



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.

March 13th, 2019

**Mini-Newsletter**

**Admin Team Message**

We sent a newsletter to you a few weeks ago but wanted to prepare one more mini-newsletter with a few updates, information items, requests, and to share some things happening in the Tennyson community. We hope that you all have a fun, relaxing, and enjoyable Spring Break. See you in April!

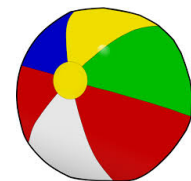


**Not Returning to Tennyson for 2019/2020?**

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 by March 15, 2019 or ASAP. We thank you for your assistance with this.

**Looking for Donations**

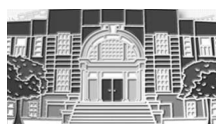
We are always looking for donations of new or gently used balls, sand toys, and tonka-type trucks or other toys appropriate for the sandboxes. Thank you to those parents who have donated items to the school!



**Tennyson 2020 – Construction Updates & New Site**

DGS Contractors are busily continuing the work on the new building. You can see that the foundation has been poured and walls are now being erected. It is exciting seeing the vertical aspects of the physical structure coming together. A big thank you to our families for continuing to work with the traffic restrictions, and for avoiding the streets and sidewalks that are affected as much as possible. Also a big thank you to our PAC Tennyson 2020 sub-committee who has been working with the school to research playground possibilities, and for

*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*

the “dream playground” feedback sheets that have gone out for both students and whole families to provide some initial input (please don’t forget to send yours back!).



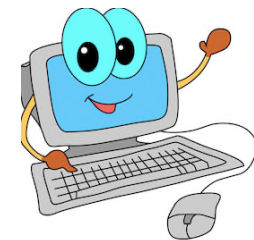
### **Community Schools Team Opportunities for Students – Spring Programs**

Attention Tennyson Families: The Community Schools Team is happy to offer the following programs for the spring term. Please note the registration details below.

**Sportball** will run on Tuesdays, April 16 - June 4, 3:05 - 4:05 for grades K-2. Please be aware that if the gym is in use, the program will run outdoors. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather, has runners and a water bottle. **Please see poster (at the end of this newsletter) for online registration details.**



**Xmodus Minecraft Adventures and Python Programming** will run on Wednesdays, April 17 - June 5 in the library (Minecraft Adventures will run from 3:05 - 4:05 pm and Python Programming will run from 4:05 - 5pm) for grades 2-7. **Please see poster (at the end of this newsletter) for online registration details.**



**Sport and Art Together** will run April 18 - June 6 in the gym and room 005 for grades 2-5.

**In-person registration will take place outside the school office on Thursday, April 11 at 8:30 am and 3 pm.** Please contact Dianne Sankey at [dsankey@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:dsankey@vsb.bc.ca) with any questions. Please do not ask at the school office as they may not have the answers you need!

## Classroom Happenings

### **Divisions 1 & 3 Learn about Wind Turbines**

Division 1 and 3 were lucky to receive FREE full-day workshops on Tuesday and Wednesday regarding renewable and non-renewable energy from Relay Education, a non-profit and charitable Vancouver based organization. The workshops were linked to our study of the different types of energy production studied in Term 1. During the workshop, students worked with parallel and series circuits, energy balls to determine what objects are conductors and which are isolators; and pre-assembled wind turbines with a variety of blades sizes having hypothesized prior to their experiments which would produce more energy. As a final activity, students were given a group design challenge where they were tasked with building their own turbines to see who could produce the most energy. Students had lot of fun adapting and changing their designs in order to get the highest reading on their digital multimeters. A huge thank you to Katrina, the instructor from Relay Education for allowing our students to experience these amazing hands-on activities!



## **Division 16 Learns about Community and Creates a Model Neighbourhood**

The grade one students of Division 16 recently engaged in learning about community through a collaborative project! They worked together to create a 3-D model of a community, with each students contributing both to the ideas, as well as creating buildings, roads, or other aspects of design. Check out the full model, which is hanging on the wall outside the classroom!



## **Digital & Social Media Responsibility Resources for Parents**

With mobile devices popular with children and adults alike, digital and Social Media responsibility is something that we address with our students, particularly in the intermediate grades. Earlier this year, we had Gr. 5-7 presentations for all students, as well as a parent presentation. The presenting organization, Safer Schools Together, provided us with parent resources. We wanted to again pass along the link to them.

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

Password: SSTPAL2018



We encourage parents/guardians to actively work with your children on concepts of digital responsibility, and understanding what to do if social media or other digital-oriented challenges arise. We discuss these concepts at school, particularly with our older students. The Safer Schools together site provides a lot of information about how you can be involved with your children in regards to social media and technology, and talks about some of the apps, sites, and other types of communications students may receive that can be concerning, what to know, and how to address them with your children. Please consider attending the social media awareness presentation that the VSB is having in the spring (poster attached at the end of this newsletter. Here is the Safer Schools Together website:

[Saferschoolstogether.com](http://Saferschoolstogether.com)



