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LA GAZETTE DU TIGRE MONTHLY TIGER



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Dear Families,

Spring has sprung at Tennyson! We are now into term three, and students, families, and staff have been engaging in a variety of activities from continuing student learning experiences inside and outside of the classroom, to Track & Field, to walks in the neighbourhood, to Capoeira, and a multitude of exciting things. As always, we are very much appreciative of the support of our parent/guardian community, and of the strong efforts of our staff members in working with our students. Please take a few minutes to read through our newsletter to see a selection of some of what is happening at the school. A warm welcome to Mme Vanderkuur and Ms. Gaster who have taken over from Mme Lauren in Division 6 as she is on maternity leave. Welcome also to Mme Breton who will be working for Mme Cote in the library for the remainder of term three. We are excited to be teaching and learning together for the next several months. We also encourage you to read the regular updates that our PAC makes on their website and in their email blasts. Happy Spring!

Merci,

Doug & Regina
Tennyson Admin Team

School Sports

Track and Field will be starting on April 18th, and will run on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays – events include high-jump, long-jump, shot-put, relay, and individual running races such as 100m for juniors and seniors, 600m for juniors, and 800m for seniors. A big thank you to both the parents and staff members who have been working to organize this. Here is more information on the PAC page: <http://www.lordtennyson.ca/news-blog/track-and-field-team-meeting-on-tuesday-april-17-at-recess-and-first-practice-on-wednesday-april-18-at-8-am>

Kilometere Club

The Kilometre Club has started and students have been running quite a distance! It takes place on Tuesdays/Thursdays in the morning, and on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays after students have eaten lunch. A big thank you to both our parent organizers, as well as to the staff members who have been supervising and cheering during the noon-hour runs. Check out the bulletin board by the gym to see how far the students have collectively run. It is a great way to be active and to build endurance. A link to the Permission Slip can be found here:

Principal: Douglas Roch
Vice Principal: Regina Vosahlo
Admin Assistant: Veronica D'Angelo



Director of Instruction: Magdalena Kassis
Official Trustee: Judy Zaichkowsky
PAC Chair: Tam Cummings

http://www.lordtennyson.ca/uploads/1/2/4/2/12421219/tennyson_kilometre_club_permission_form_2018.pdf

Aché Brasil Capoeira

Students recently enjoyed a fantastic presentation of music, movement, culture, and rhythm when Aché Brasil Capoeira put on a spectacular performance. Capoeira is as Brazilian martial art that combines body movement with music and acrobatics. It features teaching of body awareness, movement in space, discipline/teamwork, and overall physical activity. Each division is in the process of engaging in three individualized and grade-appropriate workshops through this month. Workshops will focus on learning fundamental capoeira movements, and pairing these with Brazilian and Portuguese music. We will have culminating activities where students will demonstrate some of the movement skills they have learned to their peers in other classes.

Earth Week (April 22-26, 2018)

The Tennyson Student Leadership team is organizing the following initiatives during Earth Week:

Sunday, April 22nd:

- **Earth Day!**

Monday April 23rd:

- **Beautify Tennyson School;** Students will work to take care of the natural surroundings at Tennyson through assisting to take care of the outside environment in various ways; power-saver – turn off or down lights when possible and safe to do so to conserve electricity

Tuesday April 24th:

- Reduce air pollution; everyone is encouraged to carpool, walk or bike to school, or park further away and walk to school

Wednesday April 25th:

- Bring a waste-free lunch in a container or re-usable bottle; *Earth Day Assembly* (9:15 am even divisions, 11 am odd divisions)

Thursday April 26th:

- **Recycle & Re-use:** Sort paper, foods and garbage into containers. Make arts & crafts using recycled materials.
- **Keep Vancouver Spectacular** (may occur earlier in the week depending on when materials are delivered and when classrooms are available); classroom communities will have a chance to work in the catchment area to help beautify the neighbourhood through collection of discarded objects; the city provides buckets, tongs, and gloves;

schools often get many calls of appreciation from community members when the school is seen giving back to the community in this way

Classroom News (a small selection of the many classroom activities happening at Tennyson)

Quite a bit has happened at Tennyson since our last newsletter. Here are a few highlights!

