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June 6th, 2019

Newsletter

Admin Team Message

Can you believe that it is already June, and there are about three weeks left (only!) in the 2018-19 school year? May and June are incredibly busy times in schools, and Tennyson is no exception, with so much happening in terms of students learning and various events. We are preparing to say “au revoir” and “bonne chance” to our Grade 7 students who will be heading off to secondary school, and to welcome our incoming kindergarten students, as well as students at various grade levels from other schools, who have chosen Tennyson as their new learning community. Sports Day is coming up, Year End Assemblies, a variety of field excursions, and other great events and happenings.



We encourage parents and guardians to come out to our PAC meetings, which are generally once a month, at 7pm in our Library. All parents and guardians are part of the school PAC, and it is a great opportunity to hear about many initiatives and events at Tennyson, fundraising, and to meet other parents. The PAC AGM is on June 17th, 2019.

Finally, I wanted to thank both our parents and our staff for all that you are doing for our students. At the recent Volunteer Tea, it was a privilege to honour and thank all of our amazing volunteers. You likely know from previous communications that our Vice Principal, Mme Vosahlo, will be moving to Hudson to become VP there. We thank her for her amazing service to the Tennyson community. We look forward to welcoming Mme Kateryna McNichol as our VP for September, 2019. Should we have any further staff changes, we will communicate those in our end of year newsletter. Have a great June!

Principal: Douglas Roch
Vice Principal: Regina Vosahlo
Admin Assistant: Veronica D'Angelo



Director of Instruction: Magdalena Kassis
Liaison Trustee: Fraser Ballantyne
PAC Chair: Jo Gromadzki



Not Returning to Tennyson for 2019/2020?

We are currently working on our preliminary students 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 2019/2020 school year, please let the office know ASAP. We thank you for your assistance with this.

School Cash Online – Please Sign Up!

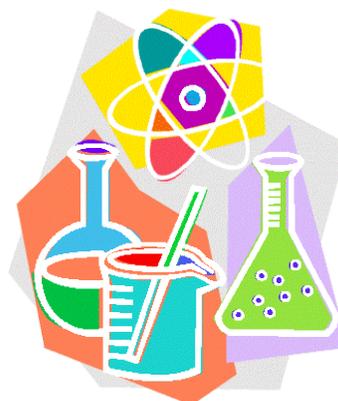
Tennyson is looking to go live with School Cash Online (an electronic payment system) for September, 2019. This means that families will need to create an account to be part of the program. We have sent a hard copy letter to all families regarding gradual implementation of our School Cash Online program, which will allow you to pay for school fees, field trips, and some other school expenses online (as opposed to sending in cash or cheques). **As of today, 45% of Tennyson families have signed up. Our goal is to have 100% signed up.** Here is an electronic link as well:



<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/lord-tennyson/About-Us/Publications/Documents/School%20Cash%20Implementation%20-%20Tennyson.pdf>

Come See the Div 1 & 3 Science Fair!

The entire Tennyson community is invited to come out to Tennyson to see all of the science experiments that Div 1 and 3 students are developing, using the scientific method. This event will take place on June 13th from 2pm to 3pm in the gym. Families and classes are welcome!



Sports Day 2019

This year's Sports Day will take place next Friday, June 14th. We are once again very fortunate to have the Grade 10 LINK Kitsilano Secondary leadership class lead our students in stations and activities on this day. As our field is unavailable for our use this year, we have made some

temporary arrangements for our classes to be able to still have a great day of friendship and physical activity. We will begin the day at 9 am in front of the school with a warm up, followed by the four colour cheers led by our Grade 7 students. At 9:30 am, all students will begin their activities at stations. Primary students will stay and move around the Tennyson School while the Intermediate students will leave for Connaught Park. Primary students will have their lunch first at 12:10 pm outside. Intermediate students will participate in the annual tug-of-war at Connaught Park and will arrive at 12:45 pm for lunch at Tennyson. Everyone will enjoy a variety of activities after lunch led by Kitsilano Leadership students. Primary students will have a choice of movement, song or cartoons in the gym or in their classroom while the intermediate students can choose a game to play outside. We invite all Tennyson parents to join us on this exciting day!



Looking for Donations

We are always looking for donations of new or gently used balls, sand toys, and tonka-type trucks or other toys appropriate for the sandboxes. Thank you to those parents who have donated items to the school!

Tennyson 2020 – Construction Updates & New Site

We have continued to watch the new building being built, at a fairly good pace. The construction crew is currently working on the second floor. The anticipated move-in date is approximately end of April, 2020. The district has many schools who have moved to a new site mid-year, and will assist us with this process. More info to come; it is exciting to think about it!

In the photos below, you can see the main floor of the north and south wings of the school, the courtyard, and and aerial rendering.

There are links to the floorplans and artists renderings of the new building on our Tennyson 2020 page:

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/lord-tennyson/About-Us/New%20Building%20-%20Tennyson%202020/Pages/default.aspx>



Volunteer Appreciation Tea – THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!!

On June 5th, many parents and family members were able to join us for the Tennyson Volunteer appreciation tea, which featured a variety of snacks, tea, coffee, sparkling water, and lots of conversation. A number of our staff members were able to attend, as well. Thank you to students Lucy, Claire, and Naomi who helped to welcome and serve our volunteers, to student Rachel who played lovely piano music throughout, to our staff members who helped to set up and tidy up (and who brought treats!), and to Mme Vosahlo for her overall organization of the event. **And of course, a BIG thank you to all of our parents and community members who volunteer at our school. Thank you for helping to make Tennyson a great place to learn!**



Track & Field 2019

Track and Field 2019 is now over, and Tennyson students sure had a great time! Not only was the series of meets for students in Grades 1 through 7 a great way to build track and field skills and to engage in physical activity, it was a lot of fun! Grade 1 and 2 students had their final track meet at Tennyson and Grades 3 to 7 enjoyed a lively day alongside many students from other school in the district, at Point Grey Secondary. Thanks again to our staff and parent volunteers – we absolutely could not have done it without you!!



