



# ECOLE LORD TENNYSON

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

We live, work, learn, and play on the traditional lands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh peoples. We wish to acknowledge the history of our neighborhood and community as we have all benefited from the richness of their teachings.

May 2022

### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*Children have neither past nor future; they enjoy the present, which very few of us do.*

Welcome to May! Once again, please ensure you are following covid protocols including the daily health check. Any student displaying symptoms will be sent home. Thank you for helping us all stay safe. Lots of news to follow down below including school fees for next year (collected in September)

Bruce, Mike and Kateryna

### PLANNING FOR NEXT YEAR

If your child/ren is/are currently in Kindergarten to grade 6, please click on the link to fill out a survey about returning to Lord Tennyson next year.

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Thanks!

### CLASS PLACEMENT

We are already beginning to plan for a successful 2022/2023 school year. Staff assignments, and during many years, class placements are not decided until enrolment has been confirmed during the first week of school in September. Placement of students in classes is a very time consuming process and much thought, time and effort goes into these decisions. Ultimately we work on placing students in the best learning environment to suit their specific needs. If you feel your child requires special consideration when we make placements for classes please put your request **in writing**, outlining the program you feel would best meet your child's academic and social needs. Please note that **specific teacher requests will not be considered**. As well, please do not request for your child to be placed with specific friends. Friends can always see each other at recess, lunch or after school. Some students will be in classes that have combined grades and there is no guarantee that if a child was in a combined class this year that he/she will be in a single grade class next year. Please understand that even in a single grade there is still a range of abilities. Teachers are well qualified to teach both grades in a combined class. With the trust and support of home, we are confident that all children will be placed in classes that will allow them to have a productive, rewarding 2022/2023 school year. Your patience and understanding regarding this matter is greatly appreciated.

## INTRA-SCHOOL SPORTS HAVE RETURNED TO TENNYSON

The excitement has been palatable as intra-school sports returned to Tennyson with the first ever basketball games in our spectacular new gym. The scorekeepers were trained and ready to operate our new scoreboard, and the athletes were excited to put their skills to the test. In one week, we hosted the first ever Jr. Boys,' Jr. Girls,' Sr. Boys,' and Sr. Girls' basketball games in our new facility. Over the shortened season, each team played four games. There were wins, losses, some of which were finger biting down to the wire games. Through all this the Tennyson teams competed with energy, skill, and as great sportspersons and representatives of our school. As the season progressed, and the excitement grew, we were treated to several half-time shows that included our school mascot joined by twenty or more senior students performing the school dance at center court to the applause of everyone in the gym. It was so good to see the demonstration of such school spirit.

A big thank you to all the staff sponsors, and parent coaches, without whose support this wonderful opportunity would not have been possible for our students.

**Track and Field** has started this week, May 2-6<sup>th</sup>, for students in grades 4-7. It is not too late to join. You can pick up a permission slip in the office.

## GROUNDS UPDATE

Here is a brief update on the progress of the grounds:

- Light standards in parking lot are installed and wired
- Blacktop has been laid for the pathways around the field
- The long jump approach has also been blacktopped (it will need to cure before the rubberized surface is applied)
- The Long Jump pit is filled with sand
- Topsoil has been added to the bio-swale and the trees have been planted
- Bio-swale is being prepared for other plantings
- The area between the school and the long jump pit is approaching completion
  - Boxes for tree plantings prepared
  - Surface preparation for blacktop applications
- New lower fencing has been completed on the 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. side from the parking lot to Cypress St.
- New fencing posts around the field are being completed with horizontal top posts so that the chain link fencing can be applied.
- New fencing between the parking lot and the adventure playground, and between the parking lot and the new basketball court have been completed.
- The area between the parking lot and the intermediate playground has been completed with blacktop
- Now that the paths are blacktopped, and the fence posts are in, the final leveling of the field is being done in preparation for the application of topsoil and seed.
- We are having a site visit with VSB grounds next Wednesday to go over the Garden Plan to keep that moving
- There is lots of activity on the grounds, both last week and this week (workers and equipment). Things are moving quickly.

## SAFE ARRIVAL – STUDENT ATTENDANCE



We will continue to use the district Safe Arrival line to report student absences. You may do this 24/7. Please call (604) 713-5426, and press 1 for Safe Arrival (there is a prompt). You will then leave a message. **It is vital that all absences are called into the school prior to 9am. Please, speak clearly, leave your child's name, spelling of last name, division, day(s) and reason for absence.**

## STUDENTS ARRIVING LATE TO SCHOOL OR LEAVING EARLY

It is very important that students are accounted for. If your child arrives to school late, they should check in at the office and then go to class. It is also important that students leaving the school prior to 3pm on a given day are signed out. Since the school building is currently restricted to students and staff, please let the classroom teacher and the office know. When you arrive at the school, please come to the front door, and ring the doorbell, or call the office, and a staff member will sign out and release your child to you. We need to physically see that they go with their parent/guardian.

## Student Drop-Off and Pick-up

A reminder to parents to please pay attention to signage around the school. Parking enforcement has attended and simply takes a picture of offending vehicles and issues tickets in the mail.

When dropping off please approach with the school on the left-hand side so that student can exit onto the boulevard rather than into traffic or requiring your child to cross the street. Three-minute parking is permitted on Maple St. and on 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue for student drop off. Parking enforcement will give considerable leeway in these areas. However, any vehicles stopping in the posted "no stopping zone" on 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue run the risk of getting a ticket for even the shortest stop. It is all about student safety so please respect the signage.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 17<sup>th</sup>: PAC meeting on Zoom
- May 23<sup>rd</sup>: Victoria Day – No School

