



LA GAZETTE DU TIGRE

Lord Tennyson Elementary School

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Safe Arrival Absence/Lates Line: (604) 713-5159 (then press 84)

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

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.



September 10, 2018

Admin Team Message

It is exciting to have now begun the new school year. Students have moved to their new classes and you can feel a sense of positive energy and student learning happening throughout the school. Thank you to parents and guardians for working with your children to promote an exciting and positive tone as the school year starts. Evening conversations about what was exciting at school, what “went well” at school, and setting goals is beneficial for our learners. I wanted to extend a special thank you to our building Engineer team. Sam, Eunsoo, and Gurchet worked hard over the summer to make our building really sparkle. Thank you to all of our staff members for their dedication to our students, and to our parents for your collaboration. I hope that you come to our Meet the Teacher & School event later this month.

Happy September!

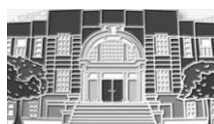
Staff updates

We are pleased to welcome back our amazing and talented teachers and support staff. Please join us in welcoming Raphael Thomas (Prep), Renee Wild (Div 4), Ciara Thibault (Div 6, Mme Zarembo’s mat leave), Elie Taillefer (Div 14, Mme Bolegoh’s mat leave), and Mme Paule Breton (Library). We say farewell to Mme Lapierre who moved to Kits Secondary.

Forms, Fees, and Parent/Guardian Contact Info

We have been preparing an envelope for each student containing important forms for you to sign and to return to school. It is important that the Student Verification Information sheet is reviewed and updated. We are aiming to have the envelopes out to families early this week, with a requested return the following week. Thanks!

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

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

We will be using the district Safe Arrival line to report student absences. This is effective immediately. 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 called into the school prior to 9am.** There will be an information sheet with more details in your forms envelope. Similar to with many other VSB schools, we will be having parent volunteers to assist with the call out for students whose families have not reported their absence on the line. If you wish to opt out of having your contact information shared confidentially with the Safe Arrival volunteer solely for the purpose of checking to ensure the student is accounted for, please contact the office.

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.

Safe Arrival Volunteers Needed

We are looking for parent volunteers who would like to be a part of our Safe Arrival Program. The main role would be to receive a list of students who are absent that day, and to call parents who have not called in the absence to the school, to verify that the child is indeed at home. Many VSB schools have parent volunteers who help with this process. We would be looking to have coverage each day of the week, from about 9:15ish to about 10am. If you are interested in volunteering a day a week for this purpose, please contact the school. Thank you!

Meet the Teacher & School Night/Welcome Back Barbecue

The school staff and our PAC is hosting a Meet the Teacher & School Night/Welcome Back Barbecue on September 27th from 5pm to 7pm. This will be a great opportunity to see your child's classroom, meet some of the school staff, as well as members of our PAC Executive and other families. More information to come!

Communications from the School

At Tennyson, we use our website and email to share our newsletter, communicate upcoming events, and for other important information. Please check the school website on a regular basis. When a newsletter or flyer is posted, we will email a link to all families. Please ensure your email is up to date, and that you know if our communications are going into a folder that is not your main inbox.

The school website is: <http://tennyson.vsb.bc.ca>

Our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) also sends messages to families via email, and posts to their website. The PAC website is: www.lordtennyson.ca

Dressing for the Weather

At Tennyson, students are outside for recesses. It is important that students dress for the weather. This includes having jackets, water-proof gear and boots when it rains, and sun protection for sunny days. Some teachers will ask students to have two pairs of shoes at school.

Medical Conditions

1. Please ensure that the school is informed of any medical condition that may require emergency care at school, ie: anaphylaxis, diabetes, seizures, severe asthma and serious heart conditions.
2. A "Medical Administration" form, completed by a physician, is required for any medication being dispensed by a school staff member. Copies of these forms are available in the office.
3. Parents choosing to keep medication such as an epi-pen or inhaler in the First Aid area at school are responsible for checking expiry dates and providing new supplies as needed.

