



LA GAZETTE DU TIGRE

Lord Tennyson Elementary School

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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 4, 2018

Admin Team Message

Joyeux automne! Happy Autumn! Our school is starting to look a little bit different as we move into October, with leaves falling around the school, events like Thanksgiving celebrations and the Hallowe'en Howl approaching, and changes to the look of our field as crews prepare for our new building construction. Students are settled into their classes and learning is happening in abundance! We wanted to thank all of our families for a most successful and fun Meet the Teacher & School/Welcome Back Barbecue, and to our staff for all of the work that they do for students every single day. Please read this newsletter as it contains interesting and important information, as well as upcoming dates.

***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

***Important * Safe Arrival – Student Attendance**

Thank you to all families for reporting student absences and lates to the Safe Arrival phone number. Instead of calling the main school number, please call (604) 713-5159, and press 84 to select Tennyson. You will then leave a message for the office. **It is vital that all absences are**

Principal: Douglas Roch

Vice Principal: Regina Vosahlo

Admin Assistant: Veronica D'Angelo



Director of Instruction: Magdalena Kassis

Official Trustee: Judy Zaichkowsky

PAC Chair: TBA

called in to the school prior to 9am; this answering service is only checked in the morning, shortly after 9am. If your child was reported absent and you drop them off at school, please speak with the administrative assistant (Veronica or Nancy) so that we can be sure your child is not recorded as absent for the remainder of the day, and sign the student into our logbook. It is also important that students leaving the school prior to 3pm on a given day are signed out. There is a sign out log in the main office that parents will sign.

***Update* New School Building – Tennyson 2020**

We are anticipating our field construction to start soon. We will send out an update when we find out the date; it may begin with very quick notice. We received word today that the contractor is awaiting the pruning of some trees where the trucks will enter and exit, and they can proceed with root protection and bring in their trucks. We appreciate the support of all of our families and staff members while we worked to transition our primary students from using the south playground, to using the playground in front of the school.

We will soon be receiving the final drawings for the new building. 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!



Allergy Awareness Update

We are an *allergy aware* school. We have students who are severely allergic to peanuts, and we please ask that products with peanuts are avoided at the school. We know that it is impossible to guarantee that a given allergen will not find itself into a given environment, and

that education is key. Please continue to teach your children to wash their hands after eating, and to eat their own lunch. While it is kind to share with others in general, we ask that students eat their own lunches so that it is parents who are deciding what their own child eats. We have children in our school allergic to various things such as tree nuts, seafood/shellfish, some seeds, fruits etc. If you child has a severe allergy and you have not let the school know, please do so. Please also have a conversation with your child's teacher.

Terry Fox Run

On Sept 27th, all students participated in the Terry Fox Run. All students and staff met in front of a school led by a warm up by the students of Division 1. Intermediate students walked to Connaught Park where they completed their run, and Primary students ran a course around part of the school. In all cases, students counted their kilometers run, similar to what Terry Fox did when he was raising awareness about cancer and money for cancer research. Coupled with lessons about Terry Fox and his legacy, students had an excellent participation and learned about perseverance. A big thank you to Mme Kulokas for her organization of the day, and to all of our parents who came out, and staff members who participated as well.



Meet the Teacher & School/Welcome Back Barbecue

On Sept 27th, hundreds of parents and students came to the school for the annual Welcome Back Barbecue, and an opportunity to meet the teachers and other school staff. The event had a great energy, and highlighted the strong collaboration we have at Tennyson between parents/guardians, school staff, and of course our students. A big thank you to our parent volunteers and Quebec 2020 for organizing the food/beverages and set-up, and for making the social connections possible. Also, a thank you to Maple Leaf for the donation of the hot dogs – they were delicious!

Year-Beginning Welcome Assembly

We recently had our first assembly of the year. At Tennyson, our assemblies are largely student-led, with a lot of planning done by our Student Leadership Team, and students leaders assist as MCs, with the technology, and with other aspects of the assembly. We always have two assemblies due to the size of our gym. Students presented scenes to address our school code of conduct with a focus on what kindness looks like at Tennyson. As well, we sang the Tennyson school song, and performed the popular Tennyson dance, led by our intermediate student leaders and our Tenny and Tigger the Tiger mascots (thanks to Chloe and Aryssa!). A big thank you to all of our student leaders for their work!



Questions, Conversations, Concerns

From time to time, parents/guardians have questions or concerns regarding their child, or would like to have a conversation about their child's learning. Most of these questions can be answered by the staff member involved, usually the teacher. It is a district procedure that any questions or concerns regarding a child be addressed to the child's teacher, prior to speaking with an administrator at the school (which is usually not necessary after a conversation with the teacher). We have amazing teachers who care very much about each and every student and their learning, and positive, forward-looking conversations are an important part of the relationship between home and school.



IMPORTANT DATES

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

Oct 8: Thanksgiving Stat holiday (no school)

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

