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**June 8, 2021**

## Newsletter

### Tennyson Admin Team Message



We really are in the final few weeks of this school year. I wanted to offer a big thank you to all of our staff for their tremendous work during what has been a challenging year with the pandemic situation. We have succeeded as a province and district to keep schools open to the benefit of our students, and we have adapted the way we work and learn. On top of this, we did our big move to the new building, and it is exciting to see that the project is heading towards completion.

I also wanted to acknowledge the tragic news this past week from the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation. The indigenous community reminds all Canadians that the horrendous legacy of residential schools and policy that severely marginalized indigenous people is very real across the country. It is the work of all of us to engage in reconciliation, through understanding, education, and action. At Tennyson, staff and student wore orange throughout the week to support the community, and engaged in important conversations and lessons. This is ongoing work that we must continue to do.

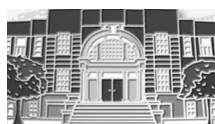


### Grounds Construction Update:



The demolition of the old Tennyson school will be resuming shortly. The demolition contractor team continues to work to ensure that all City of Vancouver and WorkSafe BC safety guidelines and protocols are followed during the demolition of the building. Some families and students have been asking about getting a brick from the old building. We are working with the contractor to see if this is possible. Bricks are being re-used for the concrete fences around the school. If bricks remain and it is feasible, our PAC will assist with a distribution. Stay tuned!

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



*Director of Instruction: Richard Zerbe*  
*Liaison Trustee: Barbara Parrott*  
*PAC Chair: Tai Scott*



### **Not Returning to Tennyson for 2021/2022?**

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 2021/2022 school year, please let the office know ASAP**, via email: [tennyson@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:tennyson@vsb.bc.ca). We thank you for your assistance with this.

### **Summative Written Progress Reports**

Teachers will be sending home student written progress reports on June 29<sup>th</sup>. If your child is leaving early for the summer, we will be unable to give them their progress report prior to this date. We encourage our students to be with us up to and including the last day of school. If you know that your child will be leaving early and would like us to mail their progress report to you, please provide a self-addressed and stamped envelope. Thank you.



### **June is Pride Month!**

Please help us to celebrate diversity – June is pride month at Tennyson and in the broad community. The Tennyson PAC has raised over \$700 from past pink shirt sales. This money will be donated to a LGBTQ+ not-for-profit community agency – our intermediate students are currently deciding who to donate this money to! In BC public schools, we use resources from SOGI 123, which helps educators make schools inclusive and safe for students of all sexual orientations and gender identities (SOGI). If you would like to learn more and see some of the SOGI 123 resources, we invite you check out this link. SOGI 123 is supported by the BC Ministry of Education and the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils. Here is the link (you may need to copy and paste):

<https://www.sogieducation.org/>

### **All Families: Please Check SchoolCash Online!**

We are asking all of our families to please log into your SchoolCash Online account now, and again prior to the end of the school to ensure there are no outstanding fees that might be there. This would be a great help to Mme Veronica in the office. Thank you! Here is the link (you may need to copy and paste):

<https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com>

## Celebrating Learning: Walk, Bike, Ride, Wheel to School Week

Tennyson students engaged in our annual Walk, Bike, Ride, Wheel to School Week! These are great modes of transportation, encourage healthy living, and are great for our environment. All students and staff were encouraged to participate in some manner. Our Equipe Leadership students tallied each class and kept participation data. Congratulations to Divisions 1 (Grade 7), 8 (Grade 4), 12 (Grade 2), and 18 (Kindergarten) who won the prize for highest participation over the week. Thank you Equipe Leadership students and Mme Barbara and Mme Kateryna, for all their work on this initiative!



## Scooters/Bikes, Hockey Sticks, Baseball Bats, etc.



We are “re-running” this, as we are asking for your continued support: With our current space around the school, it is particularly important that we make sure equipment used by students is safe. **We do allow outdoor hockey, but student must have a mini-stick, or a shortened stick.** This is because others can inadvertently trip over the sticks. Baseball bats are not permitted onsite. We are having continuing challenges with students riding scooters/bikes on the grounds; these must be walked on the grounds, as we have had a few accidents. Thank you in advance for reinforcing this with your children.

## Celebrating Learning: Tiger Tails!

Did you know that it is a Tennyson Tradition that Kindergarten students receive a “tiger tail” in June of their first year at Tennyson, which is given to them by our Grade 7 student leaders? Due to the covid situation last school year, the Ks that year did not receive their tiger tail. So, Grade 7 leaders distributed these to our Gr 1s this year, in a safe and distanced manner! Our current K students will soon receive their tiger tail as well!



## **Family Engagement Opportunity: Anti-Racism**

Interested in participating in a Stronger Together Sharing Circle?

Your voice matters in guiding the path forward. Join a Sharing Circle where those with lived experience of facing racism and discrimination can share and be heard in a safe space.

Please see the poster attached to the end of this newsletter for more details. Also, a direct letter from the VSB was sent to all families today.



## **Tennyson PAC News**

The next Parent Advisory Council meeting (AGM) will be on Monday June 14 at 7pm on Zoom. All Tennyson parents/guardians are welcome!

Here is the Tennyson PAC website: [www.lordtennyson.ca](http://www.lordtennyson.ca)



## **IMPORTANT DATES**

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

June (full month): National Indigenous History month; Pride Month

June 14: PAC Annual General Meeting @ 7pm on Zoom

June 25: Gr 7 School Leaving Ceremony

June 29: Last instructional day for 2020-2021

June 29: Written Progress Reports go Home





# Stronger Together

VSB Anti-Racism and  
Non-Discrimination Engagement

TAKE OUR SURVEY!



open your smartphone camera  
and hold it over the QR code  
to access the project webpage  
where you will find the survey

## Family Survey

May 31 to June 29, 2021

Scan the QR code or visit

[www.vsb-strongertogether.ca](http://www.vsb-strongertogether.ca)

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