Poultry in Motion

Just prior to the break, the students at Tennyson Elementary School had an excellent opportunity to learn about farming methods and chicken raising in BC. This special program, called Poultry in Motion, came to our school in a mini-replica poultry barn. It gave our students a glimpse into local chicken farming and care. Thank you to M. Carrier for organizing this visit!

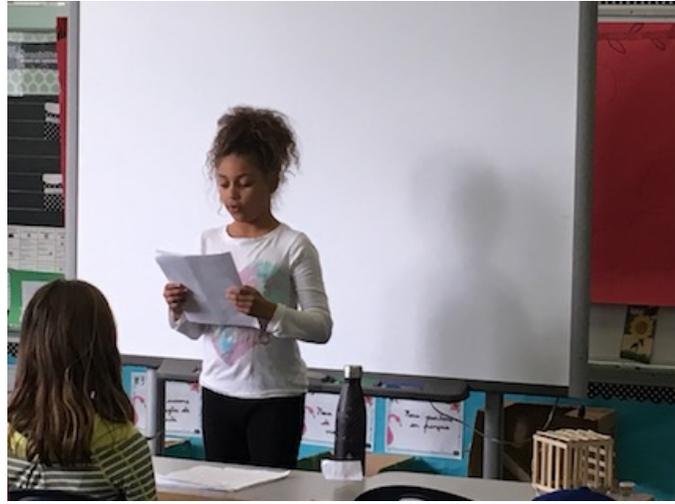


Do Bugs Need Drugs?

The Grade 2 classes at Tennyson welcomed UBC students presenting a community health education program called, *Do Bugs Need Drugs?* Tennyson Grade 2s learned about the importance of washing their hands to stay healthy and to stop the spread of infections. As a result of participating in this program, the students are able to tell the difference between viruses and bacteria and when antibiotics should be used. Students seemed to really enjoy this interactive, fun and useful presentation!

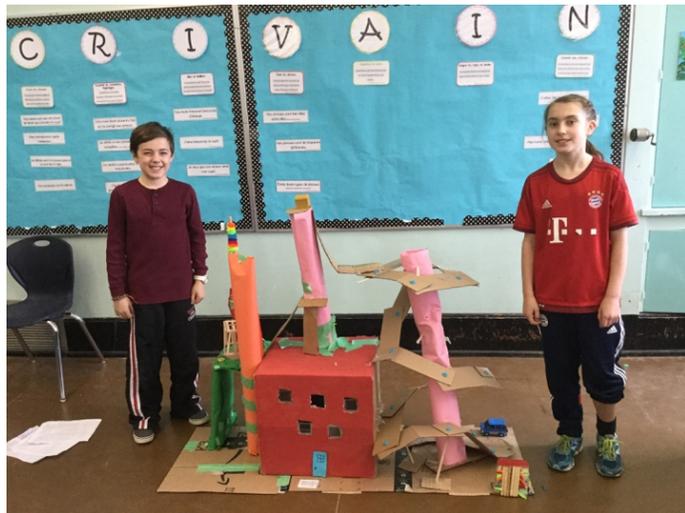
Poetry Café

Students in Divisions 6 and 8, put on a very special afternoon of poetry reading for their parent audiences. The students did an impressive work not only with their poetry readings but also with organizing ticket sales, seating and refreshments for their in-class parent audience. The poems read by the students ranged from bio-poems to haikus, concrete to free verse. Students did an outstanding work as they entertained their audience with insightful and amusing readings. Thank you to Mme Lauren and to Mme Perron for organizing this fantastic event with their classes.



Simple Machines in Division 6

Students in Division 6 built Leprechaun Traps incorporating at least 3 simple machines. This project integrated science and the new curricular area called Applied Design, Skills and Technologies. While working on this project, they learned about the big idea that designs can be improved with prototyping and testing.



Tennyson Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Lord Tennyson PAC sends weekly updates on Sundays. If you have not been receiving these and would like to, please sign up here - <http://www.lordtennyson.ca/email-list.html>

They are “your week at a glance” type of emails with information about the upcoming week at Tennyson. This is also what PAC uses to inform parents about events like lunch ordering and other PAC initiatives. Join the email list and you can be “in the know” too.

