



ECOLE LORD TENNYSON

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

We live, work, learn, and play 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.

June 2022

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*I wish she was smart enough
to teach second grade too,
next year.
William Goumas*

PRINCIPALS' MESSAGE

Happy June! It feels like the weather has finally broken in a positive way. The sun and warmth is not our usual January and spirits are lifted!

We have lots of personnel changes to report on at Tennyson as we finish this school year. I have been appointed principal of Mackorkindale Elementary. Diane Martinson has been appointed Principal here at Tennyson.

Our beloved Mme Helen is setting sail into retirement. We thank her so much for all of her contributions to the Tennyson community over many years and wish her many years of health, happiness, and adventure.

Mme Emilie is also setting sail, literally across the waters. We wish her the best as she continues the adventures of her career on Vancouver Island.

Mme Doyle and Mme French will be leaving to pursue other opportunities within the school district. We wish them well too and will miss the happy, energetic sounds coming from the gym. Thank you for all you have done for us!

Mme Malka will be seeking other opportunities within the district as well. We will miss her calm support of our learners.

Mme Barbara will also be leaving for another opportunity within the district. We wish her well in her new adventures and thank her for all the extra work she has put in to making Tennyson a wonderful place.

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. When you arrive at the school, please check in the office and the classroom teacher will be contacted to send the student to the office.

Student Drop-Off and Pick-up

A reminder to parents to please pay attention to signage around the school. Parking enforcement has attended and simply takes a picture of offending vehicles and issues tickets in the mail. We are also asking for kindness when neighbours who live on the street approach voice concerns. We have had several complaints of unkind language or threatening behaviour from members of our community towards our neighbours. Please remember we all need to share this space.

When dropping off please approach with the school on the left-hand side so that student can exit onto the boulevard rather than into traffic or requiring your child to cross the street. Three-minute parking is permitted on Maple St. and on 11th Avenue for student drop off and pick up. Parking enforcement will give considerable leeway in these areas. However, any vehicles stopping in the posted "no stopping zone" on 10th Avenue run the risk of getting a ticket for even the shortest stop. It is all about student safety so please respect the signage.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 10th: Sports Day
- June 20th: PAC meeting on Zoom
- June 24: Grade 7 Farewell Celebration
- June 29: Final day of school for students/Report cards issued
- June 30: Administrative Day-students do not attend.

At long last Sports Day is returning. Our sports day will be held on June 10th from 10:30 to 1:00. Please ensure that your child brings two snacks, a water bottle, a packed lunch, and suitable clothing for the day. As well, every child in the school has been assigned a group colour-please try to have them wear that colour for the day! Grades 4-7 will be having their sports day activities at Connaught Park, Grades 1-3 will be having their activities at the school. Parents are most welcome to come and help out and cheer all of our students on!

A note from Mme Helen

Dear Lord Tennyson Families,
Joyeux Printemps, we're on the home stretch to summer!
I'm Helen Ritchie, the Area Counsellor at Ecole Lord Tennyson since 2008, a total of 14 years!
I'd like to share that at the end June 2022, I will be leaving the Vancouver School Board and transitioning into full time private practice work consisting of play therapy/counselling and supervising play therapists.
It has been my honour to work with you and many of your children through very challenging times, most recently navigating all the stresses of the pandemic. Thank you for your support.
I will miss this wonderful community of families, children, and staff.
Aurevoir et à bientôt,
Helen Ritchie
Area Counsellor

Final reports

The second Communicating Student Learning document will be sent home on June 29th. IF your family will not be attending school that day, please provide the school with a self addressed stamped envelope for the report card(s) before you leave for the summer.

