



**Lord Tennyson Elementary School**

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# LA GAZETTE DU TIGRE MONTHLY TIGER



**June 4, 2018**

Dear Families,

Welcome to June! We are now in the last month of the 2017-18 school year; it is amazing to think of the various events, excursions, activities, clubs, and overall learning that has occurred this year. Our students have all growth in various ways, and we know that families will soon be preparing for some summer fun, and hopefully some time to relax. As always, we are ever-thankful of our wonderful staff and parent/family community. We appreciate the ways in which you work together to make Tennyson a great place to be. Please read through our newsletter to learn about a selection of the events that have happened in the past month. You will find a selection of important upcoming dates, and we have appended the 2018-19 school calendar as the last page. Please check out our school website, where we have been posting some of these articles (and more). Happy June!

Merci,

Doug & Regina  
Tennyson Admin Team



*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*

## Track and Field – Grades 3 to 7

Our Junior and Senior Tennyson athletes competed with pride during our District-wide Finals meet on Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Grade 3 to 7 students showed excellent effort and form during sprints, relays, shot put, high jump and long jump events. Bravo! A big thank you to all our parent coaches, organizers and teacher sponsors for their dedication and excellence in preparing our students for this competition.



## Track and Field – Grades K to 2

The Tennyson field was abuzz with sport, movement, and fun on Friday May 25<sup>th</sup>, as many of our Kindergarten through Grade 2 students participated in the Mini Track meet. They had the opportunity to do high jump, long jump, shot put, and relays. At the end, students enjoyed a healthy snack before heading to class invigorated and ready for the day. This is a great chance for students to build physical literacy skills, learn about some of the key Track & Field events, and to plant the seeds for future Track events. Thank you to the many parents and staff members who volunteered their time to make Track & Field possible this year at Tennyson!



### **Bike to School Week**

Hundreds of students, families and staff participated in our HUB-sponsored Bike to School Week! It was amazing to see the number of bikes on our bike racks and secured to our fences. What a great way to be active, not to mention cutting down the number of vehicles on the road around the school. On the Monday, students enjoyed a healthy snack courtesy of Greens Market. More and more students biked to school as the week went on. Thursday was an exciting day with the bike parade; it was a great noon-hour event with decorated bikes traversing the field in an obstacle course of sorts. Students from K through grade 7 participated. Thanks to the parent organizers, and to Mr. Pav for assisting the set-up and even flow of cyclists! On Friday, we enjoyed a special breakfast (which was both delicious and healthy!) courtesy of the Loblaws City Market. Overall, 761 cyclists checked in over the week. Congratulations to Division 6 (Grade 5 and 4) with the highest number of cyclists for the week. Second place was claimed by Division 9 (Grade 3), and third place was tied by Division 11 (Grade 3) and Division 17 (Grade 1). Thank you to all who participated!





## Kilometre Club

The Kilometre Club has been a great success. This year it “ran” two mornings per week before school and three days per week during the lunch hour. Looking at total distance that students ran, they made it half-way across Canada, to Winnipeg. What a distance! A big thank you to the parent and staff organizers/supervisors who made this fun physical activity possible.



## Gearing Up for Science



All the classes at Tennyson had an exciting opportunity to learn more about biology, chemistry and physics from UBC's Gearing Up for Science students. Taught in French, the students learned about molecules, ecosystems, forces and electricity depending on the grade level. The classes especially enjoyed participating in interactive experiments and hands-on projects. Thank you to Tennyson PAC for sponsoring such a great learning opportunity for all our students.

## Spring Fling

On Friday, May 25th, the Spring Fling made it truly evident that Tennyson's Got Talent! Students from Kindergarten through Grade 7 participated with talent abounding: songs of all sorts from solos to duets to groups, a variety of musical instruments, acting, dance, jokes, and lots of fun for all. The after-school event went into the evening, showcasing our amazing students! A bit thank you to all of the organizers, MCs, our resident DJ, Gr. 7 student leaders, the PAC, and to all who contributed to make the evening possible.