Classroom News and Happenings

Culinary Chemistry (Div 11, written by a team of four student):

At 9:30 a.m. we started to make focaccia, an Italian flatbread. We looked at all the ingredients on the table. We then wrote them all down in our science journals because we are scientists. Then we watched the reaction between the warm water at temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit with the yeast. One student predicted that it would rise...all the granules got mushy. Then we mixed it with the flour, salt and sugar. Oops, we forgot the oil but we added it after the flour mixture was kneaded. After lunch we saw that the dough had risen.

Then we put the dough into the refrigerator overnight. On Friday morning, we saw that the dough was hard. Mme Leong rolled it into 3 pieces...it was not flat like focaccia. It became 3 loaves of French bread. We baked it at 9:50 for 25 minutes and boy did it smell good! We all ate a sample. It was delicious...we like food chemistry!



New School Building

You likely know that Tennyson has been approved by the Ministry of Education to be re-built. The new building will be constructed on what is our existing field. When school ended in June, the project was in the costing phase. We have just learned that the project went to tender, and a contractor has been awarded the job. Site preparations will begin soon. We will keep our community apprised of more details as they become available.



Parking Around the School

Please be aware of parking restrictions around the school. We have been hearing of families getting tickets in these zones, as the neighbourhood is patrolled regularly by City parking enforcement. Please be cognizant of the restricted areas and avoid parking in the prohibited zones.

Competency-Based Curriculum

Did you know that schools across the province are working to implement a redesigned curriculum, in which content areas are addressed around the building of core competencies in students? This curriculum embeds First People's principles of learning into all subject areas, as well. Here is a description of core competencies (from the Ministry of Education website):

The core competencies along with literacy and numeracy foundations and essential content and concepts are at the centre of the redesign of curriculum and assessment. Core competencies are

sets of intellectual, personal, and social and emotional proficiencies that all students need to develop in order to engage in deep learning and life-long learning.

Communication -The communication competency encompasses the set of abilities that students use to impart and exchange information, experiences and ideas, to explore the world around them, and to understand and effectively engage in the use of digital media.

Thinking - The thinking competency encompasses the knowledge, skills and processes we associate with intellectual development. It is through their competency as thinkers that students take subject-specific concepts and content and transform them into a new understanding. Thinking competence includes specific thinking skills as well as habits of mind, and metacognitive awareness.

Personal and Social - Personal and social competency is the set of abilities that relate to students' identity in the world, both as individuals and as members of their community and society. Personal and social competency encompasses the abilities students need to thrive as individuals, to understand and care about themselves and others, and to find and achieve their purposes in the world

Parent Presentation: Social Media Awareness, Digital Footprints, & Cyberbullying

This PAC-sponsored event will take place on Monday, October 1st 7:00-8:30pm, with childcare provided by Gr 7 students. The parent presentation will focus on all things digital to help your child develop a strong digital citizenship foundation while reminding them that their digital footprint is a reflection of their real and online selves. Family rules, parental controls and developing a family tech plan will be outlined as well as recommendations for monitoring your child's/teen's digital life. A snapshot of the current trends and concerning apps will be provided. We encourage parents to attend!

Tennyson PAC News

The first Parent Advisory Council meeting will be on Sept 17th at 7pm in the library. All Tennyson parents/guardians are welcome!

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

DPAC News

Heres is a link to the DPAC website and the September welcome by the chair of the District Parent Advisory Council.

It contains many important dates and some useful information: Vancouverdpac.org



IMPORTANT DATES

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

Sept 19th: Picture Day for Students

Sept 26th: Orange Shirt Day for First People's Reconciliation Awareness

Sept 27th: Terry Fox Run (all grades)

Sept 28th: Professional Development Day (students do not attend school)

**Oct 1st: Parent Presentation – Social Media Awareness, Digital Footprints & Cyber-bullying
(7pm in the gym)**

