



Tecumseh Elementary School

Principal: Mr. V. Edwards

Vice Principal: Mr. J. Webber

Interim Director of Instruction: Ms. Julie Pearce

September 2019

We have had a wonderful start of the year at Tecumseh! Students met their classroom teachers on Friday, September 6th and all classes are reviewing expectations (Code of Conduct: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/tecumseh/About-Us/Publications/Documents/Tecumseh%20Code%20of%20Conduct%20March%202018.pdf>) and establishing positive classroom routines! We can see from the many smiles on our students' faces that the thoughtful process our staff undertake to place students was greatly appreciated.

On Wednesday, September 11th, we had our Welcome Back Assembly where all students joined together to welcome our newest students to Tecumseh, to hear introductions of all staff members and to be apprised of school wide expectations while at school. The feeling in the gym was warm and positive.

We look forward to working with you as we all (Staff, Parents, Students) contribute to a fantastic school year ahead!

Sincerely,

Mr. V. Edwards
Principal

School Forms/Fees

We want to thank you for your prompt return of school fees and the many forms that are sent home at this time of year. If you have not yet returned everything, please know that we would appreciate being able to bring closure to this part of school opening. New this year at Tecumseh, is the option for families to pay fees on-line. Please see below.

School Cash Online

As of September 2019, **School Cash Online** will be available for parents at Tecumseh Elementary School. With School Cash Online, you will be able to pay school fees, fees for planners and field trips etc. online, using credit cards or electronic cheques.

To register with **School Cash Online**, click on the "**Pay Fees**" button at the top of our home page (<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/tecumseh/Pages/default.aspx>). You will be redirected to the website where you can set up your account. Once you are successfully registered you will

receive email notifications for all school related events or items that can be paid for using this convenient and secure, on-line service.

This tool will make the paying of fees faster and safer and free up your child(ren) from having to remember bring forms and money to school.

Cell Phones/Electronics (laptops, iPads, etc)/Valuable Personal Items at School

At the assembly, expectations around cell phones/electronics/items of value at school were shared with students. Students are asked to turn off and secure their cell phones (e.g. in backpack, in classroom) during the school day unless the teacher has given approval for use for instructional purposes. No cell phones/electronics should be outside during recess and lunch. Students are not to photograph other students while on school grounds.

While we understand that some families supply their child with a cell phone for safety purposes (e.g. to send a text message to their parent to indicate they have arrived safely at school), we ask that students send the communication when they arrive safely at school, and then put away/secure their cell phone. We encourage students to have in-person, social interactions with peers while at school and not be “glued to their screens” while they are waiting for their school day to begin. Should an exceptional situation arise that the student needs to continue to use their phone to communicate with their parent, we ask that students come to the Main Office and let us know of the situation, so that we can best support them. Thank you for reviewing these expectations with your child(ren).

Students were also reminded that the school does not encourage them to bring electronic/valuable personal items (toys, trading cards, stuffed animals) to school and the school will not be responsible for lost/damaged electronic/personal items.

Bicycles/Scooters/Skateboards/Rollerblades/Heely Shoes

It is so wonderful to see so many students using our bike racks and finding ways to be physically active when travelling to school. Students are reminded that they must wear a helmet and to dismount from their wheeled item (bike, scooter, skateboard, rollerblade/skates, Heely shoes) when they are on school grounds. Our school grounds are delineated with fencing on East 41st Avenue, Beatrice Street, East 43rd Avenue and Commercial Street.

We are a “Nut Aware School”

As we have a number of children at Tecumseh who have severe/life-threatening allergies to nuts, we ask for your assistance in limiting the foods that contain nuts coming to the school. You may notice signage within the school, on classroom doors indicating this. Thank you for your support in keeping our school safe for all of our students.

Lost and Found

Please remember to check our Lost and Found whenever you are in the school. The Lost and Found is located at the bottom of the stairs in front of the Main Office (at the East 41st Avenue entrance to the school).

Upcoming Important Dates:

- **September 19, 2019**—Heritage Chinese Language Program Registration in front of the Main Office from 2:30—4:30 pm
- **September 23, 2019**—Professional Day (School is not in session for students)
- **September 27th and 30th, 2019**—David Thompson Community Schools Team Programs registration from 8:00—9:15 am in the Multi-Purpose Room.
- **October 2nd, 2019**—New Canadian Kid Performance for all students, Greenthumb Theatre
- **October 9th, 2019**—Individual Student Photo Day
- **October 11—14, 2019**—Advanced Polls for the Federal Election (Gym)
- **October 14th, 2019**—Thanksgiving Day (School closed)
- **October 21st, 2019**—Federal Election (Gym)