



We respectfully acknowledge that we live, work, learn, and play on the unceded and traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples – sḵw̓x̓ wú7mesh (Squamish), sel̓il̓wítulh (Tsleil-Waututh), and xwm̓əḱwáy̓ əm (Musqueam) nations.

May 6, 2021

Mini-Newsletter

Tennyson Admin Team Message

This is the first week of May at Tennyson and we are really enjoying the longer days and warmer weather. The temperature is variable from day to day and during the day – please have your child come to school in layers, and ready for sun or rain. Wearing layers comes with sometimes forgetting items outside. The best way to get these items back is to label every piece of clothing with your child’s name. If you walk by the old building, you will see that demolition has begun and will continue through the Spring, and this area will become our new field and other play areas. All hazmat has already been done, and the crews follow all City environmental health guidelines, and work to minimize dust and debris. A big thank you to our contractor and their crews for all of their work, particularly for returning balls which inadvertently end up over the fence! Finally, on behalf of the Tennyson staff, we wanted to say “Happy Mother’s Day!” to all of our students’ mothers, grandmothers, and other family members who take on this important role. We appreciate you and hope you have a wonderful Mother’s Day weekend!

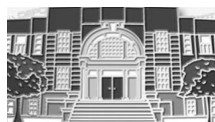


Not Returning to Tennyson for 2021/2022?

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. We thank you for your assistance with this.



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



Director of Instruction: Richard Zerbe
Liaison Trustee: Barbara Parrott
PAC Co-Chairs: Tai Scott/Katherine Smith

Photo Day – Retakes!

Mountain West Photography did a great job accommodating our school and our safety plans. Photos outdoors on our deck worked well. **Photo Re-take Day is on Monday, May 10thth**. We are not able to do full class photos, however we have asked our photographer to create a composite of individual photos for each class.



School Fees

Our 2021-2022 School Fees Schedule has been approved. Please see the Tennyson Fees letter attached to end of this newsletter. Please do not pay now – it is only for your information. We will again distribute a copy of this in September. Thank you.

Traffic Around the School – For our Students' Safety

Thank you to our families and community members who have been following the new traffic signage around the school – it seems to be working well. As a friendly reminder, please be sure to watch your speed, keeping your speed down, and also watching for pedestrians at the intersections. Please refrain from parking partially in the intersections. The PAC and school have been messaging this to our neighbours and visitors as well.

Classroom Organization and Student Placement for 2021-22

It is amazing to think that the spring term is well underway and we already in May! Through to the end of the school year, the district and schools work on overall classroom and staffing organizations. These need to remain flexible as they are subject to change, including through the summer due to a variety of factors, such as shifts in student numbers due to moves and new registrations. We will be looking at tentative classroom placements, which are also subject to change into September. Teachers consider a number of factors when creating classes, as it is a complex task in which they put in a lot of time and effort. If you would like to share specific information/thoughts regarding your child's learning **that the school may not already know**, please send a note to M Roch and Mme Kateryna, via email, to tennyson@vsb.bc.ca by **June 4, 2021**. It is important for you to know that this information will be given to the teams who will work together to develop the classes. **Please do not send requests regarding specific teachers, as we will not be able to consider these. Please also refrain from approaching your child's current teacher to discuss other staff members.** We are proud to have amazing, child-focussed educators at Tennyson, and we thank you for your continued support of our students and our school staff members.

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

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 other's can inadvertently trip over the sticks. Also, baseball bats are not permitted onsite. Also, 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 the students.

VSB Summer Experience 2021

If you are interested in looking at K-12 summer experience (summer school) opportunities for your child, please check out the VSB summer Experience website. Tennyson will not be hosting summer courses, but this program will be located in several other VSB schools. Here is the link:

https://www.vsb.bc.ca/Student_Learning/Summer_Sessions/Pages/default.aspx



Planet Protector Academy – Opportunity for Families

Our partners at Planet Protector (we invite DreamRider Theatre most years into the school to provide performances related to taking care of our environment) are reaching out to participants in our programs to share an exciting opportunity for families with young children.

The City of Vancouver provides sponsorships to DreamRider Productions, a non-profit organizations that deliver zero waste education to students in Vancouver. They perform live plays related to zero waste and litter to elementary school students. To support families, in these challenging times, they have transformed their free educational programs online.

Planet Protector Academy: *Zero Heroes* (Home Edition)

A fun, engaging program that inspires kids to become zero waste superheroes and lead change in their families' waste & consumption habits!

The weekly interactive live webcasts include:

- Fun arts and game-based activities
- Lessons in science, arts, language and social studies
- Tips and tools for handwashing and mental well-being

Sessions run from May 4 to June 8, 2021. Full details and sign-up info

@ <http://planetprotectoracademy.com/for/parents-he-zh> [planetprotectoracademy.com]



Tennyson PAC News

The next Parent Advisory Council meeting will be on May 17th at 7pm on Zoom. All Tennyson parents/guardians are welcome!

Here is the Tennyson PAC website: www.lordtennyson.ca



IMPORTANT DATES

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

May 10: Photo Re-take Day

May 17: PAC Meeting @ 7pm on Zoom

May 24: Victoria Day Stat Holiday

