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**June 12th, 2020**

## **Newsletter**

### **Admin Team Message**

Can you believe that there are only two weeks left of the 2019-2020 school year? What a year it has been. We wanted to thank all of our students, our parents/guardians, and our staff for adapting and re-adapting to some very different ways of teaching and learning as we navigated through the pandemic situation together. This is a testament to the strength of our community. Whether your child is currently receiving in-school instruction or is working with their teacher at home, we are proud to feel connected to all our students and families. We have a strong, diverse, and inclusive community, and I know that we will work together to become even more so in 2019-2020. Although June has looked different, it has been a joy to see teaching and learning continue and to see happy and engaged students.



This mini-newsletter is intended to give an update on a few things:

- Staff Update – retirements
- Report Card/personal belongings distribution
- Anti-racism/diversity in VSB schools
- Continuity of Learning update





### **Not Returning to Tennyson for 2020/2021?**

We are currently working on our student 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 2020/2021 school year, please let the office know ASAP by calling, or emailing [tennyson@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:tennyson@vsb.bc.ca)**. We thank you for your assistance with this.

### **Staff Update – Mme Leong is Retiring!**

Please join me in congratulating Mme Leong who has recently announced her retirement. Mme Leong currently teaches grade 3, and has worked at Tennyson for over 10 years. Prior to working in Vancouver, she worked for a number of years in the Richmond School District. If you have met Mme Leong, you will know that for her, teaching is a true passion – she very much enjoys working with her students and has a true love of learning. Thank you Mme Leong for your many years of service to our community, and we hope you enjoy every moment of retirement! You will always be a part of our Tennyson community.

### **Summative Written Report (Report Card) & Student Belongings Distribution**

To maintain density targets and to avoid gatherings over a certain number, we have planned for a report card distribution and collection of student belongings that looks quite different than in previous years.



**For students currently attending in-class instruction:** You will receive your summative written report and bring home personal belongings on the last scheduled day of instruction unless you hear of a different plan from your child's enrolling teacher (for example, some teachers may have reports ready on Tuesday, but some may not as the regular procedure is for them to be ready for the last day).

**For students currently doing at-home instruction:** We will be distributing report cards and student personal items that may remain in the classroom on Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. We will have staff members by the undercover area at the back of the school by the newer portable (where Gr 1 students assemble) to distribute items and report card envelopes. We will be doing this between 9:30 am and 2:00 pm, to avoid student pick-up and drop-off times. You may come any time during this time, but you will need to observe physical distancing requirements and all signage and markers. If any teachers for a given division prefer to distribute items at a different time, they will contact you directly.

## **Anti-Racism, Inclusion, and Diversity**

I want to acknowledge protests taking place across North America which put the spotlight on racism, not only in the United States but here in Canada and around the world.

These events highlight the importance of ongoing work and intentional focus on the issues of racism and discrimination within our schools and our broader communities. At the Board level, several important actions have been taken to further racial awareness and redress issues of colonialism and systemic racism that exist within our larger society.

As a District, we have an intentional focus on equity within our work. As a District we are committed to:

- Creating a culture of care and shared social responsibility.
- Fostering safe and caring schools that promote mutual respect and safe, inclusive, equitable and welcoming school environments.
- Explicitly addressing racism and teaching about anti-racism.

Suzanne Hoffman recently recorded a video message that specifically speaks to racism, discrimination, and hate. This message is posted to all school websites as well as the District's homepage. In this message, our Superintendent acknowledges our collective responsibility to stand together against racism. You can see it here:

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/news/layouts/15/ci/post.aspx?oaid=78d468e6-395c-4536-ab9c-a69afe1e018e&oact=20001>

At Tennyson we work to ensure all staff and students feel safe, valued and included. As a school community we strive to embrace and celebrate our diversity.

You can find links to resources for parents/guardians and teachers here:

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/news/layouts/15/ci/post.aspx?oaid=f59c55f3-ccd4-4ee8-b5a9-72e2e32a3266&oact=20001>



## **Continuity of Learning Update – Ending the School Year**

As we head towards the end of the school year, you can prepare by talking with your children about what they have enjoyed about the year, acknowledging the challenges, but really focusing on what they have been able to achieve. We look forward to a great year next year!

If you are looking for French (or other) resources for your children for the summer, and you have not already done so, you may wish to check out the resources section of the VSB Continuity of Learning website, which you can find here (you may need to cut and paste):

[https://www.vsb.bc.ca/Student\\_Learning/Continuity\\_of\\_Learning/Pages/Resources.aspx](https://www.vsb.bc.ca/Student_Learning/Continuity_of_Learning/Pages/Resources.aspx)

You can also access the site this way: [www.vsb.bc.ca](http://www.vsb.bc.ca) > Student Learning > Continuity of Learning > Resources

### **VSB Covid-19 Situation Updates**

You can continue to find updates on the VSB website. Recent additions include information about school rentals, Vancouver Board of Education standing committees, and a letter from the provincial federation of PACs:

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/News/Pages/COVID-19-Updates.aspx>



### **From our Parent Advisory Council (PAC)**



Please consider attending the next PAC Meeting! It is the AGM scheduled for June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7pm, on MS TEAMS.

The Tennyson PAC website: <http://www.lordtennyson.ca>



Check out the DPAC Newsletter, with lots of relevant information for you! Here is the link:  
<http://vancouverdpac.org/generalannouncements/2020/6/1/june-2020>



### **IMPORTANT DATES**

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

<b>June 15th</b>	<b>PAC Annual General Meeting @ 7pm via MS Teams</b>
<b>Week of June 22nd</b>	<b>Written Year End Summative Reports go home; pick-up of personal belongings for student doing at-home instruction</b>
<b>June 25th</b>	<b>Last day of instruction for students scheduled on Thursdays</b>