The PAC website at www.lordtennyson.ca is updated frequently and the calendar should be up-to-date. Please check in often!

Here are the links to the PAC and the school websites:

PAC website: <http://www.lordtennyson.ca/>

School website: <http://tennyson.vsb.bc.ca>

District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC)

Similar to all schools having a Parent Advisory Council, which is made of all parents with children attending the school, the district has a similar structure for all PACs. The District Parent Advisory Council is a structure that represents all school PACs within the district. Our Tennyson PAC has a representative on the DPAC. There is lot of information that has come from the DPAC as of late. Here is the link to this DPAC information (accessible through our own PAC website):

<http://www.lordtennyson.ca/about-dpac-district-pac.html>

New School Building

You likely know that the current Lord Tennyson School building is approved to be replaced by a newly constructed building. The new building will be located on our existing west field. It will be constructed while we continue to occupy the current building. Once complete, the current building will be removed, and the fields, playground etc. will occupy that space. The project is currently in the final design phase. The district is working with the architects and the city to finalize the design and have the project go to tender. We will continue to update the community as information becomes available.

Emergency Awareness, Procedures, and Practices – Fire Drills, Lockdowns, Earthquake Drills

We always hope that emergency situations do not occur, but we know that it is important to be prepared in case one does. All schools practice these procedures. For example, we do regular fire drill practices in which everyone in the building evacuates, attendance is taken, and we look at the time it takes to exit the building and the manner in which we do so, with an eye to improve if needed. We also practice a “lockdown” which is a procedure used in the unlikely event that there is an intruder in the school. When the “lockdown” announcement is made, staff members quickly bring anyone in the hall into classrooms and doors are closed and locked. Phones or technology that make noise are turned off, and students go to the safest place in the room. We practice these several times each year, and will do so in the coming weeks.

Big One @ 2 and Earthquake Drill

We do several Earthquake drill practices each year. On May 3rd, most Vancouver schools will be engaging in “The Big One @ 2”. This is a drill where we practice earthquake procedures inside the school, exit the building to an assigned area (currently the field) and our staff response

teams practice various roles. Schools also look at student release procedures, and practice radio communication with the district command centre.

2018-19 General School Fees

The 2017-18 School Fees notice sent home in May of last year stated that this school year would be the final year that school supplies would be purchased for a set fee by the school district and that starting in September 2018, parents would need to purchase items on their own.

Please note that the general school supplies fee will still be charged for the upcoming 2018-19 school year.

The Vancouver School Board will continue its service of purchasing basic school supplies in bulk at wholesale prices and passing the cost savings on to families. The School Supply Fee for 2018-2019 will remain at \$25.00 per student. This fee covers basic consumable school supplies used for students' personal use such as paper, writing tools, glue sticks, erasers, exercise books and art supplies. Supplies are provided for the full year.

Dressing for the Weather

Spring is an exciting time weather-wise, with rainy days, sunny days, cooler days and some warm ones, too. We would like to ask families to ensure that students come to school dressed for the weather. Umbrellas, coats with hoods, and waterproof footwear is a good idea for rainy days. Students also spend time in the sun, so please be mindful of sun safety. Many thanks!



IMPORTANT DATES

April: Ache Brasil workshops continue for all divisions

April 23-26: Earth Week (see daily themes in article above)

April 25: Earth Week Assemblies (9:15am – even divisions; 11am – odd divisions)

April 25: Student-Led Conferences; 2pm dismissal

April 26: Student-Led Conferences; 3pm dismissal

April 27: Professional Development Day (students not in attendance today)

May 3: Big One at 2 (Earthquake Practice)

May 10: Ready, Set, Learn (10am – 11:15am) in the Gym

May 11: Upside down day – sponsored by Student Leadership Team

May 11-18: Quebec Exchange Students are in Vancouver

May 17th: Welcome to Kindergarten (1pm-2:30pm) in the Gym

May 18: District Closure Day (schools are closed)

May 21: Victoria Day stat holiday

