



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 1st, 2019

Admin Team Message

Happy (almost) spring to all of our Tennyson families! It's hard to believe that there are only two more weeks of learning and various activities prior to the spring break. The school has been a busy place this February, between the Quebec Exchange, Chinese New Year Celebrations, Valentine's Day, Kindness (Pink Shirt) Celebration Day, Basketball tournaments, and all of the other many things happening in the school. We appreciate our parents'/guardians' ongoing support of our implementation of the revised curriculum and development of core competencies in our students, and for all that you do to support your children's learning, social-emotional development, and our school in general. Thank you as well to our amazing staff members who bring to their work a lot of heart, and continuous focus on student learning and development. Happy March, and all the best on your Spring Break adventures, whether local or away from the region!



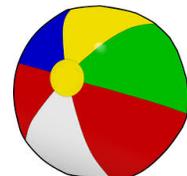
Not Returning to Tennyson for 2019/2020?

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. 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!



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

Pink Shirt Day – Promoting Kindness, Empathy, Gratitude

The District Pink Shirt Day was on Wednesday, February 27th. However, with most of our Student Leadership Grade 7 team being away in Quebec on this day, we held our Pink Shirt Day Assembly a week earlier on **Wednesday, February 20th**. The Gr 6/7 Leadership team presented on themes of kindness and gratitude. Rose (Grade 6 student) created a video of students sharing messages of kindness, empathy, and gratitude. It was great to see all the pink, but more importantly, to share the message that everyone in the Tennyson community is valued, included, and deserves respect and kindness. Merci L'Equipe Etudiant Leadership!



Athletics – Basketball Teams

The basketball season is underway with the four Tennyson teams (Junior/Senior Girls, and Junior/Senior Boys) engaging in various home games, as well as games within our community of schools. Our students have been demonstrating both strong effort and sportsmanship, as well as a lot of skill and perseverance. A big thank you to our amazing parents who have been coaching (Merci Karen, Hillary, Steven, Philip, and Shawn), and to our staff members who have been coaching, supervising, and doing referee roles at the games (Merci M. Carrier, Mme George, Mme Vosahlo, and M. Thomas).



Dressing for the Weather & Keeping the Bugs Away!

With the variable winter temperatures and rain, please ensure that students come dressed for the weather (for both cold and wet). With our reduced footprint, we do open the basement for rotating grades on very wet days, but cannot accommodate all of our students, so they should expect to be outside. We have undercover areas if needed, but it can still be cold if students do not have coats, boots, etc. We have noticed that some students from primary through Gr. 7 are not coming with coats. Please help us keep those winter colds away by teaching students to wash their hands appropriately (and long enough!) with soap and water at various points, as well as avoiding touching their faces. This will help keep those bugs away!



Quebec Exchange 2019 to Beaupré, Québec

The Grade 7 students had an amazing time in Quebec with their twins. They just arrived home! It was a full week of both indoor and outdoor cultural and leisure activities, all in French – what an opportunity to practice their French language skills in a meaningful way, with new friends! Students engaged in a variety of activities such as la raquette (snowshoeing), tubing at Valcartier, visiting the historic Plains of Abraham and Vieux Québec, and lots of time doing things with their Francophone family. We look forward to the arrival of our Quebec twins in Vancouver, in May.





Safe Arrival

If your child is late or absent, please continue to call the Safe Arrival line prior to 9am. If the absence is for more than one day, you only need to call once if you let us know all of the dates. The number is: (604) 713-5159 and then press '84'.

Tennyson 2020 – Construction Updates

Construction continues! Much of the foundation of our new school building has been poured and rebar set for walls. A large crane was recently assembled on site, which many of our students enjoyed watching, and the construction of walls has begun. The site is not attached to city hydro, and work is steady with many construction workers there each day. A big thank you to our families for continuing to safely navigate the construction zone and for observing traffic restrictions by parking further away from the school when possible.



Classroom Happenings

Division 11 Celebrates Chinese New Year

The students of Division 11 recently celebrated Chinese New Year (it is the Year of the Pig) with a variety of engaging activities that honoured this important time of year. Students worked on projects that incorporated calligraphy, lucky red envelopes, the creation of a traditional Chinese calendar, and enjoying traditional Chinese music and food. Happy Chinese New Year!



Dream Rider Theatre Performs for K-4 students

Local children's acting troupe Dreamrider Theatre recently presented their informative (and highly entertaining!) performance Zero Heros to our Kindergarten through Grade 4 students. Students learned about recycling/composting, waste management, and our overall ecological footprint. We thanks actors Sarah and Ian for this great performance!





Tennyson RALE Matrix and Code of Conduct



Did you know that all VSB schools have a code of conduct? We also have a matrix that outlines expectations for students that was developed in conjunction with staff, parents, and students. It is called the RALE matrix (the verb *râler* means to roar). It is attached to the end of this letter. Please review it with your children (better yet, ask them to teach you about it!). Here is the

link to our code of conduct:

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/lord-tennyson/About-Us/Publications/Documents/Tennyson%20Code%20of%20Conduct%20rev%202019.pdf>



IMPORTANT DATES

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

Mar 7	Junior Choir Performance @12:20 in the Gym
Mar 12	Senior Choir Performance @ 12:20 in the Gym
Mar 18-Mar 29	Spring Break
April 1	Back to School!
April 10th	Performance: Théâtre le Seizième
April 12th	Performance: Dancers of Damelahamid (Coast First People's cultural origin)
April 15th	PAC Meeting in Library @ 7pm
April 17th	2pm dismissal (some classes may be doing conference today)

April 19th/22nd	Good Friday and Easter Monday Stat Holidays
April 24th	Ready, Set, Learn! (for pre-school students aged 1-5 @ Kits Community Centre)
May 1-8	Quebec Exchange Twins are in Vancouver
May 9th	Performance: Clean Up Your Act! (K-4)
May 10th	Spring Fling
May 16th	Welcome to Kindergarten (for next year's Ks) in Gym @ 1pm
May 17th	Professional Development Day (non instructional day)
May 20th	Victoria Day Stat holiday
May 27th	PAC Meeting in Library @ 7pm



Raising Digitally Responsible Youth



Thursday, May 2, 2019

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

**Tupper Secondary, Auditorium
419 East 24th 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!



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

VANCOUVER SCHOOL BOARD & CST PRESENT

KITS RSL EVENT

APRIL 24TH 2019
10:30AM-1:00PM

KITS COMMUNITY CENTRE
2690 Larch Street

FAMILY EVENT
3-5 YEARS OLD

Learn about community services for your early learner

Prepare for success in school

Meet the Principals



FEATURING

THE BLUES BERRIES
11:30PM

STORY TIME (VPL)
11:00AM

FREE EVENT

CONTACT JASICA FOR MORE INFO JJGREWAL@VSB.BC.CA