## **IMPORTANT DATES**

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

<b>Mar 18-Mar 29</b>	<b>Spring Break</b>
<b>April 1</b>	<b>Back to School!</b>
<b>April 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Performance: Théâtre le Seizième</b>
<b>April 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Performance: Dancers of Damelahamid (Coast First People's cultural origin)</b>
<b>April 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PAC Meeting in Library @ 7pm</b>
<b>April 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2pm dismissal (some classes may be doing conference today)</b>
<b>April 19<sup>th</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Good Friday and Easter Monday Stat Holidays</b>
<b>April 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Ready, Set, Learn! (for pre-school students aged 1-5 @ Kits Community Centre)</b>
<b>April 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Earth Day Assemblies (Even # Divs @ 9:15am; Odd # Divs @11am)</b>
<b>April 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Professional Day (non-instructional day)</b>
<b>April 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Théâtre la Seizième (2 performances, times TBD)</b>
<b>May 1-8</b>	<b>Quebec Exchange Twins are in Vancouver</b>
<b>May 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Performance: Clean Up Your Act! (K-4)</b>
<b>May 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Spring Fling</b>
<b>May 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Welcome to Kindergarten (for next year's Ks) in Gym @ 1pm</b>
<b>May 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Professional Development Day (non instructional day)</b>
<b>May 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Victoria Day Stat holiday</b>
<b>May 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PAC Meeting in Library @ 7pm</b>
<b>June 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Sports Day</b>



# Raising Digitally Responsible Youth



**Thursday, May 2, 2019**

**7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

**Tupper Secondary, Auditorium  
419 East 24<sup>th</sup> Ave.**

**For Parents of School-Aged  
Children & Youth**

With society heading in a direction of being constantly connected to technology, what do we need to know as parents to protect our kids and teach them responsible and appropriate use of technology? The parameters of rules and expectations that you put in place at home will undoubtedly guide their behaviour in the years to come. Please join us for an informative presentation which will cover the following topics and more!

- **Social Media Update** – The most current apps & trends in their social media lives
- **Pick Your Battles!** – You will have to balance the yin with the yang, promote independence whilst taking a strong stance on certain subjects
- **Current Research** – Brain development & technology, violent video games
- **Digital Footprint and Reputation** – With their future approaching, recruiters and employers are taking note – what will they find?
- **Tips & Tricks to Use at Home**



**PARENTS: Do not miss this free event!**



**SAFER SCHOOLS TOGETHER** - an organization focused on promoting a climate and culture of safety in schools through comprehensive education - [www.saferschoolstogether.com](http://www.saferschoolstogether.com)

Please RSVP: <https://tinyurl.com/y39nfcpa>



# LORD TENNYSON

MULTI-SPORT (K - GR.2)  
TUESDAYS 3:05PM - 4:05PM  
APRIL 16 - JUNE 4  
Registration opens on  
March 11 at 9AM

Please contact Dianne Sankey for questions or subsidy requests at [dsankey@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:dsankey@vsb.bc.ca).

\*Classes may take place outdoors if the school gym is unavailable.



**REGISTER NOW**

[WWW.BIT.LY/TENNYSONS19](http://WWW.BIT.LY/TENNYSONS19)

VANCOUVER@SPORTBALL.CA | 604-688-3157

# MINECRAFT® AFTER SCHOOL ADVENTURES AT TENNYSON

Ages: 8 - 12

*Team-based adventures, puzzles and quests. Students work in teams to complete challenges, resolve conflicts and be creative. Computers provided.*

Wednesdays - 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Apr 17, 24;

May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; Jun 5

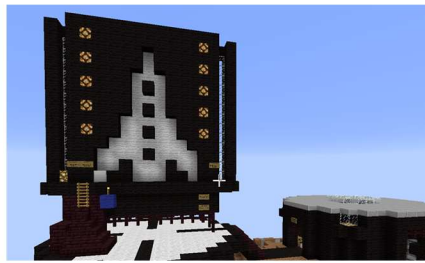
Location: Lord Tennyson Library

Cost: \$100 + GST / 8 sessions

Island Rescue



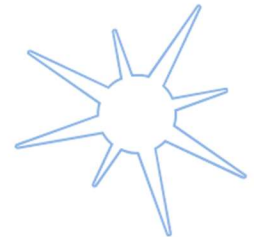
Escape from Everest



Farm Craft



## Python Computer Programming



*Introduction to computer programming using Python. Follow an instructor as they lead you step-by-step through the process of building a computer game using Python.*

Wednesdays - 4:00 - 9:00 PM

Apr 17, 24;

May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; Jun 5

Location: Lord Tennyson Library

Cost: \$100 + GST / 8 sessions

Ages: 9 - 12



*No previous experience required, computers provided.*



Register: [www.xmodus.com/register](http://www.xmodus.com/register)

Questions? (604) 721-0200

[chris@xmodus.com](mailto:chris@xmodus.com)

*Not sure? Try the first class for free, email to sign-up.*



West Community Schools Team

Registration Opens: 9AM April 5th, 2019



**\$55**

+GST

Ages 8 to 12

# Pro-D Day Coding Camp

**Create | Code | Play**

**Join us for a fun day of building and playing  
games both on and off the computers.**

**Monday, April 29, 2019**

**9 AM to 3 PM**

**Lord Tennyson Elementary**

**1936 W. 10th Ave, Vancouver, BC, V6J 2B2**

*No previous programming experience required. Computers provided.*

Register: [www.xmodus.com/register](http://www.xmodus.com/register)

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**XModus Learning**

Computer Science and Play-Based Learning for Kids