



LA GAZETTE DU TIGRE

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MONTHLY TIGER

We are proud to acknowledge that we live, work, and learn on the traditional and unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Coast Salish peoples.



Oct 10, 2018

Admin Team Message

We hope that all of you had a great Thanksgiving long weekend. While we sent out a regular newsletter last week, we have a few more items to share, so please read this mini-newsletter. We have included an invitation of nomination for PAC Exec again, as well as an invitation to the join the PAC-sponsored Tennyson 2020 committee. Have a great week!

***UPDATE* Tennyson 2020 - Construction is about to begin!**

We received word this afternoon that DGS construction will be starting tomorrow to create the entry and exits for the site, including bringing in gravel and some trucks. The field is now needed. Today some traffic flagger signs were placed on the surrounding roads. Many students are excited to begin watching the construction process!

As construction begins, we are strongly recommending that families avoid driving on 10th and 11th from Cypress to Maple, and to avoid the intersections of 11th/Maple and 10th/Maple (both driving and walking). Taking a few extra minutes to walk on streets avoiding those intersections is a good idea.

We will soon be receiving the final drawings for the new building and the grounds. We will be showing these to parents at the October 22nd PAC meeting at 7pm. We will then post these on our Tennyson 2020 wall in front of the office, and to our website. Any minor changes to building design from the plans that were originally presented to the PAC and community have been discussed at PAC in 2017-18.

Again, we really appreciate the support of our incredible parent community as we work with our changing spaces, and are excited about our new future campus!

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



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

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. **We had a successful Fire Drill today and we will have a lockdown drill on October 16th.**

Tennyson 2020 Committee is looking for Volunteers!

Did you know that there is a PAC-sponsored committee that liaises with our admin team and staff regarding construction of our new school and grounds? The role of this committee is to work together to solve challenges, to lend a hand when help is needed, and to liaise with the PAC on future spending in regards to the new buildings. Some examples of things that the committee might engage in: helping to create play/social opportunities for students when the footprint of our site is temporarily reduced (eg. help the school to build a bank of art supplies and games, sandboxes etc.), study options for new playgrounds, and discuss with staff options for technology, specialized items, and other “things” for the new building, both at initial occupancy and to establish plans for the future. The school encourages interested parents to contact tennyson2020@lordtennyson.ca . We appreciate the help and support of our fantastic parents!

***Important* PAC Executive Positions are Open!!**

The PAC is looking for parents who would consider being on the Executive in the role of Chair or Co-Chair, and also the role of Secretary. These are all roles that are fun and very meaningful to both the PAC and the school. Please know that there are many current and past Exec members who are there to provide support, as well as some tremendous committees already established. The time commitment may be less than you think, as little as 5 hours a week! Please reach out to the PAC Exec if you are interested. It would mean a lot to us!

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

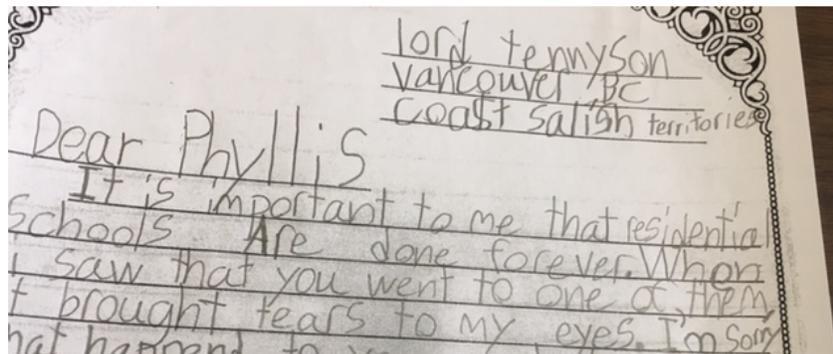
Lunchtime – Eating and Recycling/Composting

We are asking all families to help us to reinforce with the students the importance of eating their lunch. Many students rush to play, but we want to ensure they are well-nourished. Please also help us to reinforce the Code of Conduct expectation of “taking care of our community” by discarding one’s compost, recycling, and trash in the appropriate bins.

Classroom News and Happenings

Writing Meaningful and Powerful Letters for Reconciliation – Division 6

The students of Division 6 engaged in an activity alongside the Tennyson community’s acknowledgement of, and participation in, Orange Shirt Day. Students read the story of Phyllis Webstad, who is Northern Secwepemc (Shuswap) from the Stswecem’c Xgat’tem First Nation, and now lives in Williams’ Lake, BC. In her story, she talks about her experiences as a child in the residential school system, and how this affected her cultural and personal identity as someone of indigenous ancestry. Students learned about reconciliation and were very much touched by her story. They then wrote letters to Phyllis in appreciation of her sharing her story. Mme Ciara will send the letters to Phyllis in Williams Lake.



Digging to Help the Community – Division 10

A big thank you to the students of Div 10 and M Carrier for their work in moving sand from our field sand pits so that it can be enjoyed by students in an alternate location. Div 10 is quite industrious, and we appreciate their efforts! The PAC will be sending out an email to ask families who might have extra, non-broken or cracked sand toys such as small shovels and small containers that they no longer use to donate them to the school – there is a box in the foyer for this purpose.





IMPORTANT DATES

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

Oct 12: School Spirit Day – wear a JERSEY!

Oct 16, 17, 18: Goal-setting conferences (2pm dismissal each of these days)

Oct 18: District Cross-Country Meet @ Trout Lake

Oct 19: Provincial Professional Development (non-instructional day)

Oct 22: 7pm PAC Meeting, including looking at Tennyson 2020 drawings

Oct 23: Photo re-takes

Oct 26: Hallowe'en Howl

Nov 6: Kunda West African Music, Dance, and Drumming Workshops (throughout day)

Nov 8: Remembrance Day Assemblies (Even divisions @ 9:15; odd divisions @ 11am)

Nov 9: Curriculum implementation Day (non-instructional day)

Nov 12: Stat holiday for Remembrance Day

