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**March 12, 2021**

## Mini-Newsletter

### Tennyson Admin Team Message

It's been a beautiful week in our Kitsilano community. This mini-newsletter contains a few items prior to the break. We wanted also to take one more opportunity to wish all of our families a wonderful spring break full of fun and relaxation. See you soon!



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

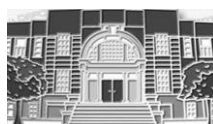
We are currently working on our student enrollment numbers for next school year. **If you know that your child currently enrolled in Kindergarten through Grade 6 will NOT be returning to Tennyson for the 2021/2022 school year, please let the office know ASAP**, via email: [tennyson@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:tennyson@vsb.bc.ca). For families with children on Option 4, a District communication explaining the September enrolment process will be issued at the beginning of April. We thank you for your assistance with this.



### So it's Spring Break...

We came across this CBC Kids News link to some fun ideas generated by kids of some possible Spring Break activities for them and the family during this "staycation".

Here's the link: <https://www.cbc.ca/kidsnews/post/kids-share-their-fun-spring-break-staycation-ideas>



## Grounds Construction Update

Our contractor is continuing to work through the demolition process of our old building and grounds to make way for our new outdoors spaces. Here is an update on this process.

**Demolition:** The interior aspects of this process are underway and hazmat is nearly complete. The timeline for the demolition of the remaining structure is dependent on a variety of things, and the demolition process is anticipated to occur through the Spring. The contractor works to minimize dust and debris in the vicinity of the new school and the surrounding neighbours, and works within City and regional WorkSafe and Environmental Health regulations.



**After Demolition:** The demolition process includes the removal of the old building itself. Once this is complete, the contractor will be able to continue with the construction of our new outdoor spaces such as our field and new play spaces.



## Traffic Safety Around the School – Update



New Bus Zone on 10<sup>th</sup> – NO STOPPING HERE!



New Pick-up/Drop-off Zones on Maple/11<sup>th</sup>

The City has now erected new traffic/parking signage around the school. Our ask is that families observe all signage, do not stop or park in any intersection or crosswalk (very dangerous!), and travel around the school clock-wise to improve flow and decrease congestion. While we are excited to have the new zones in place, please consider still walking to school, cycling, or parking several blocks from the school and walking in, to help avoid congestion. **Please do not stop or park in the bus zone on 10th, as we have a bus that needs this space for a student with mobility needs who cannot access transportation without this zone being kept clear.**

Just as a reminder, here is the general signage plan from the city (this refers only to the sides of the streets directly next to the school):

**Maple St:** from W 10<sup>th</sup> to W 11<sup>th</sup>, Maple will become a Pick-up/Drop-off zone

**W 11<sup>th</sup> Ave:** from Cypress to Maple, W 11<sup>th</sup> will become a Pick-up/Drop-off zone

**Cypress St:** from W 11<sup>th</sup> Ave to W 10<sup>th</sup> Ave, Cypress will remain a 2-hour parking zone

**W 10<sup>th</sup>:** from Maple to part-way down 10<sup>th</sup>, W10th will become a no-stopping zone (part of the bike route plan) and also a bus zone.



### **Families Visiting Students During the Day**

We appreciate the great relationship we have as a school with our parents/guardians and we miss having you in the school building! You are doing a great job of ringing the doorbell or calling the main office if you need to pick up a student early. We kindly ask parents/guardians not to drop by during the school day (such as during outdoors recesses) to visit with your children. We know that you miss them and love seeing how they are doing. The challenge, particularly with our younger learners, is that they sometimes become distracted from their job of being at school, and sometimes it causes other students to want their parents/guardians to come, which has an effect on the activity happening at the moment. Of course, families are welcome to sign their children out to leave early for an appointment, lunch out, etc. One idea when you pick up your child at the end of the day is to ask them to share with you something specific that they learned, or something that they are excited about.

### **Outdoor Equipment at Tennyson**



Our students engage in a variety of outdoor pursuits during the recesses that they enjoy. Some students play with school equipment designated from outdoors and some students bring their own balls and other items. We want to encourage our students to be active. There are a few pieces of equipment, though, that we need to have parameters around, due to our temporary tight spaces. There is a tradition of some of our students playing outdoor hockey during recesses. We kindly ask that students bring short sticks (either mini-sticks, or sticks that are cut to a shorter length). This is because, with the space, we find the longer sticks more apt to inadvertently hit or trip others. Also, we will not be able to accommodate baseball bats until we have our full field (intermediate students may wish to play a version of baseball if they go to Connaught Park).



**Tennyson PAC News**

The next Parent Advisory Council meeting will be on April 19<sup>th</sup> 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\*

- March 15-26: Spring Break/District Closure**
- March 29: Welcome back!**
- April 19: PAC Meeting @ 7pm on Zoom**
- April 22: Early dismissal for all students; (Divs 9-18 @ 1:50pm; and Divs 1-8 @ 2pm)**
- April 26: District Professional Day (non-instructional day)**

