



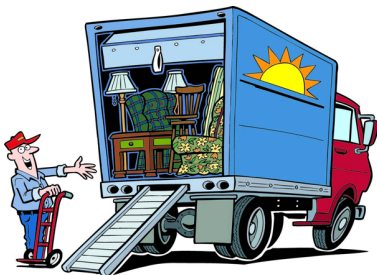
We are proud to acknowledge that we live, work, and learn on the traditional and unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Coast Salish peoples.

June 25th, 2020

## End-of-Year Newsletter

### Admin Team Message

We wanted to write one more newsletter to express our appreciation to our families and our staff members for coming together for all of our students during a school year with unexpected challenges. We are saying farewell to our Gr 7 students, some students in other grades who are moving, and to a few of our staff members. We are also looking forward to welcoming new students into Kindergarten and various other grades in September. We hope that all of you have a relaxing and enjoyable summer, keeping happy, safe, and healthy. While the current health situation leaves us with some unknowns for the fall, we will of course keep you up-to-date on any news and developments, and will work together so that 2020/2021 is a great school year! Bonnes vacances d'été!!



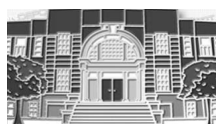
### Not Returning to Tennyson for 2020/2021?

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.

### Farewell to Some of our Staff Members

While we are often excited at the end June about warm days and sunshine, we also sometimes need to say farewell to some of our staff members. We are saying farewell to Mme Leong, who is retiring from a 30 year career in education. We are also saying goodbye to Mme Tapscott

*Principal: Douglas Roch*  
*Vice Principal: Kateryna McNicol*  
*Admin Assistant: Veronica D'Angelo*



*Director of Instruction: Richard Zerbe*  
*Liaison Trustee: Fraser Ballantyne*  
*PAC Chair: Jo Gromadzki*

(who was job-sharing with Mme Leong), Mme Thea (school support worker), and UBC student teachers Mme Samantha and M Yves. We wish all of you the very best, and look forward to seeing you in the future!

### **Farewell to our Grade 7 Class**

The end of June also means that we say “à bientôt” to our Grade 7 students. We have 39 Grade 7s who are heading off to Kits Secondary and a variety of other schools to continue their learning journey. This is a really fantastic group of students! The Grade 7 School Leaving Ceremony was virtual this year, and was a lovely send-off. Thank you to the parent committee who worked on the “transition to a virtual ceremony”! Bonne chance à nos septièmes!



### **New Building Update**



As you likely know already, we will be returning to our current school building in September. The anticipated move date into the new building is Fall, 2020. The contractor is currently finishing up the brickwork, and lots has been happening inside the building. Every day has been busy and they will continue to work through the summer. We will update you with a specific move date once this is determined by our Vancouver Project Office. Exciting things to come!



### From the Library...

Our Teacher-librarian Mme Paule is asking you to please keep looking at home over the summer if you have library books that have not been returned. You may contact the office to let us know (we are able to receive them for several more days), or return them in September. Here is a summer reading opportunity through Vancouver Public Library. Bonne lecture!

### **Come Join VPL's summer reading club!**

Usually, a VPL children's librarian visits the school for a summer reading club presentation but this year, because of the health situation, they have created a fully-online program. You can find it a [vpl.ca](http://vpl.ca), and be sure to take a look at the poster attached to the end of this newsletter. Happy Reading!

### September 2020 Information

Please see attached to this newsletter the 2020-2021 Tennyson Calendar which shows all of our Professional Development Days, Early Dismissals, and Instructional Days. Also attached is our 2020-2021 School Fee letter. You will receive a package in September with instructions about payment. We share the fee information with parents now to give you advance notice (these were also contained in a previous email to all families, and are on our school website in the *Publications* section).



The first day of school is September 8, 2020. **As in previous years, VSB elementary schools are in session from 9am to 10am only.** This allows us to get a sense of our enrollment, and we then engage in professional meetings. September 9<sup>th</sup> onwards, school sessions will be regular hours. Students will go to their "last year's class" (the same physical classroom as this year), and will likely be there for several days while we work on our enrollment, as it generally shifts between now and the first week of September. Gr 1-7 tudents new to Tennyson will meet in the library. We will have signage, and will send an information bulletin to all families prior to school start. **Should provincial circumstances require an alteration of these plans, we will communicate this to families as soon as possible.** We always send out Welcome Back message to all families prior to school start, as well as providing updates to our website and to the PAC.

For students coming into Kindergarten, families will be receiving the gradual entry schedule in the coming days. Our Kindergarten team is currently putting together the gradual entry schedule for September, which will be emailed to parents next week.



From our Parent Advisory Council (PAC)



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



**IMPORTANT DATES**

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

Sept 8	Back to school, 9am-10am for Grades 1-7
TBD	Meet the Teachers/School Event & Welcome Back BBQ
Sept 28	PAC General Meeting @7pm







The [Summer Reading Club](#) is a fun and free library program for school-aged children.