Walk to School Week

We recently promoted and celebrated Walk to School week where students were encouraged to walk, cycle, take transit, or come to school in other environmentally friendly (and physically active) ways! A number of students won various bike-related prizes. The week culminated in a breakfast in front of the school, along with music, and a lot of opportunity for conversation. Thank you to our parent organizers and to our students, parents, and staff who were able to come out and join us!



Digital Technology Responsibility Presentations

Students in Grade 4/5 and 6/7 recently had presentations at Tennyson about Digital media responsibility. This was a Ministry of Education sponsored presentation in which we discussed the themes of social responsibility when using online communication, digital footprints, and

how to respond to inappropriate online communications. Our presenter, Dustin, was engaging and really tailored the conversations to the ages of our students.

Parents can access resources through this link:

[Saferschoolstogether.com/parent-resources](https://saferschoolstogether.com/parent-resources)

Password: SSTPAL2018



From our Parent Advisory Council (PAC)



French Book Fair

The Lord Tennyson Summer French Book Fair is **June 10-14**, less than two weeks away. It's the perfect time to get ahold of popular French books for summer reading! **Parent volunteers** are needed for Monday morning set up, daily recess, noon-hour & after school sales shifts, and Friday after-school takedown. All proceeds from the French Book Fair go directly to purchase books for classrooms and our library. To volunteer, please contact Jacqueline Crummey by email j.crummey@icloud.com, or text 778.788.2585

Book Hunt Challenge!

And speaking of books...It's the time for all books to come home for the summer, back to our library. Join the "Book Hunt Challenge". All books must be back and checked in to our Library by **Friday, JUNE 7**. All divisions who return all books and settle all fines for lost items will be entered to win. Please help your kids look for their library books at home and at school (in their desk, the class collection, classmates' desks,...) and help get those books home (to the library) for the summer!

Sports Day Lunch ordering

Sports Day will be on Friday, June 14 (rain or shine) and you can order one more lunch. Check out

the full details in [Friday's email blast](#). Ordering closes Tuesday, June 11 and payment must be submitted by June 12. [Munchalunch login](#) (so you can order right now). Order lunch and you don't have to make a lunch on sports day. So stress free!

Summer Gymnastics Camp

Only a few spaces left for gymnastics camp this summer with Kitsilano Gymnastics Club at Tennyson. Registration information [HERE!](#) Keep those kids moving this summer!

News from the Blog

[Playground Fundraiser Whole Foods](#): Bring a reusable bag for shopping and earn funds for a new playground.

[Playground Fundraiser - SPUD](#): Order a produce box and Tennyson receives 25%

[Shrek the Musical](#): NEXT WEEKEND see Tennyson students perform in Shrek the Musical: June 6th, 7th & 8th

[Karen Flamenco's Beauty and the Beast](#): Six Tennyson students are performing this year: June 15th & 16th.



We are re-posting these opportunities should they be of interest to our families



French Immersion Summer School at Secord

Are you thinking about sending your child to the French Immersion Summer School at Secord? Here are some of the courses that Tennyson and other FI schools' teachers will be offering this summer from July 8th to July 26th. Registration is now open and can be completed by visiting <http://summer.vsb.bc.ca>. All courses listed below are FREE courses. Hope to see you there!

Primary:

Early Success in French Immersion (AM and PM) : Come join one of Tennyson's teachers for a sneak peek of Grade 1. This course is designed for students who have completed Kindergarten in English or French and who are going to Grade 1 French Immersion. Students will be introduced to Grade 1 French vocabulary and Math concepts, and simple routines and songs in French in order to have a successful start in Grade 1 next September.

Games and Theatre for French Literacy (Grades 1-3) (AM): Students will develop written and spoken literary skills as well as build their confidence in French through various interactive

physical and drama activities, and board games chosen to make learning real and enjoyable. Let's have fun together en français!

Intermediate:

FUN French Communication (Grade 4-7) (PM): Students will practice their oral French skills by practicing in debates, performing skits, doing hands-on activities, playing collaborative games and challenges and completing multi-media personal interest projects. The main focus will be on providing students with opportunities to speak in French while having fun!

French Language Arts & Mathematics Remedial (Retake) (Grade 4-7) (AM): This course will be taught in French. Students will repeat work on Language Arts and Mathematics skills taught in the 2018/2019 school year. Emphasis will be on reading, writing and basic computational skills appropriate for the child and grade level. The summer environment is motivating and enables all students to be successful with their learning.

TOSS Summer Adventures Program 2019

Sign up starting May 21!

Join us for an action-packed summer program geared toward children in Grades K to 3. Come in May 01 to pick up a summer calendar, or find it online at www.tennysontoss.com. In order to be eligible for the program, children must be turning 6 by the end of this calendar year.



IMPORTANT DATES

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

June 10-14	Scholastic French Book Fair
June 13th	Div 1/3 Expo Sciences in Gym @2pm (all are welcome!)
June 14th	Sports Day
June 25th	Grade 7 Grad Ceremony
June 26th	Tiger Tails Assembly for Ks and Gr. 7s @ 11am in the Gym
June 27th	Last Day of School for students! Year End Assemblies: 9:15am: Gr 4-7 (Intermediate) 11am: Gr K-3 (Primary)

