



Lord Tennyson Elementary School

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LA GAZETTE DU TIGRE MONTHLY TIGER



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Dear Families,

We hope that everyone is enjoying springtime at Tennyson. We are not into term three, and so many great things are happening at Tennyson! Students are engaging in Track and Field and Kilometre Club, the Intermediate Student Leadership Team has been active working around the school, students enjoyed our recent Earth Week and Keep Kitsilano Spectacular activities, and engaging in a plethora of learning experiences every day. Students continue to work daily on learning core competencies, social and environmental responsibility practices, and practicing kindness towards others at the school and within the community. Please take a look at some of the important and exciting news and information contained in our newsletter. We encourage you to check out our website, our PAC website, and read the PAC email blasts. Thank you for your tremendous support of our school community.

Merci,

Doug & Regina
Tennyson Admin Team

Track and Field

A big thank you to all of the parents, staff, and community members who have volunteered their time to plan and facilitate track and field. This has been a great opportunity for students of all grades, and it has been exciting to see students of all ages engaging in a variety of track and field activities including relays, sprints, shot-put, high-jump, long-jump and more.

Student-participants in Grades 4-7 have three city meets. Student-participants in Grades K-3 are invited to the Tennyson mini-meet on May 25th, 2018.

Meet schedule:

Mini Meets are at Camosun Park from 3:30-5pm

JUNIORS (Grades 3, 4, and 5): Thursday May 10th & Wednesday May 16th

SENIORS (Grades 6 and 7): Tuesday May 8th & Monday May 14th

District final meet at Point Grey Secondary: Wednesday May 23rd (Juniors from 8:30AM-12:30PM, Seniors from 1-3:30PM)

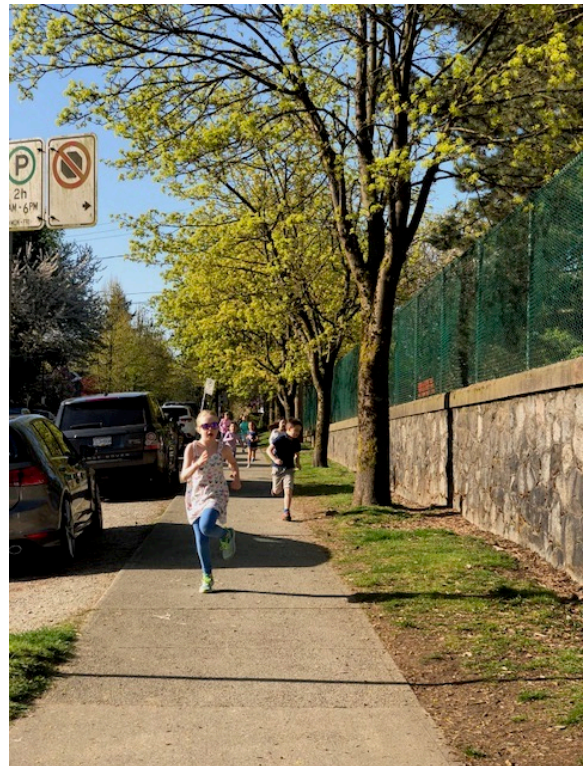
Principal: Douglas Roch
Vice Principal: Regina Vosahlo
Admin Assistant: Veronica D'Angelo



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

Kilometre Club

The Kilometre Club has started and students have been running quite a distance! It takes place on Tuesday and 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.



Aché Brasil Capoeira

The students at Tennyson had a wonderful opportunity to participate in Aché Brasil Capoeira, a Brazilian art form that combines dance, music and martial arts. Through a school-wide show and in-school residence sessions students learned acrobatic movements to the beat of drums and music of strings. Tennyson students grew in skill, confidence, agility and team work as they worked with each other to learn the sequenced movements. Bravo!

Aché Brasil:



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.

Keep Kitsilano Spectacular Community Cleanup Event/Earth week

It was a spectacular sunny April day and the students of all ages at Tennyson Elementary participated in the *Keep Vancouver Spectacular* neighbourhood clean-up event. The students celebrating Earth Week removed litter on the streets near and around the school to keep their community clean. Big thank you to the staff organizers and all of the staff and students who participated in this fantastic community event. We received a number of “thank yous” from members of our neighbouring community. Also, thank you to Mme Simone and her class for putting together a beautiful Earth Day mural for the foyer of our school!



Keep Kitsilano
Spectacular!



Classroom Organization and Student Placement for 2018-19

It is amazing to think that term three is well under way and that we are already into May! Through to the end of term three we look at our 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. We will also be looking at tentative classroom placements, which are also subject to change through to September. Teachers consider a number of factors when creating classes, as it is a complex task. If you would like to share information/thoughts regarding your child's learning that the school may not know, please send a note to M Roch and Mme Vosahlo, or drop a hard copy off to the office in a sealed envelope, and the information will be compiled and passed along to the teachers who are working to develop the classes. Please do so by June 8th, 2018. **Please do not send requests regarding specific teachers.** Thank you for your continued support of our students and our school staff members.

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.

A Friendly Reminder from TOSS

Please be reminded that TOSS must abide by a strict staff/child ratio in order to be in compliance with our licensing requirements. This means that when we are outside, TOSS staff are able to supervise **only** those children who are enrolled at TOSS. We **cannot** be responsible for **any other** children. TOSS children understand that while outside they are allowed to play with other TOSS children **only**, and TOSS equipment is for use by TOSS children **only**. Thank you.



YMCA of Greater Vancouver
Summer Camps

Summer is a time for kids to be kids! It's a chance to play, to run, and to be free from the busy school schedule. That's why the YMCA offers Day Camps, so that every child can reach their full potential. Join us for fun-filled days of arts and crafts, games, sports and an opportunity to make new friends.

The nearest YMCA day camp locations to Tennyson Elementary are located at the Kitchener YMCA Kids Club, the Lord Roberts YMCA Kids Club, and Robert Lee YMCA.

Check out everything we have to offer online at gv.ymca.ca/camps

Register now!
gv.ymca.ca/camps
604-939-9622
daycamp@gv.ymca.ca



IMPORTANT DATES

- May 10:** Ready, Set, Learn (10am – 11:15am) in the Gym
- 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
- May 22:** Staff Appreciation Lunch
- May 25:** Spirit Day – Tropical Wear theme
- May 25:** Spring Fling (3:30pm onwards)
- May 28-June 1:** Bike to School Week (finale breakfast on June 1st)
- June 6:** Parent/Volunteer Appreciation Tea (1:30-3pm)
- June 22:** Sports Day
- June 26:** Grade 7 Grad