## 4 Easy Steps To Participate



### Step 1

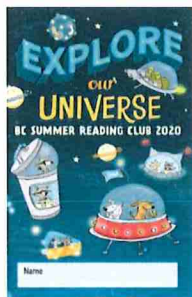
[Register Online](#) starting June 16<sup>th</sup>.

The whole family can register together!



### Step 2

Do a fun activity (read, draw, write, play, and more!) for about 15 minutes a day. Set a goal for yourself!



### Step 3

Keep Track of Your Goal.

Measure your progress in your online account or use the printable form from the [BC Summer Reading Club](#). Reading Records are also available through our [takeout service](#).



### Step 4

Earn a Medal

After you've recorded 50 days of activities, visit [our website](#) to find out how to pick up your medal!

Questions? We love to help! Phone: 604.331.3603 Email: [info@vpl.ca](mailto:info@vpl.ca)

# CALENDAR 2020– 2021

## Lord Tennyson Elementary

### School Operation Overview

Number of Days in Session	188
Number of Days of Instruction	181
Number of Days of Non-Instruction	6 Non Instructional Days; 1 Administrative Day (June 30)

### Important Dates

School Opening Day	Tuesday, September 8, 2020
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 12, 2020
Remembrance Day Holiday	Wednesday, November 11, 2020
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 18, 2020
Winter Vacation Period	Monday, December 21, 2020 – Friday, January 1, 2021
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 4, 2021
Family Day	Monday, February 15, 2021
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 12, 2021
Spring Vacation Period	Monday, March 15 – Friday, March 26, 2021
School Re-opens after Spring Vacation	Monday, March 29, 2021
Good Friday	Friday, April 2, 2021
Easter Monday	Monday, April 5, 2021
Victoria Day	Monday, May 24, 2021
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	Tuesday, June 29, 2021
Administrative/School Closing Day	Wednesday, June 30, 2021

### Professional Development and Curriculum Implementation Days (school not in session)

	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, October 23, 2020	Professional Development Day (Province Wide)
Friday, November 27, 2020	Indigenous Focus Professional Day (District Wide)
	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, February 12, 2021	Professional Development Day (District Wide)
Monday, April 26, 2021	Professional Development Day (District Wide)

### Parent Conference Dates

### Early Dismissal Times




## Lord Tennyson Elementary School

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PAC website: <http://www.lordtennyson.ca>  
(604) 713-5426 (604) 713-5428

## SCHOOL FEES for (2020-2021)

Important Information – Please Translate

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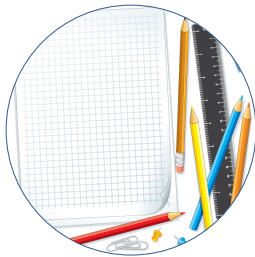
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Важная информация!Переведите,пожалуйста

Lord Tennyson Elementary will accept payments for all fees using the School Cash Online System. You can register at any time by visiting:

<https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com>

## GENERAL \$35.00 SUPPLY FEE



The Vancouver School Board offers the service of purchasing basic school supplies in bulk at wholesale prices and passing the cost savings on to families. The School Supply Fee for 2020 – 2021 is \$35.00 per student.

This fee covers basic consumable school supplies used for students' personal use such as paper, writing tools, glue sticks, erasers, exercise books and art supplies. Supplies are provided for the full year.

## SUPPLEMENTARY FEES

### Student Agenda/Planner – \$5 (where applicable)

Students at Tennyson will be using an Agenda/Planner in grades K-7. School agendas/planners are a valuable tool for teaching children how to organize and plan for school. While students are not required to have an agenda/planner it is designed to assist students with the skills of organization and time management and is a very useful communication tool often used between teachers and families. Some primary divisions will be creating a customized planner; those teachers will communicate the format and fee to you (it will not exceed \$5).

### Activity Fee (Gr 7 Quebec Exchange) – \$450 (where applicable)

This year, we will be engaging in the Quebec exchange for students in Grade 7. Parent support for this activity was confirmed last school year and we appreciate your contribution towards this opportunity. The \$450 fee is the amount charged should parents volunteer with the Quebec fundraising.

### Field Studies – To be determined throughout the school year at the classroom level

Throughout the school year your child's teacher may plan supplementary learning opportunities at locations outside of the school and request monies towards entrance fees, transportation or equipment rental. Your child's teacher will communicate this information to you directly.

### Workbooks – up to \$15 (where applicable)

This year, students in some divisions will be using and sometimes bringing home a JumpMath Practice and Homework Book. This material supplements the classroom math program.

The workbook is available for purchase at the cost of \$15. Students are not obligated to purchase the workbook, and may opt to use their copy as a reference textbook instead, meaning the workbook will be returned at the end of the school year for another student to use in the future. Students opting to use the workbook as a textbook will be responsible for ensuring that it remains unmarked and in excellent condition in order to return the workbook at the end of the year.

## FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

As a reminder, the Vancouver School Board will not deny a child access to the school supplies required for his or her educational program because of financial hardship. Nor will any child be excluded from activities where a fee is charged. If at any time there is a financial challenge, please contact the school Principal, Vice Principal, counsellor, or your child's teacher. All requests will be treated confidentially.

