cleaning the medical room. 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 will be updated shortly to reflect Omicron symptoms (runny nose, sore throat, unusual fatigue). [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.**

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

January 4 Welcome back!

January 17 PAC meeting @7:00pm.

January 24 Professional Development Day-no school for students

January 28 Student Progress Report will be sent home

Kindergarten registration for children born in 2017 begins on November 1

All kindergarten applicants are required to submit an application to their English catchment elementary school. This includes families who wish to apply for choice programs (Early French Immersion, Montessori, Indigenous Focus School, Early Mandarin Bilingual, Nootka Fine Arts) and/or a cross boundary placement. The priority registration period for Kindergarten opens on **November 1 and closes at 4 pm on January 31**. Students who submit an application within this priority period will be accommodated before late applicants.



Applying for kindergarten is a **2-step process**:

Step 1: Completion of an online application form

Step 2: Verifying documentation

- Contact your English catchment school office to set appointment to bring your supporting documentation
- Bring supporting documentation to your English school office during your scheduled appointment

Supporting documents needed:

1. Proof of residence in Vancouver
2. Child's birth certificate
3. Immigration documentation (if applicable)
4. Immunization records
5. Court orders/documents (if applicable)

If you want to apply for a District program or cross-boundary, you must first apply to your English catchment elementary school. Applications for District programs and cross boundary placements will begin to be accepted in early 2022.

In the event there are more in-catchment applicants than available space* at the school, the following process will be used to prioritize enrolment:

Kindergarten Applications Received Between November 1 and January 31

1. **In-catchment** kindergarten applicants with siblings in attendance at the school (and who will be attending next year) will be placed first.
2. The names of all other in-catchment registrants will be entered into a **random draw** for the remaining kindergarten spaces.
3. Students who cannot be accommodated will be placed on a waitlist in the order in which their name was drawn.
4. Between January 31 and the second Friday in June students on the ordered waitlist will be accommodated as space becomes available.

Kindergarten Registrations Received AFTER January 31st

In-catchment kindergarten students who apply **after** January 31 will be accommodated if there is space. If there is no space their names will be added to the bottom of the existing waitlist.

Note: There will be **no priority** given to registrants with siblings if they register after January 31.

For more information on kindergarten registration visit: <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/kindergarten>

* Available Space includes physical capacity, resources, staffing, or educational programs available or planned for a school as defined by the District (Administrative Procedure 300).



1 Apply Online



2 Visit your catchment school with necessary documents

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Application Process for French Immersion Choice Program

Parents must register at their neighbourhood English catchment school between **November 1 and January 31** before applying for choice program(s).

Beginning **January 10** you can apply for up to three choice programs through [our online application process](#). To apply you must have completed your child's Registration at their English Catchment School by the end of January. The application period for Kindergarten Choice Programs closes on **February 3 at 4pm**.

By mid February, families that applied for District choice programs and identified full schools will be notified of their child's enrolment status. By the end of April, all families with children registered for kindergarten will know which school they are attending come September 2022.

If you have not heard back by the end of April, please contact the school principal of your neighbourhood catchment school and they will help you find out about your child's status.

This information is also available following the links below:

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/School/School-Registration/Pages/default.aspx>

https://www.vsb.bc.ca/School/School-Registration/Kindergarten_Registration/Pages/Kindergarten-Choice-Programs.aspx