## Peer Tutoring Thank You Celebration:

Beginning this school year, a group of twelve Grade 6 students have done an outstanding work in tutoring our Grade 2 and 3 students in reading and writing. Twice a week in the morning, the Grade 6 students have read with their younger peers and then helped them with their written responses all in French. The Grade 2 and 3 students also receive kind and specific feedback which then motivates them to improve their French language skills. Peer tutoring is beneficial to our students by providing them with an amazing opportunity to share ideas, organize learning activities, collaborate with each other and make friendships that extend beyond the classroom.



## A Note from the Library

Hello everyone!

It is already June and it's the time of the year where all the wonderful books housed in our Library need to come home. All books must be returned by **FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 2018**

\*\*\*\*\*There is contest for all divisions happening right now... Every division that has returned **ALL** their books by **Friday, June 8, 2018, 3:00 pm** will be eligible to win a prize for the entire class, with goodies!

If you have overdue books, or books you think are lost, look and look and look in every room in your house, on the shelves in your classroom. I am sure you can and will find them.

You can also type in the title in Google and see what the cover looks like, that helps to know what you are looking for!

So let the hunt begin! Good luck to all divisions!

Mme Paule  
Teacher-Librarian

## **2018-19 School Calendar**

We sent the link to our 2018-19 School Calendar to families via email. For your convenience, we have appended it to the end of this newsletter. Please note the days that school is in session, as well as non-instructional days and early dismissals.

## **Dressing for the Spring/Summer Weather**

Please continue helping us ensure that students are dressed for the weather. Some days are warm, and some less so, making layers very helpful. Also sunscreen, hats etc. are a good idea for those very sunny days.

## **Lost & Found**

Please periodically check our Lost & Found for items that your child may be missing. Our Lost & Found is located on the west side of the main floor, in the stairwell area.

## **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](http://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.



### IMPORTANT DATES

**June 5:** Choir Presentation #1; 12:20pm in the gym

**June 6:** Parent/Volunteer Appreciation Tea (1:30-3pm)

**June 7:** Choir Presentation #2; 12:20pm in the gym

**June 8:** Crazy hair/hat day; sponsored by the Student Leadership Team

**June 11-June 19:** Hip Hop workshops for all classes

**June 19 & 20:** Craft & Used Toy Sale (by Divisions 7 & 8, all proceeds to be donated)

**June 22:** Sports Day

**June 26:** Grade 7 Grad; 11am

**June 28:** Year End Assembly: Even-numbered Divisions at 9:15am; Odd-numbered Divisions at 11am

**June 28:** Last day of school for students; report cards go home





# ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CALENDAR 2018 – 2019

## Lord Tennyson Elementary School

### School Operation Overview

Number of Days in Session	187
Number of Days of Instruction	179
Number of Days of Non-Instruction	7 Non Instructional Days; 1 Administrative Day (June 28)

### Important Dates

School Opening Day	Tuesday, September 4, 2018
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 8, 2018
Remembrance Day Holiday	Monday, November 12, 2018 (in lieu of Sun. Nov. 11)
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 21, 2018
Winter Vacation Period	Monday, December 24, 2018 – Friday, January 4, 2019
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 7, 2019
Family Day	Monday, February 18, 2019
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 15, 2019
Spring Vacation Period	Monday, March 18 – Friday, March 29, 2019
School Re-opens after Spring Vacation	Monday, April 1, 2019
Good Friday	Friday, April 19, 2019
Easter Monday	Monday, April 22, 2019
Victoria Day	Monday, May 20, 2019
Last Full Day of Student Attendance	Thursday, June 27, 2019
Administrative/School Closing Day	Friday, June 28, 2019

### Professional Development and Curriculum Implementation Days (school not in session)

Friday, September 28, 2018	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, October 19, 2018	Professional Development Day (Province Wide)
Friday, November 9, 2018	Curriculum Implementation Day (District Wide)
Friday, January 25, 2019	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, February 15, 2019	Curriculum Implementation Day (District Wide)
Monday, April 29, 2019	Professional Development Day (District Wide)
Friday, May 17, 2019	Professional Development Day (District Wide)

### Parent Conference Dates

### Early Dismissal Times

Tuesday, October 16, 2018	2:00 pm
Wednesday, October 17, 2018	2:00 pm
Thursday, October 18, 2018	2:00 pm
Wednesday, April 17, 2019	2:00 pm

